

MPC Legacy Policy

At MPC we welcome all gifts in will¹, however large or small, and we promise to use the gift to make a difference to our church. Our policy is to use gifts to help fund significant development projects, whether buildings, equipment or staff.

In the past we have received bequests with very clear instructions as to their use. We have always ensured that the bequest is used in line with the legacy instructions. For example we received a bequest from a member of our church family of £75k. We were requested to use this towards the fabric of the building and this instruction was honoured.

Since needs change over the years, we encourage potential donors to leave a gift in their will for the general purposes of MPC rather than for a restricted purpose.

Officers of the Church are willing to discuss possible uses of a potential gift in advance of death or with executors when the time comes. Possible areas of benefit might include your known areas of interest in the church (e.g. music, buildings, children and youth, overseas mission or aid) and the church's priorities at the time.

Donors can be confident that their gift will be used to make a real difference to our future mission and ministry.

We acknowledge gifts in whatever way the donor(s) and/or his/her/their executors feel most appropriate. Equally, we can make sure that gifts remain anonymous if the donor prefers. Donors who would like to make a gift to our church in memoriam, are welcome to come and discuss this with us too. It can be a wonderful and appropriate way to remember a loved one.

¹ The only exception being tainted charity donations. This is where a donor appears to donate to get a financial benefit from the charity. The charity may have to pay an income tax charge if it knew the purpose of the donation was for the donor to receive a personal financial benefit.