

A photograph of the interior of Ripon Cathedral, showing the nave with its high vaulted wooden ceiling, stone pillars, and a large, colorful stained glass window at the far end. The text "LEAVE THE GIFT OF A LEGACY" is overlaid in white serif font at the top.

LEAVE THE GIFT OF A LEGACY

TO
RIPON
CATHEDRAL

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



I believe we all want to make a positive difference which will endure through the generations. One way we might achieve that is to leave Ripon Cathedral a gift in our will. Thank you for choosing to read this legacy leaflet and for considering this lasting act of philanthropy.

Ripon Cathedral is both a glorious building and a vibrant community. Thanks to invaluable support from worshippers and the wider community, with modest resources it manages to be a welcoming sacred space for thousands and a centre of mission that responds to human need in the 21st century. Tourists, pilgrims, worshippers and those seeking support all leave messages of gratitude that make me proud to be dean of such a life-enhancing community. We take pride in bringing people together from all walks of life in mutual support and encouragement.

We have called our vision Growing God's Kingdom. It is built on the good news of Christ which motivated St. Wilfrid to build his church here over thirteen hundred years

ago, and which has inspired and energised every generation since. In every age there have been those who have given generously to make the ongoing life of this cathedral possible. Now it is our turn.

A gift in your will is a significant way in which you can help this much-loved cathedral continue to be a blessing to the people of Yorkshire and further afield for future families and communities to enjoy. I do hope that you will choose to help us in this way and secure not only our ongoing mission, but also your place in the long and venerable history of Ripon Cathedral.

With my thanks and every blessing

The Very Revd John Dobson, Dean of Ripon



YOUR LEGACY GIFT OPTIONS

Legacies can be left to Ripon Cathedral in a number of ways. The most popular are:

- **pecuniary legacy** – a single lump sum. If you would like to preserve its value over the years, you can ask your solicitor to index-link it;

- **residuary legacy** – this is a gift of the residue of an estate after all other bequests, debts, fees and liabilities have been distributed;

- **reversionary gift** – this is when a trust is set up for someone to enjoy the benefit of money or property in their lifetime and when afterwards, the remaining money or property would come to Ripon Cathedral.

- **specific bequest** – this is a gift of a named item such as a piece of antique furniture or some jewellery which the Cathedral may then choose to keep or sell;

- **deed of variation** – this may be used to transfer the whole or part of an inheritance that has been made to you as a beneficiary of someone else's will. The amounts transferred are free of inheritance tax liability as far as your estate is concerned.

All charitable legacies are free from inheritance tax. Furthermore, if you choose to leave 10% or more of your chargeable net estate to Ripon Cathedral, the inheritance tax rate on the whole of your estate is reduced.



HOW YOUR LEGACY GIFT CAN HELP

Here are the four areas which will most benefit Ripon Cathedral:

We would very much appreciate your leaving an unrestricted gift because we will be able to use it wherever we believe it would have the greatest impact. But if there is something of special significance for you, then you might choose to leave it to benefit our music, the fabric of the cathedral or our learning activities. Alternatively a Lifelong Legacy gift of £10,000 or more will enrol you as a St Peter Patron during your lifetime.

UNRESTRICTED

It is difficult to know what our needs or priorities will be in years to come, so if you leave an unrestricted gift, it means you will be trusting the cathedral to direct your legacy gift to wherever our need is greatest – maybe towards restoring a stained glass window, or buying liturgical music for our choirs, or creating online teaching materials for our junior schools' learning activities.

MUSIC

Saint Wilfrid brought the Benedictine sacred music and plainchant to Ripon in the seventh century and today we continue this tradition with our choir singing six services a week and at the great festivals including Easter and Christmas. These uplifting spiritual experiences are open to regular worshippers and to visitors, free of charge, all year round. We will always need to maintain the cathedral organ, support our choral outreach work and provide scholarships for choristers and organ scholars.





FABRIC

The maintenance and conservation of the historic fabric is a need that will continue throughout the long life of the cathedral, whether it is the external stonework that continually faces the harsh elements or the fine craftsmanship – such as St Wilfrid's crypt or the magnificent medieval quire stalls - within the cathedral which suffers the wear and tear of the passing years.

LEARNING

Following in the Benedictine tradition of learning, established here over 1,300 years ago by Saint Wilfrid, our educational activities enrich youngsters' minds with knowledge of our Christian faith. We offer cross curricular work packs, guided tours, fun trails, inspirational workshops, debates and special events. We are limited only by what we can afford to do.



HOW TO LEAVE YOUR LEGACY GIFT

We understand you will want to look after your loved ones and friends then perhaps you might think of leaving a legacy to Ripon Cathedral. If you have already made a will, you can make simple changes by adding a codicil. Whatever you do, we advise you to take legal advice to ensure your wishes are accurately reflected.

Here is a form of wording which a solicitor can help you adapt to suit your own circumstances:

- **Pecuniary bequest:**

I give the sum of £..... pounds [words and figures] free of tax to Ripon Cathedral Development Trust, Liberty Courthouse, Minster Road, Ripon, HG4 1QS. Registered Charity Number 1086760, to be used for its general charitable purposes, and I declare that the receipt of their Director or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.

- **Residuary bequest**

Subject to the payment of my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, I give all (or a% share of) the residue of my estate to Ripon Cathedral Development Trust, Liberty Courthouse, Minster Road, Ripon, HG4 1QS. Registered Charity Number 1086760, to be used for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of their Director or other proper officer shall be a full and sufficient discharge.



CAN WE HELP?

If you would like to speak to us in the strictest confidence about your intentions or to ask us questions that you don't feel have been answered in this leaflet, we will do our very best to help you. A member of the cathedral clergy team would be happy to have a conversation, if requested.



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LEGACY PLEDGE FORM

Ripon Cathedral recognizes that your legacy intentions are a personal matter which you may wish to keep confidential. However, if you are willing, we would be very grateful if you would complete this Pledge Form. The Pledge Form is not legally binding; it is simply a statement of your present intentions, which will help in our long-term planning. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

You do not have to complete every section.

Title _____ Forename _____

Surname _____

Home address _____

Postcode _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Please return to:

The Development Office,
Liberty Courthouse,
Minster Road,
Ripon, HG4 1QS

Registered Charity No 1086760

My intentions:

- ☐ I intend to include Ripon Cathedral in my Will
- ☐ I have already included Ripon Cathedral in my Will
- ☐ I would like to find out more about how a legacy can help Ripon Cathedral.
Please contact me on: _____

I would like my legacy gift to support:

- ☐ Unrestricted – I would like to give Ripon Cathedral the flexibility to direct my legacy gift to where the need is greatest
- ☐ Building fabric
- ☐ Learning
- ☐ Music

I intend to leave Ripon Cathedral:

- ☐ A share of my estate
- ☐ A cash sum
- ☐ A specific gift

I am going to leave Ripon Cathedral a gift in my will because:



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