

'Thine be the glory, Risen, conquering Son; Endless is the victory, Thou over death hast won...'

Joint
Methodist
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Initiative

Thine be the

glory

leave a lasting legacy

In this free booklet, find out more about leaving a legacy in your Will to Methodist charities and about the ongoing difference your gift could make to people and communities in the UK and around the world.



John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, once wrote:

'Methodists unite together for this and no other end – to promote, as far as we are capable, justice, mercy and truth, the glory of God, and peace and goodwill among [all]'

Over the two centuries since Wesley penned this declaration, Methodists have often been most united when we have worked together to seek 'justice, mercy and truth' in our ongoing commitment to society and the world around us. That passion for social justice, acts of mercy and speaking truth to power has inspired and enabled the work of some amazing organisations within the Methodist family, including those who 'unite together' in this booklet.

Wesley also made the clear and essential link between these works of justice and mercy, and the 'glory of God'. As Christians, and specifically as Methodists, we are always seeking to give glory to God in all that we do.

Thine Be the Glory invites us all to do that once again – to consider including charitable gifts in our Wills to enable this great work of 'justice, mercy and truth' to continue beyond our own lifetimes and into God's future. In so doing, we keep alive the refrain of that great hymn of the same name:

***'endless is the victory
thou over death hast won'***

Let us, as Methodists, 'unite together' once more to build a better, fairer, safer world – for the glory of God.

We hope this unique booklet reflects this unity, as the Methodist charities included come together to offer you an introduction to their work and invite you to support this work through gifts in your Will.



'In the 18th century, Methodism emerged as a radical movement, liberating and transforming lives, because it rediscovered God's 'bias to the poor'. Our rich heritage inspires me not just to live out my faith, but to support those who do, continuing to show God's love in action.'

Dr Jill Barber



'Methodism was born in song and still sings the hymns of Charles Wesley. One of his most famous lines reminds us that we are 'changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place'. So, glory begins here and is to be found where human beings are able to delight in God's creation and in each other. The organisations represented here rightly challenge us to fight against the injustice that makes human life and human society less than glorious. As you read, I hope you will see the hope that through justice and generosity, we can help to make our world more glorious.'

Revd Dr Jonathan Hustler



'Methodist charitable work is widely recognised and respected. It holds up gospel values, expresses our deep commitment to social justice and social holiness and honours God. Your gift will express your pride in this work and help to strengthen and sustain it.'

Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal OBE



'The words of Jesus, 'store not up treasures on earth,' may be loosely translated, 'You can't take it with you!' Jesus goes on to say that we should 'store up treasures in heaven' – which is not 'pie in the sky when we die' but rather 'invest in righteousness and justice, now!' The Methodist Church, with an intrinsic belief in social holiness and God's prevenient grace, has always had an ethos of social change by practical action. This means: give generously of time, kindness, money and prayer right now and ensure that this generosity outlives you in every way possible.'

Revd Dr Barbara Glasson

'Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away, Kept the folded grave clothes, Where Thy body lay.'



Action for Children

Action for Children believes every child and young person has the right to a safe and happy childhood, and the foundations they need to thrive.

We're here for children and young people in the UK. We have been for more than 150 years. Founded by the Reverend Thomas Bowman Stephenson in 1869, our Methodist roots continue to inspire us today.

Our vision is that every child and young person has a safe and happy childhood, and the foundations they need to thrive.

In our warm, welcoming nurseries and children's centres, staff ensure that children get the best start in life. Our foster and adoptive families give children safe and loving

homes. We protect children from abuse and neglect, and help those who care for others or find themselves homeless. And projects like The Blues Programme give young people the help they need to look after their mental and emotional wellbeing.

