



Anglican Diocese of  
Canberra & Goulburn

# LEAVE A LEGACY FOR THE AGES



*It is more blessed to give than to receive*

ACTS 20:35



*The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land in this Diocese on which our churches meet and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay our respects to Ancestors and Elders, past, present and emerging and to their cultures.*

*The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn is committed to honouring Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas and their rich contribution to society.*



## BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

As believers in Jesus we know that His resurrection changes everything. Writing to the church at Corinth St Paul encourages them and us to:

*"Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain."*

Jesus' victory over the grave not only assures us of everlasting life, it also demonstrates God's commitment to making all things new and reminds us that the simplest actions can make an impact for eternity.

One tangible expression of our faith and trust in Christ is to consider investing in Christ's mission through a provision in your Will.

The Anglican Diocese of Canberra of Goulburn is committed to engaging our world with the love and truth of Jesus. The generosity of God's people, past and present, allows us to support current ministries and new initiatives.

In the pages that follow you will find practical guidance to questions you may have about including a provision in your Will for allocating a bequest that reflects your passions and areas of interest. For example, you may wish to support the general work of the Diocese, or perhaps God has laid on your heart, a desire to grow our ministry to the emerging generations through our Schools and Synergy Youth. Others may feel called to support their local Parish or the care and advocacy work of Anglicare.

I warmly encourage and thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to support Gods work across our Diocese into the future. Whatever you decide, stand firm in the Lord, confident that the best is yet to come.

With blessings in our Risen Lord,

*Bishop Mark Short*



## DIOCESE OF CANBERRA & GOULBURN

The Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn was first established as a separate Diocese (the Diocese of Goulburn) in 1863, under Letters Patent issued by Queen Victoria, when Goulburn was created as Australia's first inland city. In 1950, the Diocese was renamed the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, reflecting the growth and development of Canberra as the National Capital.

The Diocese, under the care and authority of the Bishop, is the formal unit of organisation for carrying out the mission and ministry of the Anglican Church within our region. The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn is a rich and diverse Diocese spanning a large area, including all of the ACT and the south-eastern corner of NSW, extending as far as Wagga Wagga in the west, Marulan in the north and the Far South Coast. Each of these regions have a distinctive history and sense of community. Ministry is provided to people in rural, regional and city areas through 61 ministry units.

In addition, the Diocese has:

† **Five (5)** Diocesan Schools:

1. Burgmann Anglican College
2. Sapphire Coast Anglican College
3. St Peter's Anglican College
4. The Anglican School Googong
5. The Riverina Anglican College

† Numerous Agencies, including:

1. Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & ACT;
2. St Mark's National Theological Centre; and  
*Run in conjunction with Charles Sturt University (CSU)*
3. the Anglican Investment and Development Fund (AIDF)  
*A growing financial institution supporting the mission of the Diocese.*

The Diocese also has a direct partnership with the Little Company of Mary, delivering significant aged care services through The Forrest Centre in Wagga Wagga.

The Diocese is also affiliated with Burgmann College at ANU and St Martin's College at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga.

The Diocesan Office is located in Canberra. It works to maintain effective communication with Diocesan entities and assist the overall strategic development of the Anglican Church in the Canberra and Goulburn region.

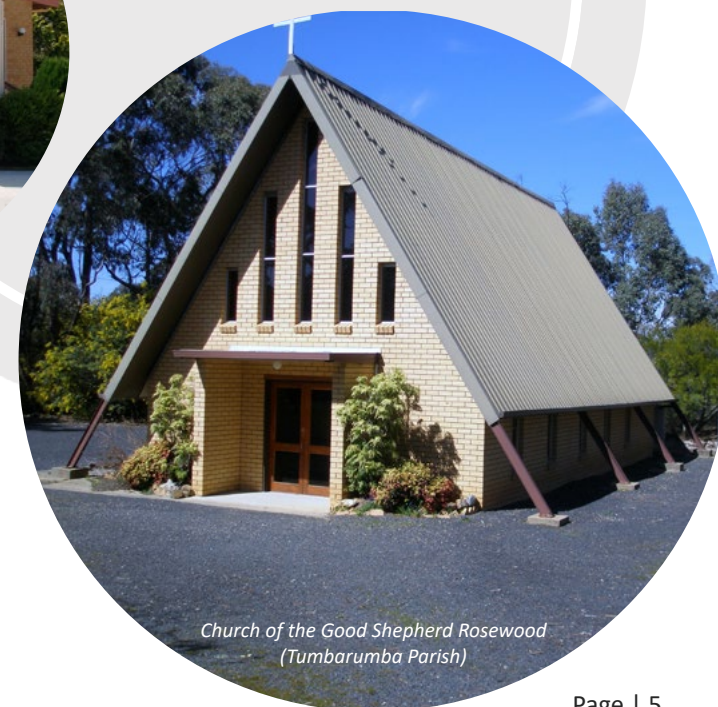
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*St John's Wagga Wagga*



*St Clements Church Merimbula  
(Sapphire Coast Anglican Parish)*



*Church of the Good Shepherd Rosewood  
(Tumbarumba Parish)*

## FAQ'S

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE A WILL?

Preparing a Will gives you the opportunity to bequeath your assets to the people and causes you care about most. It also ensures that your estate will be distributed how you wish and by whom you wish.

Expressing your wishes to your loved ones about your decisions, will give them a greater understanding of how you want your estate to be distributed and they will be more committed to ensuring that they are carried out as you wished.

