Who will carry forward the good name of the House... in perpetuity?

I will

Leaving a gift in your will to Christ Church and the University of Oxford
Over the centuries schools and colleges have developed and flourished as a result of major benefactions through legacies. Indeed, for many institutions it has been a legacy that has created the opportunity to establish a foundation in the first place.

A legacy indicates a wish to protect, for ever, what we value most. By its nature, the benefaction comes at a time when we will no longer be there to witness its contribution. The compensation therefore must be in the knowledge that it will secure a most worthwhile cause that has been of great importance to us.

I am asking that you consider Christ Church as such a cause. The pressures that bear on the House, both economic and political, make it imperative that it is sufficiently well funded to be, at the very least, financially independent. Ultimately this can only be permanently achieved through endowment; in pursuit of that permanence, legacies will play a critical part.

In every sense the quality and security of the House depends on the goodwill, friendship and generosity of its members, past, present and future. In turn we have a duty to respect the contribution of our members, reciprocate the support they offer, and above all instil the confidence that their desire to protect Christ Church for ever, will be granted through sound and sensitive management of funds and assets.

Our continuous Development Plan for the whole House, “In Perpetuity” shows that, in the absence of significant fundraising, our endowment income will not be sufficient to meet the demands of a full tutorial system as well as offering financial support to students who need it and maintaining and upgrading the fabric for modern times.

So this must be a campaign in perpetuity, not just for the next refurbishment, upgrade or decade; it is one that appropriately seeks, amongst other benefactions, bequests that will endow some part of what we hold most dear in the work and fabric of the House.

THE VERY REVD. PROF. MARTYN PERCY
Dean of Christ Church
In perpetuity...

1546 Society
The 1546 Society recognises Old Members and Friends of Christ Church who have made bequests to the House. It looks back to the beginning of the Joint Foundation and forward in perpetuity.

Members will receive a 1546 Society certificate and be invited to attend an annual event.

Tax-efficient giving
Charitable bequests in the UK incur neither capital gains nor inheritance tax. You can further reduce the inheritance tax payable on the remainder of your estate by leaving above a certain proportion to charity. Planned giving tax benefits apply to bequests made by US donors. (Please contact the Development Office for further details).

Letting us know
If you have already made, or are happy to make, a bequest, and would like to discuss how it might be used (or seek advice on what to do next) please do contact the Development Office.

Whilst it is understood that you may wish to keep private the details of your will, it would be enormously helpful if you could fill in the enclosed Form A, letting us know what you have done, if only so that we can thank you and send you an invitation to the 1546 Society event.

Returning the form in the envelope provided does not commit you in any way at all. It simply includes us in your current plans. Your reply will be treated with utmost confidentiality.

Adding a codicil to your will
The simplest way of including Christ Church in your will is to add the House as a beneficiary by means of a codicil. The example wording on Form B can be used by you or your solicitor to amend your existing will.

If you would like to leave a bequest to the University of Oxford, please contact their development office at the address overleaf.
Will you?

Please consider leaving a gift in your will to Christ Church or the University of Oxford.

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The Christ Church continuous development plan

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☐ At present, I am intending to include a legacy to Christ Church in my will

Signed ........................................................................................................ Date ........................................

I would like my legacy to support (please specify detail if necessary):

☐ General endowment for the House as a whole

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☐ Tutorial system

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☐ Buildings support (e.g. library/cathedral/picture gallery)

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☐ Bursary/scholarship support

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☐ Other (e.g. cultural/sporting/JCR/GCR)

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☐ It would be helpful to talk about my plans with a member of the Development Office.

Please call me on: ...................................................................................................................

☐ Please send me a copy of *In Perpetuity*

Name: .................................................................................................................................

Address:...............................................................................................................................

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Email: .................................................................................................................................

If you would like to give us an idea of the approximate value of your intended legacy, please use the space below.

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Adding a Codicil

To add a Codicil to your will:

I (full name): .................................................................................................................................
of (address): .................................................................................................................................
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declare this to be a Codicil to my will dated (date in words)
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In addition to any legacies given in my Will, I give the sum of £………………………………………
or ……………………% share of my residuary estate or specific item:………………..…………………………..
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I direct that the receipt of The Treasurer or other authorised officer of Christ Church shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executors. In all other respects I confirm my Will and any other codicils to it.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this day.

Signed by the above-named:

Signed ............................................................................ Date ..............................

Witnessed by (two witnesses are needed in England Wales and Northern Ireland; one witness in Scotland):

1.  Signature ...................................................... Name......................................................
    Address .......................................................... Occupation..............................................
    Date ............................................................... Contact Details ...........................................

2.  Signature ...................................................... Name......................................................
    Address .......................................................... Occupation..............................................
    Date ............................................................... Contact Details ...........................................

**) Form B ***)