Every year, we support more than 600,000 children, young people and families all over the UK. We do this in 512 local services, in schools and online. We also speak up and campaign for lasting change. Wherever you find us, we're doing what's best for children. But we can only keep doing this with your support.

actionforchildren.org.uk/lastinglegacy
legacies@actionforchildren.org.uk
0300 123 2112

To leave a gift in your Will to Action for Children you will need to use the following details:

Name: Action for Children

Address: 3 The Boulevard, Ascot Road,
Watford, WD18 8AG

Registered charity number: England and Wales No. 1097940 and Scotland No. SC038092

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ALL WE CAN



Methodist relief and development

All We Can envisions a world where everyone can fulfil their God-given potential.

All We Can is committed to walking with people in some of the world's poorest communities, to bring about real, impactful, transformative hope for the future.

That's what the world needs: tangible hope. In our work with some of the most vulnerable and marginalised communities on earth, we see that the need for hope is greater than ever. Through the ongoing generosity of our supporters, we've been keeping hope alive for 80 years, bringing support to those who need it most. We refuse to stand idly by while the poorest people on earth live and die in hunger, desperation and injustice. That's why we're here. Changing this.

We're proud to be the official Methodist relief and development charity. Our work embodies Methodist values, finding solutions to poverty through partnership with local people and local organisations. They understand the issues in their communities, and are passionate about solving them. We help people to find innovative, sustainable solutions that improve the future for generations to come.

In emergencies we respond quickly, providing life-saving support; standing alongside partners and helping them to build back better, so that communities are prepared and more resilient in the face of future disasters.

Everyone – without exception – has God-given potential. All We Can helps them fulfil it.

The difference your legacy can make

A legacy to All We Can is a promise of a better world for our global neighbours who are most in need. It is a promise to witness to Christ's love, as together we bring an end to the suffering caused by inequality and injustice. It is a promise to do all we can.

Your gift will be used cost-effectively to ensure the greatest impact possible. Your legacy will change lives in some of the world's poorest communities not just for today, but for the longterm.

allwecan.org.uk
info@allwecan.org.uk
020 7467 5132

To leave a gift in your Will to All We Can you will need to use the following details:

Name: All We Can
Address: 25 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5JR
Registered charity number: 291691

'Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb; Lovingly He greets us, Scatters fear and gloom;'

The METHODIST Church

He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
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The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

The Methodist Church exists to:

- increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love (**Worship**)
- help people to grow and learn as Christians, through mutual support and care (**Learning and Caring**)
- be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice (**Service**)
- make more followers of Jesus Christ (**Evangelism**)

"We will tell... the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD... and the wonders that he has done." **Psalm 78:4, NRSV**

Legacies left to the Methodist Church will go into the Methodist Church Fund, which primarily supports the work associated with the decisions of the Methodist Conference, from challenging poverty and injustice to supporting partnerships ecumenically and internationally. The fund also supports the training of ministers, lay people and local preachers, and work with young people including 3Generate – the Children and Youth Assembly of the Methodist Church.

The difference your legacy can make

The celebration of life begins and ends with God. You can play your part in celebrating God's work by making a gift to the Methodist Church in Britain in your Will. By leaving a legacy, however large or small, you are helping the people and communities you care about.

As we look to the future, we want to resource even more churches in Britain to expand and grow, to reach out to the needy and isolated, and to support the Church worldwide.

Making a Will is an important step in our lifetime faith journey. Leaving a legacy to the Methodist Church in Britain means you can share the blessings you have received with future generations.

methodist.org.uk/legacy
leavealegacy@methodistchurch.org.uk
020 7486 5502

To leave a gift in your Will to The Methodist Church you will need to use the following details:

Name: The Methodist Church
Address: Methodist Church House,
25 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5JR
Registered charity number: 1132208

'Let the church with gladness, Hymns of triumph sing; For her Lord now liveth, Death hath lost its sting.'



Methodist Homes

Methodist Homes (MHA) is a national charity that enables people to live later life well.

We place great importance on nurturing the mind, body and spirit of those we care for regardless of their faith, background or belief.

