

Your legacy in words

'We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.'

(Psalm 78:4)



Hello and welcome, it's great that you are taking this important step and embarking on the process of writing or updating your Will. It's the only way to ensure your legacy reflects your values and takes care of the people and causes you love the most.

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Creating a Will is vital, yet we often put it off. Surprisingly, two-thirds of UK adults haven't even written theirs, usually due to life's distractions or because they think it's going to be too complex. If this sounds familiar, you're not alone – and we're here to help.

We offer this resource to assist you in completing your Will, supporting you both practically and prayerfully. We provide expert tips, free services, and reliable support to guide you through this significant process.

As you plan you may wish to consider including a gift to Bible translation in your Will. This offers a wonderful opportunity to make a lasting difference, helping people worldwide experience life-changing words of the Bible in their own languages.

For any confidential support or questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Please give me a call if I can help in any way: **01865 415 867** or email me at: **legacy@wycliffe.org.uk**

Matt Smith
Head of Legacies

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt".

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Benefits of writing a Will

Secure your loved ones' future

- By legally clarifying your wishes regarding children, assets, funeral arrangements, and lasting power of attorney.

Keep supporting good works

- Continue supporting causes close to your heart, beyond your lifetime.

Make it easier for your family

- Appoint a trusted executor to manage your estate, minimising stress and legal expenses for your family.

Cut your tax bill

- Potentially reduce tax burdens on your estate. For example, leaving 10% to charity can lead to tax benefits for the remaining beneficiaries.

Getting your Will finished

It might seem strange that we start with tips for getting finished rather than getting started!

Starting your Will is often simpler than you'd expect. It's the finishing touches that many find challenging, explaining why so many people haven't completed theirs. To avoid frustration, it's wise to assess your time and commitment before embarking on this important task.

How long will it take?

Writing your Will needn't be time-consuming. Typically, the process requires about three to four hours of your attention, usually spread over four to six weeks, depending on your chosen service. This time frame can be even shorter when you use our free Wills service.

Top Tips

Help to get started and finish your Will:

1. Set a completion date

Ensure you have some evenings or weekends free. This increases your likelihood of finishing rather than postponing.

2. Address your concerns

If you're anxious about cost or the process, reach out to our team before starting.

3. Choose a Will-writing service

Check that it can meet your set completion date.

4. Prepare your information

Use our Will checklist to note what you might need to include before writing your Will online or with a legal professional.

5. Contact key people

You'll need at least one executor and two non-family witnesses to sign your completed Will. Also, check with any named guardians or lasting power of attorneys, having their full names and addresses ready.

6. Consider causes you care about

Decide if you want to leave gifts in your Will to cherished causes. We hope you'll consider including Wycliffe.

Claim your Free Will with Wycliffe (RRP £90):

To help you write your Will, Wycliffe is offering a free Will via professional Will-writers Octopus Legacy. **Simply choose what works best for you:**

- **Write your Will online: visit will.octopuslegacy.com/wycliffefreewill**
This offers you an easy step-by-step process with legal experts to check over your Will and provide you with on-hand support.
- **Write your Will over the phone or book a face-to-face appointment:**
Call 0800 773 4014 and quote our code **WYCLIFFE-FREE** to claim your free Will.

Your Wills checklist

Here are the items you should consider when writing or updating your Will. Add notes as you go. Once you've finished, you can use this to help write your Will either online or in person with your legal service.

Top Tip:

You may wish to have a trusted person with you to help you go through your checklist to be certain you have thought through all you need to include.

You and your family

Full name:

Email:

Phone:

Date of birth:

Marital status: Married Single Widowed

Spouse's full name:

Children's full names:

If your children are under 18 years, have you chosen guardians? Yes No

Guardian 1

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Guardian 2

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Your property and assets (a rough guide)

Home address:

Postcode:

Estimated value:

Mortgage (lender's name, total loan amount):

Second property

Address:

Postcode:

Estimated value:

Mortgage (lender's name, total loan amount):

Other properties:

Savings plans and ISAs etc

Bank/building society name:

Life Insurer's name:

Have you completed a nomination form? Yes No

Pension(s) or Life insurance plan(s)

Provider's name(s):

Have you completed a nomination form with them?