### WHAT IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A WILL?

If you die without leaving a valid Will, your estate is distributed according to the complex laws of *intestacy*. This means that your estate will be distributed following a legal formula regardless of how well known your intentions were.

Your assets represent a lifetime of work and achievement and if you do not have a Will, your assets may not be distributed to those you wish, depriving loved ones of their rightful inheritance.

Why leave the distribution of your assets to chance when you can give a voice to your wishes through a Will?

### WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY A GIFT IN YOUR WILL?

Words like testamentary gift, legacy and bequests are used to describe the simple act of deciding to use your Will to not only distribute your worldly possessions but make a statement of your beliefs. It is for this reason that 1 in 12 Australian's already are choosing to leave part or all of their assets to a Church or Charity that they have supported throughout their lives.

Even though it is often true that the largest donation a person will gift in their Will, is generally towards a cause that they believed in, it is not the size that matters.

Gifts can range from hundreds, to thousands to millions.

They all make a difference!



### DO I HAVE TO STATE AN AMOUNT?

The importance of a Will is to determine what happens to our earthly possessions. Gifts in a Will may be property, shares or keepsakes which are important to both you and the recipient. However, more common in our rapidly changing times are residual gifts or nominated percentages. As the value of an estate continues to change in ways that are becoming less predictable, more and more people are choosing to nominate beneficiaries and allocate a percentage of the estate to each beneficiary.

A residual gift is where after allocating amounts or items to the desired recipients, a beneficiary is nominated to receive whatever is left over. The popularity of this approach is its simplicity.

### I ALREADY HAVE A WILL, CAN I MAKE A CHANGE SIMPLY?

Yes, you can make a change to an existing Will without going to the trouble or expense of completely changing your Will. This is done through a clause known as a codicil. A solicitor specialising in estate planning can provide further advice on how to execute a codicil.

### HOW DO I MAKE SURE MY WISHES ARE FOLLOWED?

By writing a Will you have the opportunity to be as simple or specific about your assets as you choose. The more specific you wish to be, the more important expertise and communication is.

You may wish to seek out a legal expert who specialises in estate planning and it is best to communicate these wishes to your recipients as well. By being open with loved ones about your decisions, they will have a greater understanding of your wishes and will be more committed to ensuring that they are carried out.

If you wish to bless a particular gift to the Diocese or its agencies and you want it to be used in a specific way, please contact the Diocesan Office on (02) 6245 7101 for further assistance and advice.

# BEQUEST WORDING

Below provides examples of suggested wording when leave a gift in your Will:

## For General Purposes of the Diocese

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$[.....] (or a percentage or the residue of my estate) to The Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn (ABN 43 696 412 531), free of all duties, to be used for the general purposes of the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn. I declare that the receipt of the Diocesan General Manager shall be a full and sufficient discharge for my executor and/or trustee."

## For a Parish

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$[.....] (or a percentage or the residue of my estate) to The Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn (ABN 43 696 412 531), free of all duties, for the general use and benefit of the Anglican Parish of [.....]. I declare that the receipt of the Diocesan General Manager shall be a full and sufficient discharge for my executor and/or trustee."

## For a Parish with Specific Purpose

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$.... (or a percentage or the residue of my estate) to The Anglican Church Property Trust, Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn (ABN 43 696 412 531), free of all duties, for the benefit of the Anglican Parish of [.....] to be used for the purpose of [.....].

I declare that the receipt of the Diocesan General Manager shall be a full and sufficient discharge for my executor and/or trustee. However, if circumstances change and my wishes cannot be fulfilled, I direct that the ACPT, in consultation with the Parish, allocate the bequest in such a manner that best approximates my wishes."



## For Specific Diocesan Purposes

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$.... (or a percentage or the residue of my estate) to The Anglican Church Property Trust, Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn (ABN 43 696 412 531), free of all duties, for the benefit of [.....]. I declare that the receipt of the Diocesan General Manager shall be a full and sufficient discharge for my executor and/or trustee."

Examples may include:

- Aboriginal & Islander Ministry
- Episcopal Fund
- The Pelican Foundation
- Synergy Youth
- St Marks National Theological Centre
- Anglican Youth Camp / Conference Centre (Wambiri/ Manna Park)

## For Anglican Schools in Our Diocese

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$[.....] (or a percentage or the residue of my estate) to The Anglican Church Property Trust, Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn (ABN 43 696 412 531), free of all duties, for the general use and benefit of [...**School Name...**], [**Diocesan Building Foundation OR Scholarship Foundation**]. I declare that the receipt of the Diocesan General Manager shall be a full and sufficient discharge for my executor and/or trustee."

Examples may include:

- Sapphire Coast Anglican College
- St Peter's Anglican College
- The Anglican School Googong
- The Riverina Anglican College

Use the below links to leave a bequest to our remaining Anglican Schools:

- [Burgmann Anglican School](#)
- [Canberra Girls Grammar School](#)
- [Canberra Grammar School](#)
- [Radford College](#)







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Thank you for considering to leave a bequest in your Will to help and support the Diocese and our agencies.

We welcome any further questions you may have about leaving a gift in your Will.

If you have already decided to include a gift in your Will to our Diocese, Parishes, Schools or associated agencies, we welcome and appreciate the opportunity to thank you for your generosity.

Please contact us -

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JESUS SAID

*"For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also"*

MATTHEW 6:21



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