 **Our church newsletter articles are a great way to introduce Faith Will to your congregation and get the legacy conversation started.** You can use them alongside other resources like our leaflets, posters or video. We know church newsletters come in different lengths and formats, so we’ve provided three different versions for you to choose from.

**Church Newsletter Article – full length**

**Your faith is powerful and so is your Will – congregations start talking about their lasting legacies of change for their communities and beyond.**

This year Christian Aid and church leaders of many denominations are asking congregations up and down the country to start conversations about leaving gifts in Wills.

Launched in 2023, the [Faith Will](https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/faith-will) movement has grown and grown and now brings together The Church of England, The Church of Scotland, The Quakers, The United Reformed Church, the Church in Wales, The Presbyterian Church of Wales and The Union of Welsh Independents.

Their aim is to encourage congregations from any denomination to sign up for free resources to use in services, meetings and get togethers when we can talk about the power of gifts in Wills and how people’s generosity can help create powerful and lasting change in their communities and around the world.

You have probably already seen projects in your own neighbourhood run or helped by your church – foodbanks, soup kitchens, youth groups. Churches have always been at the heart of communities, bringing people together and offering help to those who need it.

And many of you will know about the work of Christian Aid: local partners in some of the most vulnerable communities, providing urgent, practical help in times of crisis and beyond. Projects could be emergency humanitarian aid following conflict or a natural disaster, or more long-term initiatives such as training farming communities in new climate-smart agricultural techniques. The organisation also campaigns in the UK on global issues including poverty and the climate crisis.

**Keeping faith alive.**

The Faith Will partners believe Wills can tell a powerful story of someone’s faith - and the choices we make can ensure our values live on for generations to come.

Rev Roger Gaylor is a retired vicar who has supported Christian Aid since the 1960s, when he went out doing house-to-house collections. He says by leaving a gift in his Will he feels he’s keeping his faith in action in the world and not letting it die with him.

Rev Roger explained: “I really chose to support Christian Aid because although charity might begin at home, it doesn't stop at the doorstep but goes all the way round the world.

“Aid is needed like never before. We're now facing not just inhumanity between people, but also the issue of climate change. We're facing unprecedented needs in our world.”

Rev Roger held a special event to promote gifts in Wills to his congregation and has pledged his own gift too. He added: “It’s just like leaving a gift to family or friends; it can give future generations what they need, where they need it, to help them live on. “Gifts to Christian Aid and churches complement each other. They both help support families in the UK and around the world.”

**A powerful way of giving.**

Faith Will spokesperson Tanya Jackson explained: “Gifts in Wills are already transforming communities, near and far. Faith Will makes it easy for your church or meeting to start thinking about this.

“We know from Christian Aid’s Legacy Voice 2021 research, 67 per cent of churchgoers reported that gifts in Wills were never mentioned in church. That’s why Faith Will is so important. It’s a way for churches, or a Faith Will speaker, to talk about legacies, often for the first time. Just imagine the immense difference increasing these conversations could make over time.”

Churches and Quaker meetings around the UK can hold a Faith Will ‘moment’ at any time of year to explore how people can leave a gift to their local church and Christian Aid, to support neighbours near and far.

**A range of free resources, including a short film, worship guide and leaflets for congregations, is available at:** [**www.christianaid.org.uk - Faith Will**](https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/faith-will)**.**

Rev Roger has been inspired by the thoughts of unprecedented need in the world and his faith living on to help tackle this. Behind every gift left in a Will lies a story – what might yours be?

**Church Newsletter Article – medium length**

**Faith Will….move mountains! Faith Will…bear fruit! Faith Will…live on!**

Our faith is powerful. So are gifts in Wills. This is why Christian Aid is partnering with *seven* Christian denominations to encourage people to remember their church community, and Christian Aid, in their Will.

[Faith Will](https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/faith-will) is an award-winning initiative, launched in 2023. Initially it involved the Church of Scotland, Church of England and the Quakers. Last year, they were joined by the United Reformed Church and for 2025, there are three new Welsh partners – The Church in Wales, The Presbyterian Church of Wales and the Union of Welsh Independents.

The campaign is the first of its kind – an ecumenical way of approaching Legacy giving. This joint initiative is designed to start conversations in churches about leaving gifts in Wills and the powerful change that can create both at home and further away. We know it can be difficult to know where and how to begin, so there are free resources available to make it easier for churches to get started. You can even book a trained speaker to come and talk about it!

**Gifts in Wills help tackle global poverty and injustice and also create lasting change in local communities.**

Churches are at the heart of our communities, and for many, they’re a spiritual home. Every gift to a local church strengthens communities, and shares God’s love with future generations.

By helping congregations to consider leaving a gift in their Will to their own church and Christian Aid, we are demonstrating a way our faith can live on, helping our local community to flourish while tackling injustice and poverty worldwide. What a legacy!

The partners are encouraging churches to consider introducing this at a convenient point in the year for the church and providing everything needed to make that happen. The range of free resources include a worship pack with sermon ideas, service outlines, prayers and activities, and there are also leaflets available for each congregation. The three minute film is excellent if there is a shorter time available - or as part of a longer conversation.

The Christian Aid Legacy team, as well as the local regional Christian Aid contact, are on hand to help if you would like some more ideas and inspiration for an event.

**Church Newsletter Article – short**

**Faith Will….move mountains! Faith Will…bear fruit! Faith Will…live on!**

Our faith is powerful. So are gifts in Wills. This is why Christian Aid is partnering with *seven* Christian denominations to encourage people to remember their church community, and Christian Aid, in their Will.

[Faith Will](https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/faith-will) is an award-winning initiative, launched in 2023 and growing every year. Working alongside Christian Aid are the Church of Scotland, Church of England, the Quakers, United Reformed Church, The Church in Wales, The Presbyterian Church of Wales and the Union of Welsh Independents.

Their aim is to begin conversations about gifts in Wills and the powerful, lasting change they can bring to communities near and far.

We know it can be difficult to know where and how to begin talking about gifts in Wills, so we are offering free resources to make it easier for churches get started. You can even book a trained speaker to come and talk about it!

The resources include a worship pack with sermon ideas, service outlines, prayers and activities, a three-minute film, plus leaflets available for each congregation.

The Christian Aid Legacy team, as well as the local regional Christian Aid contact, are on hand to help if you would like some more ideas and inspiration for an event.

**Will you join with hundreds of other churches to share the inspiring message of Faith Will this year?**

Free resources available at caid.org.uk/Faithwill