MHA was founded by the Methodist Church in 1943 to provide accommodation at a time when there was a lack of support for older people.

We continue to be driven by our Methodist values. Over 75 years later, we now support over 18,500 older people throughout Britain.

We inspire the best care and support at every stage of later life; whether that's through social activities or friendship-building at one of our 62 community groups, or through the support and care offered in one of our 90 specialist care homes or 70 retirement living settings.

Our priority is to put people at the heart of everything we do, treating people as individuals, respecting and honouring their wishes and providing care in a way that's best suited to their specific needs.

The difference a gift in your Will can make

By leaving a gift in your Will to MHA, you can make sure that future generations of older people are able to live later life well. The gifts that we receive in this special way help to fund life-enhancing facilities, including music therapy for people living with dementia and chaplaincy support providing spiritual care for residents and their families.

Gifts in Wills also help to fund our community groups, enabling people to maintain their independence by taking part in, or supporting, a range of different groups, clubs and activities in their local area – helping to prevent loneliness and social isolation in later life.

**mha.org.uk
giftsinwills@mha.org.uk
01332 296200**

To leave a gift in your Will to Methodist Homes (MHA) you will need to use the following details:

Name: Methodist Homes

Address: MHA, Epworth House
Stuart Street, Derby, DE1 2EQ

Registered charity number: 1083995

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Methodist Ministers' Housing Society



Running a caring, compassionate nationwide network of hundreds of retirement properties – that's what we do.



Here at the Methodist Ministers' Housing Society we are driven by a New Testament vision, found in Acts 4:34 – 'There was not a single person in need among them'.

And for more than 70 years, our mission has been to meet the housing and housing-related needs of retired Methodist ministers of limited means and their spouses, widows and widowers.

MMHS emerged after The Manor House, Barrow-on-Trent, was donated for retired ministers in 1947. The Society was formed the following year.

Like many people in post-war Britain, retiring ministers struggled to find a home. MMHS responded by helping them as they left their manses behind on retirement. More recently, our mission has broadened to offer support for residents' wellbeing in the key areas of mobility and independence.

'Even though we don't own the house, it feels like ours,' is how one of our householders, Mannie, described his experience. 'It's very well maintained by MMHS. We still look at each other and say, "Isn't this lovely?"'

The difference your legacy can make

Providing homes for ministers like Mannie is possible because of the heartfelt generosity of our donors – including those who've left a legacy.

Whatever donation we receive assists us in many ways – housing a retired minister, providing a home for a bereaved partner and children, carrying out repairs, adapting a property – the list of tangible outcomes is long!

Don't just take it from us.

'I've never lived anywhere as nice as this,' said Barrie. He and his wife Joan (pictured) have lived in an MMHS property since 2010. 'I can't think of anywhere I'd rather live,' he added.

And our householders are forever thankful for people's support. 'It's absolutely wonderful that there are people who are still willing to give their houses,' said Kathleen, another resident.

mmhs.org.uk
admin@mmhs.org.uk
020 3848 6020

To leave a gift in your Will to MMHS you will need to use the following details:

Name: Methodist Ministers' Housing Society
Address: 109 Baker Street, London, W1U 6RP
Registered charity number: 1186758 (England and Wales) and SCo50661 (Scotland)

Questions

Why should I write a Will?

A valid Will ensures that your estate is distributed according to your wishes. It enables you to take care of your family and loved ones and gives you the opportunity to make a lasting difference to the causes closest to your heart.

Is it easy to change my Will?

Yes. You do not need to write a new Will to add a gift to a charity: this can simply be done through a codicil to your Will, or you could include it in an update to your whole Will.

Do I need to use a solicitor?

Is it expensive?

No, it is not a legal requirement to use a solicitor, but using a solicitor or other qualified person is recommended. It is easy to make a mistake that invalidates your Will. Having a solicitor draw up a straightforward Will need not be expensive and mirror Wills can save couples money, should this apply.

