

Legacy Policy (extracted from the Financial Policy)

1. From time to time the church may receive gifts from deceased members who have left legacies for the church from their estate. In some cases the deceased person will have left instructions, either in a will or in a letter, regarding use of the legacy and the church is obligated to use the gift for that purpose.
2. In other cases no instructions have been given and the church will need to decide how the legacy will be used. In these circumstances it is proposed that:
 - a. The church Leadership Team will consider the use of the legacy and, if appropriate and financially viable within the bigger picture of church finances, apply it to an aspect of church activity which the deceased person was associated with, or had a particular affinity with.
 - b. Where the amount of the legacy is for a sum of up to £3,000, the appropriate use of the gift will be considered and decided by the Leadership Team. The use of the legacy may be applied immediately and the details reported at the next Church Members' Meeting.
 - c. Where the amount of the legacy is for a sum in excess of £3,000, the appropriate use of the gift will be considered by the Leadership Team. However, before applying the gift, the decision regarding its use will be reported to the next Church Meeting for ratification.