Yes No

Other main assets (just a brief list: shares, vehicles, jewellery etc):



To download an editable word version of our Wills checklist, please scan the QR code

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Your Will

Have you made a Will before? Yes No

If yes, where is it held?
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Do you have a copy? Yes No

Is your spouse also making a Will now? Yes No

Executors: have you chosen and agreed with up to four people? It is normal to ask them first. They could be family members, close friends, or a solicitor.

Yes No

Executor 1

Name:

Address:

.....

Postcode:

Executor 2

Name:

Address:

.....

Postcode:

Your funeral instructions

Have you discussed with your spouse/family?

Yes No

Please indicate your funeral preference:

Burial

Cremation

Body for research or medical purposes

Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA)

LPAs allow others to care for you during your lifetime, if you are unable to. There are two types of LPA: (1) for health and care; (2) for money and property.

Have you appointed attorneys? Yes No

If yes, please give their names and addresses:

Attorney 1

Name:

Address:

.....

Postcode:

Attorney 1

Name:

Address:

.....

Postcode:



If you would like to add a gift to Wycliffe in your Will, you can download the wording you will need by scanning the QR code. Our full charity details are also listed on the back of this folder. Thank you!

Gifts in your Will

Gifts in your Will that you wish to give. These can be either a percentage share of your whole estate, an item (eg jewellery, car, valuable object) or a fixed cash amount. Please identify item/amount/share and to whom it is to be given:

Gift	Person or charity full name:	Share of estate? Y/N	Fixed cash amount or item? Y/N	Item details/amount or percentage of estate:
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
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Information about Inheritance Tax (IHT)

Tax Benefits for leaving gifts in your Will: It is worth noting that if you leave 10% or more of your Net Estate to registered charities, the Taxable Estate is reduced by that gift, AND you only pay tax on the remainder at 36% not 40%. This could mean a significant tax saving. **Please note: Wycliffe always advises that you seek legal advice to ensure that your wishes are made clear and legal.**

'We were lost, until the sunshine broke through'

Margaret's story



Margaret Padfield from Loughborough tells us why supporting Bible translation is so important to her – and why she has left a gift to Wycliffe in her Will.

"Nature has always been a passion of mine, whether spending time harvesting the fruit and vegetables we grow in our garden, or enjoying the beauty of hiking in the hills. There is indeed something of God in the beauty of his creation.

A few years ago, my husband James and I were in Norway. We set out one morning to do the circuit around Dynjefjellet mountain on the edge of the Rondane national park. We were very disappointed as the mist became thick and we could not see anything ahead of us.

Was it worth going on? Was it safe to continue? As we took a break to gather our breath and to re-examine our maps, the clouds suddenly parted and then, with beaming light, the sunshine landed on our mountain. As we continued on our way, the sunshine became stronger and we enjoyed awe-inspiring views of not just this mountain, but others in the distance. What a fabulous outing we had that day! We were lost until the sunshine broke through.

I often use this experience to illustrate to others the importance of God's word in our lives. Psalm 119 says that 'God's word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path'. It is essential to life. God speaks to us always, whether in times of great joy or during periods of uncertainty, suffering or challenge.

'I ask myself, what if I had never had access to the Bible in my language?'

This is why Bible translation has always been so important to me. I have always had God's word in my language to read and guide me throughout my life. But as I reflect back, I ask myself, what if I had never had access to the Bible in my language?

If I didn't have the Bible in English, I may never have heard the gospel at a young age while at church with my parents; I might not have been disciplined in my youth nor attended Bible camps; I may never have read about God's reassurances in Psalm 23 while studying or about the steadfast promises of God in Job amid a time of real challenge while serving overseas in Africa.

I thank God for directing my path through every aspect of my life but I can't help but feel the injustice that others do not get the richness of Scripture, simply because there is no Bible or study resources in their own language.

This is why I have left a gift in my Will to Wycliffe. Work is starting on translating Scripture for whole communities at a rate of one new language a day. Isn't that amazing?

The joy of the gift in my Will is that I become part of the journey in achieving a day in which everyone will have the chance to know Jesus through the Bible in their own language. My hope and my prayer is that as a result many more people will experience the Lord directing their path throughout their lifetime just as he always has with me."

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The impact of giving through your Will to Wycliffe

- Gifts in Wills fund **1 in 10** Bible translation programmes.
- Every year, gifts left in Wills provide Scripture for an estimated **138,000 people** in their language.
- The average gift left in a Will is enough to fund a Bible translation for **two years**.
- Gifts in Wills have contributed to the fastest progress in the history of Bible translation – seeing Bibles and New Testaments together launched at the rate of **two a week**.