Where can I find a solicitor?

You can contact any of the charities in this booklet, and they can provide a list of solicitors in your area. Or you can find local law firms in England and Wales through the Law Society, by visiting lawsociety.org.uk or call 020 7242 1222. In Scotland, visit the Law Society of Scotland at lawscot.org.uk or call 0131 226 7411. In Northern Ireland, visit the Law Society of Northern Ireland at lawsoc-ni.org, or call 028 9023 1614.

Is there a minimum amount I have to give?

No. People often think that you must be wealthy to leave a legacy, and that bequests need to be large. Any gift will make a huge difference.

What sort of gift can I leave?

There are two primary ways to leave a gift to a charity in your Will. The first is a residuary legacy, which is a share or percentage of the residue of your estate once other gifts and payments have been made. This means your gift keeps pace with inflation. The second is a pecuniary legacy or cash sum. Your solicitor can advise you further on these gifts and which type is right for you.

Does inheritance tax affect my gift?

No, all legacies left to charity are completely free from inheritance tax. Your solicitor will be able to advise you on how to make your Will as tax efficient as possible.

Is there a limit to how many charities I leave gifts to in my Will?

No. You can leave a gift in your Will to each of the charities you are passionate about. But to leave gifts to a charity/charities in your Will, you must list out each charity's gift separately. A charity cannot distribute gifts on your behalf to other charities. If you are unsure how to include your desired charity in your Will, please speak to your solicitor or contact the charity.

What information do I need to give to my solicitor?

Once you have decided on the type of legacy you want to leave, you can give your solicitor the suggested wording for the charity of your choice (contact your charity of choice for suggested wording options), along with the charity's details, including: Charity Name, Address and Registered Charity Number (as found on the preceding pages).

Leaving a gift in your Will

Next steps

If you would like to support one or more of the charities featured in this booklet with gifts in your Will, then thank you so much. There are some next steps you will need to consider.

1. Writing or updating your Will

If you have not yet written your Will, consider using *Bequeathed*. To make your Will For Good for free, simply visit:

bequeathed.org/methodistcharities

Every free Will includes 30 minutes of free legal advice. If your circumstances are complicated and you need further advice, the legal firm will provide you with a quote to consider.

If you have a Will already but would like to update it, we would recommend speaking to a solicitor who can update it for you. You can contact your chosen charities who can provide further information on writing or updating your Will.

2. Including a gift to charity in your Will

To ensure your gift goes to the correct charity, please provide the recommended wording below for whichever charity, or charities, you wish to leave a gift to. For each charity to whom you wish to leave a gift in your Will, you must include the charity's name, registered charity number and their address. You can use the information on the following page or contact the charity directly who will be more than happy to provide the necessary information.

bequeathed
make your Will For Good

Having an up to date Will is the only way to be sure the people and causes you care about are looked after. With Bequeathed you can make a start on your Will For Good immediately. Just go online any time and follow the simple steps to create a draft Will.

A legal professional will then advise you in a free 30-minute appointment, by phone or video call or in person. They'll discuss your circumstances and wishes, and ensure your Will fully meets your needs. 30 minutes is enough for most people, and if you do require further legal advice the firm will give you a quote to consider.

Whichever way you choose to make your Will, please consider leaving a gift to your favourite charities. Your generosity will help them to carry on their vital work long into the future.

Visit Bequeathed now to start making your Will.
bequeathed.org/methodistcharities

If you would like to know more about Bequeathed please contact Action for Children, All We Can or MHA. For general guidance on how to include Action for Children, All We Can, the Methodist Church, MHA or MMHS in your Will, please contact them direct.

'Make us more than conquerors, Through Thy deathless love, Bring us safe through Jordan To Thy home above.'



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The Methodist Church

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A charity registered in England and Wales (No. 1083995) and a company limited by guarantee (No. 4043124)



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