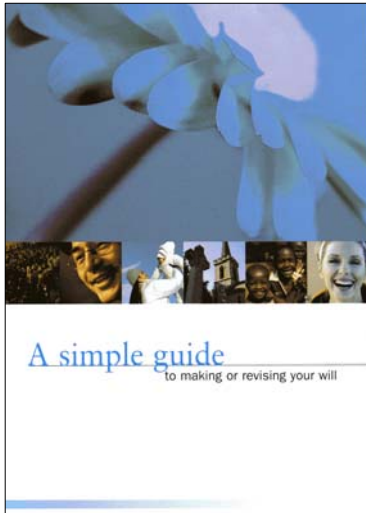


Have you made a will?



A recent market research survey of over 2000 UK adults found that 65% of respondents did not have a will. Amongst the common excuses were:

“I’m too young to think about dying” - Unfortunately tragic accidents do happen. Do you really want everything you own to be distributed according to a fixed legal formula? It is particularly important to write or amend your will if you get married or start a new civil partnership, and to appoint potential guardians when you have children.

“I don’t have anything to leave”

But you probably do own a few treasured items that you would like to be passed on to specific relatives or friends.

Even if you have already have a will you need to review it at least every five years to check that it is still reasonably up-to-date. At different stages of life, different things are important to us. Family events such as births, marriages and deaths may make a difference to our intentions. Reviewing a will gives peace of mind that your current wishes will be carried out.

Here are some of the steps to think about in order to prepare a Will

Decide what wishes you want represented in your will starting with a list of what you own and how you want to leave it. Decide who will carry out your will and decide on guardians for any children. Consider whether you want to make any charitable gifts including gifts to the church.

Choose a solicitor and contact them to make an appointment. Many solicitors will offer a fixed price for straightforward wills.

Letter of Instructions, which are non-binding letters of wishes can accompany the will and deal with arrangements for your funeral and other information that your executors may need.

Keep your Will safe by deciding where you will store it. Some solicitors may offer to hold it safely for you. Don't forget to let your family and executors know where it is.

Leaving a legacy to the Church

Over the centuries, generous Church members have left gifts to their local churches in their wills which have often been transformational in helping their parish in its mission.

If you would like further information about leaving a legacy to either St Nicholas Church, Codsall or St. Peter’s Church, Codsall Wood, please contact the Gift Aid Co-ordinator Brynn Hodgson on 01902 842139 or email brynnhodgson@googlemail.com

