Free will writing service



If you would like to write your own will, the Church of England has partnered with Farewill, the UK's favourite will write, to offer a free online will writing service which you can do from the comfort of your own home. Farewill has won multiple awards for its service. Their experts check every will to ensure your wishes are clear.

To take advantage of this offer, visit farewill.com/cofe-web

Practical steps

If you already have a Will you can easily add a gift to Southwell Minster. You can ask your solicitor to draw up a codicil – this is a simple legal document which amends your existing Will.

Here is the information your adviser will need to include us in your Will:

Southwell Cathedral (our official title as a charity)

Church Street, Southwell NG25 0HD

Charity Number 1207138

Leaving a charitable gift in your Will is an astute means of tax planning for you and your loved ones. Your gift to Southwell Minster will be free from Inheritance Tax, saving up to £400 for every £1,000 you leave us in your Will. Your solicitor will be able to explain these benefits.

There are three main ways to leave a gift to us:

Pecuniary Legacy: A gift of a specific amount of money.

Specific Legacy: A particular item such as property, jewellery or art.

Residuary Legacy: A proportion of what is left of your estate after all debts have been paid and other gifts made.

We know that giving is a very personal decision. You can be confident that any gift you leave will be used wisely. The Dean and Chapter will ensure that gifts are used appropriately to help safeguard the Minster for current and future generations.

If you would like a confidential discussion about leaving a legacy to Southwell Minster, please contact Ruth Massey, Head of Fundraising:

07584 135640 ruth.massey@southwellminster.org.uk



Your gift

Leaving a gift at the end of your life to a place that has inspired or sustained you is a wonderful thing to do.

Your gift to Southwell Minster will be a lasting way to make a significant difference to its future, and will ensure the work begun in our own lifetime is continued for those who follow in our footsteps.

Southwell Minster is a place of refuge and stillness, a place of joy and celebration, and a place to marvel at a thousand years of heritage. As a charity that receives no government funding, we rely solely on donations and gifts from generous people to continue our work.

Please help us to look after the future of Southwell Minster by acting today. Every legacy we receive, however large or small, makes a valuable contribution and lasting difference.

You can choose to leave an unrestricted gift or direct your legacy towards a specific area of our work that aligns with your interests and passions.

Areas you may wish to focus on

An unrestricted gift

Many people choose to support Southwell Minster in their Will by leaving a gift without restrictions. This allows us to be flexible and allocate your gift where it will have the greatest effect at the time, be that to the Fabric of the building, supporting Music, or the many unexpected costs that the Minster faces each and every year. If, however, there is something of special significance for you, you can specify your wishes in a particular area.

Music

Choral music is the beating heart of the Minster, inspiring visitors and worshippers daily. Through the Music Programme, talented musicians are given unsurpassed opportunities to develop their skills in Nottinghamshire's beloved cathedral choir.

Fabric

From medieval stone carvings to the wooden 'Mouseman' mice hiding around the Minster, there is so much beauty and history here. A legacy dedicated to the Fabric of the Cathedral will help maintain these wonders for future generations.

Worship/mission

Southwell Minster seeks to care for all those who come through its doors. It points to God both in its welcome and in its outreach. Your legacy will help our visitor faith engagement, and our outreach to town and county, as well as maturing the faith of those who worship regularly with us.

Learning

Southwell Minster's Education Programme inspires children and adults of all ages. We welcome over 5,000 children to the Minster each year to learn about religion, art, history and culture. These visits ignite what we hope will become a lifelong relationship between members of the local community and the Minster.

The Minster's acts of mission, ministry and music are only possible because of the work of past generations and the foresight of those who help to secure its future.

The difference you'll make



£500 A school visit for 100 children



£1,500
Tend the borders and topiary bells at the top of the West
Path for a year



£5,000 Support a chorister for three years



£7,000 Keep the Palace Garden in perfect condition for a year



£12,000 Support a Lay Clerk or Organ Scholar for a year



£50,000 Fully support the children's education programme for a year



£250,000
Fully support the Music Foundation for a year