Why do people give so generously through their Will?



'God's word has directed my life for over 60 years. Surely future generations deserve to read it for themselves too? I cannot leave a better gift.' David



'It's great that by leaving a gift in my Will for Bible translation, I can play my part in more people knowing Jesus.' Laura

Would you consider leaving a gift in your Will to Wycliffe, helping to bring the Bible to the 1 in 5 people still to have God's word in their own language? Visit [wycliffe.org.uk/giftsinwills](https://www.wycliffe.org.uk/giftsinwills) or call us on **01865 415 867**

'My dream is to see people accept Jesus'



Augustin's story

Every weekend, Augustin Tine makes the journey down the A1 road from Thiès – the third largest city in Senegal, where he works as a Bible translator – back home to his family at the coastal town of Mbour.

But when Augustin shared the gospel with his family in Wolof, their own language, he was amazed by what God did!

That Sunday, Augustin and his wife Thérèse took their seven children to the Mbour Baptist Church as normal.

As usual, he played guitar in the worship band – his heart filling with joy as he helped lead people in worshipping Jesus.

In the afternoon, Augustin, his wife and all their children, together with their wider family, gathered at their home and he did something very special. He placed his phone on a table, turned up the volume and pressed 'play' on the Gospel of Luke. Listening to the story of Jesus in their language for the first time had a huge impact on Augustin's wider family.

With your help, Augustin's work as a Bible translator is leaving a legacy for future generations

'It resulted in my brothers, my sisters-in-law and my niece all accepting Christ as their Lord and saviour,' Augustin says with a huge smile on his face. That's six people who became Christians on the first day they heard the gospel in their language!

When Augustin thinks of the difference Bible translation will make, he primarily thinks of future generations. 'The massive majority of the people in Senegal are young,' Augustin explains.

'My dream is to see people accept Jesus. I have hope that through this translation people will know who God is and will understand his word. My hope for the next generation is that they will be able to share that with their children, and their children with their children, and all the generations to come.'

Augustin knows that he does this work in partnership with people like you. 'I am so thankful for your support,' Augustin says.

'Please continue to support us, because the work we are doing together is so worthwhile.'

If you have decided to leave a gift in your Will to Wycliffe, or would like further help, please let us know!

Why notify us? notifying Wycliffe about your gift is not only an amazing encouragement and blessing to us, but it also enables us to be bold and to plan for even more new translation programmes in the future. We would also like the chance to thank, assist and update you further.

Please don't worry: responding is kept confidential and you can add the mailing preferences that suit you best on the form overleaf.

Please complete the form overleaf and return it in the enclosed freepost envelope.



Mercy holds the Bible in her language – your legacy could help more children like her grow up with the Bible in their languages

If you are considering leaving a gift to Wycliffe in your Will or have already done so – please let us know by completing the response form below

Thank you so much!

My resources:

To download your free resources, just scan the QR codes or visit the website links listed below:

Editable Wills checklist

wycliffe.org.uk/checklist



Wycliffe wording for your Will

wycliffe.org.uk/wording

Claim your FREE Will here

wycliffe.org.uk/freewills



Our legacy team

If you would like to speak with us further, our team is here to help. You can email us at: legacy@wycliffe.org.uk or call us for an informal chat on: **01865 415 867**



We value your support and are here to help you as you consider or update your Will. Our aim is to help you maximise the impact of your legacy gift to Wycliffe, making it a fulfilling experience that brings you peace of mind.

Matt Smith
Head of Legacies



My role is to help executors and legal professionals wishing to pass on gifts to Wycliffe left in people's Wills. If this is you, I'd love to speak with you.

Steve Westwood
Legacy Administrator



Thank you so much for considering a life-changing gift in your Will that will bring God's word to the 1 in 5 people around the world still to have the Bible in their own language.

Please tick whichever apply to you:

- I have left a gift to Wycliffe in my Will
- I intend to leave a gift to Wycliffe in my Will
- Please contact me for further assistance in writing my Will and considering a gift to Wycliffe

Your preferences:

Your partnership makes a difference, and we'd love to keep you updated on news, events and opportunities to support.

- Stay connected by email
- Stay connected by post

First name:

Last name:

Address:

Postcode:

Your phone number:

Your email:

Please return in the enclosed freepost envelope.



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