

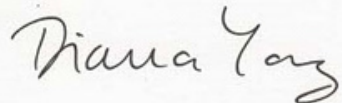
# A message from the Vicar

A legacy can be a way of giving thanks to God for his goodness over a lifetime, or even over several generations. It is also always an enormous encouragement to us in St Michael's. We are sincerely grateful to be remembered in this way.

You can see elsewhere in this leaflet how we have used some recent legacies to help us make significant improvements to our Church so that it can continue to play a part in the life of our community for many years to come.

It is always good to know that when the time comes, your wishes will be carried out, so I encourage you all, whatever stage you are at, to make a will, review it regularly and to consider leaving a gift to St Michael's.

With many thanks,



**Revd Diana Young**

Vicar



## A Lasting Gift

We welcome *all* gifts in wills, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish.

If you would like to talk to someone in confidence about the sorts of purpose your gift might fund, and how/if you would like your gift to be acknowledged, please contact one of our Church Wardens (contact details are on our noticeboard and on our website [www.stmichaelsws.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelsws.org.uk)) or email [treasurer@stmichaelsws.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@stmichaelsws.org.uk)

*Or if you would like to make a gift to our church in memoriam, please come and discuss this with us too. It can be a wonderful and appropriate way to remember a loved one.*

# A Legacy for St Michael's?

*St Michael's Church,  
Woburn Sands*



# Your Church, Your Gift

When you are drafting your will, we invite you to consider including a legacy to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Michael's, Woburn Sands.

At St Michael's we welcome gifts in wills, however large or small; and we promise to use your gift to make a difference to our Parish.

Since needs change over the years, we encourage you to leave a gift in your will for the general purposes of the Parish, rather than for a restricted purpose. Our PCC Legacy Policy is to use your gift in a way that meets the Church's current funding priorities.

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

We acknowledge gifts in whatever way the donors and their executors feel most appropriate. Equally, we can make sure that gifts remain anonymous if the donor prefers.



*In 2024, we have been able to pay off the balance of the costs of the new kitchen and accessible toilet in St Michael's, with the aid of a very generous legacy.*

*Other examples of how we have been able to use legacies:*

*2013: Our new heating system.*

*2019: Our new sound system.*

## Suggested wording for your will

I give % of my residuary estate OR  
I give the sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ (pounds only) free of all taxes to the Parochial Church Council of the parish of St Michael's Church, Woburn Sands in the Diocese of St Albans for its general purposes, and I declare that the receipt of an officer of the Parochial Church Council shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors and trustees.