**Faith Will articles for your church newsletter**



**Note on the articles:** We know church magazines and bulletins come in different shapes and sizes so we’ve provided two versions that you can adapt for your own use.

The articles are in a Word document format so that you can customize them for your church. You might want to mention a legacy gift your church has received and how it was used to support your church’s life and mission, or if your church is one of our seven partners\* who helped design the programme you may want to mention that. Equally, if your church is not a partner you could mention that Faith Will is designed to work in churches of all kinds.

*\*The partners are: The Church of England, The Church of Scotland, The Church in Wales, The Presbyterian Church of Wales, the Quakers, the URC and the Union of Welsh Independents.*

**Article 1 – this helps explain Faith Will a bit more fully, it’s the best choice if you have space in your newsletter.**

**Faith Will…. support communities near and far.**

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.

It can be hard to talk about gifts in Wills, they are very personal, but at the same time deeply significant. Many of us will use our Will to remember the people and causes closest to our heart. Typically, we will think first of family and friends, but when that is done many Christians also consider their church family and their global neighbours.

These special gifts enable local churches to support their mission, funding ministry and community work, maintaining treasured buildings or updating them for new uses. Over a third of Christian Aid’s fundraising income comes from gifts in Wills. They are used to support communities around the world to push back against poverty and thrive in the face of challenges like the climate crisis.

**Include if you have booked a speaker:** *This/next* Sunday a speaker from Christian Aid will visit our church to talk about their work in *[focus agreed with the speaker]*. The talk will be relevant for everyone, don’t worry it won’t be all about gifts in Wills, but it will mention these special gifts as something which some people may want to consider.

**Include if you haven’t booked a speaker but will show the 3-minute video:** *This/next*Sunday we will show a short 3-minute video from Christian Aid that shows the importance of gifts in Wills to churches like ours and to Christian Aid. We also have some leaflets for anyone who would like to consider updating their Will (or making one) to include a gift to the church and Christian Aid.

**Include if you just intend to share the leaflets:** Please take a leafletthey are [wherever you put them] and take a moment to consider if this kind of gift may be right for you.

Remember, every gift makes a difference, even 1% of your estate after you have taken care of family and friends can be a powerful way to let your values live on and bless the next generation here and overseas.

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**Article 2 – if you don’t have much space in your newsletter**

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