Who will secure the House for generations to come?

I will

Leaving a gift in your Will to Christ Church
A legacy indicates a wish to protect, for ever, what one values most. By its nature, the benefaction comes at a time when the donor 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 personal importance.

We trust that you consider Christ Church to be such a cause. The pressures that bear on the House 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, and in that aim legacies play a critical part.

THE NEXT 500 YEARS

From the great endowments of Cardinal Wolsey and Henry VIII nearly five hundred years ago, the House has developed and flourished as a result of major benefactions through legacies. Throughout Christ Church today one finds memorials to the names of those who wished to secure their alma mater for the future: Robert South, Anthony Radcliffe, Henry Aldrich, Richard Robinson, General John Guise and Matthew Lee, to name but a few.
In every sense the quality and security of Christ Church depends on the goodwill, friendship and generosity of its members: past, present and future. In turn the House has a duty to respect the contribution of its members, reciprocate the support they offer, and above all instil the confidence that their desire to protect Christ Church forever will be granted through sound and sensitive management of funds and assets.

So, with the 500th anniversary of Cardinal College approaching in 2025, please remember the House in your Will in order to support all you hold most dear in the work and fabric of Christ Church.
MAKING IT HAPPEN

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 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).

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.

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.

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