

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you are considering a gift or bequest and would like more information we are very happy to talk through the options. If you have already included the Trust in your will, we would appreciate being able to say thank you. In both cases, you are welcome to contact the Chairman, Martin Stuchfield at Pentlow Hall, Pentlow, Essex CO10 7SP or at martinstuchfield@pentlowhall.uk.



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LEGACIES AND BEQUESTS



The Friends of Essex Churches Trust was established in 1951. The principal purpose of the Trust is to make grants for repairs and improvements to places of worship of all Christian denominations in Essex and the five London boroughs that are part of the historic county (Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Newham, Redbridge and Waltham Forest). The Trust has no endowment and all the money that is given in grants has to be raised.

When it comes to your Will, families often come first in our thoughts. But that does not mean that you cannot leave a gift to a cause close to your heart. Legacy gifts, however large or small, are crucial to our future work.

By making a bequest to the Friends of Essex Churches Trust you will make a very real difference to securing the Trust's future and addressing our long-term needs.

For those who choose to do so, the Trust will ensure that you are acknowledged and remembered as a benefactor.



WHICH KIND OF GIFT OR LEGACY?

You can give or bequeath to the Trust a sum of money, a share of your estate or specific assets, such as a portfolio of shares or a house. It is possible to leave us a collection or specific assets from your estate, which would not be liable for Inheritance Tax.

It is possible to make a gift in the form of a residuary gift, whereby the Trust receives whatever is left of your estate after you have made specific bequests to your family and friends or other good causes.



WHERE DO I START?

Legacies and bequests are enormously valuable to us. All that may be needed is a bequest in a new Will or (if you already have a Will) a simple codicil to that Will on which your solicitor can probably advise with very little expense. The gift itself will then be tax free.



The suggested wording is: "I give to the Friends of Essex Churches Trust (registered charity number 236033) a legacy of £x [or the residue of my estate] for charitable purposes".

Some donors may not wish to draw attention to themselves and would prefer anonymity, but we can discuss privately how to fulfil any wishes you might have for the use of your gift bequest.

INHERITANCE TAX

Because we are a charity, the value of any gift you make to the Trust in your will is deducted by H.M. Revenue & Customs from the value of your estate before any Inheritance Tax liability is calculated – so money that might otherwise have been paid in tax can instead be used to support the Trust in its work.