

Typical wording

You may find it useful to take this leaflet to a Solicitor if you are thinking of making provision for St. James.

A pecuniary gift:

I give the sum of £(amount in figures and words) to St James Church, Brooke Street, Chorley PR6 0NA (Registered charity number 1130725).

A specific gift :

I give (full description including location) to St James Church....

A residuary gift :

I give the whole / (a specific amount e.g. one-half, 20%) share of the residue of my estate to St James Church ...

In each case there should then follow something like:

...and the receipt of the Treasurer of the PCC, or other authorised officer, shall be a good and sufficient discharge to my executors.

An example codicil can be found on the Church website.

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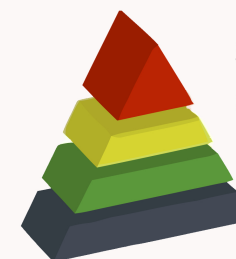
Further information about the Church and ways in which you can support the work financially can be found on our website:

www.stjameschorley.org

Copies of the annual accounts are lodged with the Charity Commission and can be found through their website for which there is a link on our Church website.

Registered Charity No. 1130725

Making a bequest



**St. James' Church,
Chorley.**

"To win people for Christ and to build them up in Christ."
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Making a bequest to St James

As we meet week by week at St. James we can be thankful to God for those of earlier generations who established, built and maintained the building and, more importantly, proclaimed the gospel of Christ in this parish. We also benefit, as many other churches do, from the gifts of faithful members who enter into rest.

Since in glory the saints have no need of the things of this world, Christians have been eager and willing to bequeath some or all of their earthly belongings to ongoing Christian work. Of course for many their chief concern must be to ensure proper provision for their immediate family but even then it is not unusual for specific gifts to be designated for charities or churches in a will.

In view of these things we would encourage you to consider making provision for St. James' in your will. Gifts for the general work of the Church or for the maintenance of the fabric would be welcome. Whilst many prefer to give particular things this can be more difficult because despite first appearances churches are continually changing and developing in order to proclaim Christ afresh in each generation.



Giving through your will

The majority of people die without making a will and in these cases others make the decisions about how their estate is divided up. If you have life insurance, investments, a house or whatever, it is wise to make a will and keep it up to date. This is particularly important where you wish to make provision for a spouse or children.

If you are considering drawing up a will then please do think about including providing for the continuing work of St.James.

If you already have a will.

If you already have a will and do not wish to make another then you can supplement it with a codicil. Like a will this should be signed in the presence of witnesses and it should be kept with the original will. Although it is possible to produce a will yourself the general advice is to ensure it is done properly through a Solicitor. It may be worth asking around to find out about costs first.

A legacy or bequest to St James is free of all inheritance taxes.



Different ways to give.

There are several different ways to make provision for St James

- A specific bequest – you leave a specific sum of money (a pecuniary gift), or an asset, investment or percentage of your estate.
- A residuary legacy – once all the debts, taxes and costs have been met a percentage (or the whole) of the residuary is given.
- A reversionary legacy – you make provision for a dependent during their lifetime, but when they die the estate reverts in whole or part to St James.

