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# Remembering Westminster Cathedral in your Will



Remembering Westminster Cathedral in your Will is a wonderful way both to thank God for the blessings that you have received and to help the Cathedral to meet the needs of future generations.

Westminster Cathedral is a building of great beauty with an unparalleled tradition of music. It is a house of prayer and a haven of peace in a busy world, where all can experience the holiness of God. As Cardinal Hume said, "it is a place that draws people in to pray and to receive the sacraments". But, if we are to preserve all that is precious about Westminster Cathedral, we will need to raise sufficient funds to do so.

One way that you can help is to remember the Cathedral in your Will.

## How can you use a Will to help Westminster Cathedral?

When you make your Will, you will obviously think first about your family and friends. But you could also make a gift to Westminster Cathedral, which could be used for one of three purposes:

- To finance the maintenance and long term development of the Cathedral
- To maintain the music programme
- To fund new mosaics

You can decide how you want your gift to be used and, whatever your decision, it will make a real difference, as the Cathedral receives no funding from the Government, the Vatican or the Diocese.

## Why should you make a Will?

Thinking about old age and death is never easy, but it is really important to decide what you want to happen to your money and belongings and to set this out in a Will. Otherwise, your loved ones may not receive what you would like them to have. In some circumstances, it can also mean that your estate goes to the Government if your family members cannot be traced.

It is also important to think about inheritance tax because, if you are single, the Government can take 40% in tax on anything over £325,000\*. This may well affect your family if you own property. But everything that you give to the Cathedral will be tax free, so you can use a legacy to reduce the amount of tax that will need to be paid.

\*This is the figure for 2009/10 and the amount is subject to an annual review.

## How do you make a Will?

A Will is a legal document that enables you to decide where you want your money and possessions to go and making one is usually very straightforward. The first step is to decide what you want to leave to everybody. You will then need to provide the information that will be needed to make the Will including, for example, the details of your executors. Once you are ready, we strongly advise you to ask a solicitor to prepare your Will.

## How do I include Westminster Cathedral in my Will?

If you wish to remember Westminster Cathedral in your Will, you can do this by giving a specific amount of money, a share of your estate (after all the other gifts and commitments have been settled) or a specific item. If you wish to remember the Cathedral in one of these ways, please complete this form and ask your solicitor to include this gift in your Will.

Please tick and complete one of the following

- I give the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_  
(write the amount that you wish to give) free of tax
- I give \_\_\_\_\_  
(write the share of your estate that you wish to give)
- I give \_\_\_\_\_  
(write the specific item)

to the Westminster Cathedral Trust (Registered Charity No 270637) to be applied as both capital and income for its charitable purposes. It is my wish that this should be used to *(please also tick one of the following options)*

- Finance the maintenance and long term development of the Cathedral
- Maintain the music programme
- Fund new mosaics

I direct that the receipt of this legacy by the Secretary of the Westminster Roman Catholic Trust shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.

## What next?

You can, of course, simply ask your solicitor to draw up or amend your Will using the wording set out in this leaflet. But the Diocese of Westminster has produced a *Guide to Making a Will* that we can give you free of charge. Alternatively, the Cathedral's Sub Administrator would be happy to meet you to discuss your Will (and any other arrangements that you wish to make) if that would be helpful to you. Simply complete and return the reply form below to the Sub Administrator, Westminster Cathedral, Clergy House, 42 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QW.

Please tick one or more of the boxes

- Please send me a free copy of the Guide to Will Making.
- Please contact me to arrange a meeting with the Sub Administrator

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) \_\_\_\_\_

Christian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

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