



Rodings, Easters. and Great Canfield Churches

Benefice Legacy Policy

Adopted by the Parochial Church Councils (PCCs)

The PCCs¹ and churches in our benefice (Abbess Roding, Aythorpe Roding, Beauchamp Roding, Good Easter, Great Canfield, High Easter, High Roding, Leaden Roding, Margaret Roding and White Roding) gladly welcome all gifts in Wills, however large or small. Our aim is to use your gift in accordance with the wishes stipulated in your Will in a way that will make a difference to our churches.

Our Benefice Legacy Policy which applies to all our churches, is to use gifts in the way that fulfils your request, while bearing in mind the churches need at that time.

We would ask that your Will clearly states which PCC and church is the recipient of your gift. If you request that the gift is used for a specific purpose (for example mission, church building maintenance or some other use), we will “ringfence” it in a “Restricted Fund” to be used only for that purpose. If you do not specify a use, we will receive your legacy into our general fund. This will allow us to use your gift in a way that enables our churches to continue their mission, ministry, and presence in the village communities as our needs require at that time.

Since needs change over the years, we would encourage you to leave a gift in your Will for general purposes rather than for a restricted purpose. If specified in your Will, or requested by your executors we will be more than happy to discuss potential uses of your gift when the time comes, and we can bear in mind your known areas of interest in the church (e.g. music, buildings, children and youth, mission, helping others) in the context of the churches needs at the time.

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

Wherever possible we acknowledge gifts in whatever way the donor or their executors feel most appropriate. Equally, we can make sure gifts remain anonymous if this is stated by the donor.

If you would like to talk to someone in confidence about the sorts of purposes your gift might fund, and how/if you would like your gift to be acknowledged, please contact the vicar of the benefice or use the contact form on the website.

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

This policy was adopted by each of the Parochial Church Councils in the year 2024.

¹ South Rodings PCC is a united parish which includes the four churches of Abbess Roding, Beauchamp Roding, Leaden Roding and White Roding. All other PCCs are single parishes with single churches, the PCC and parish church share the same name, e.g. Aythorpe Roding PCC is the parish and Aythorpe Roding the church.