THE PARISH OF ROMSEY

The Abbey Church of St Mary & St Ethelflaeda and St Swithun's, Crampmoor

Legacy Policy

We welcome all gifts in wills, however large or small. The policy of the Parochial Parish Council (PCC) is to use legacies to make a long-term difference in the Parish rather than pay for everyday expenses. We will therefore use legacy gifts to help fund development projects which may include mission, buildings, equipment or staff.

There are two distinct routes that donors can use when leaving a legacy to the Abbey.

- 1. Donors who wish to support the mission and ministry of the parish should make their legacy in favour of the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Mary and St Ethelflaeda, Romsey (charity number 1133189) for the general purposes of the Parish.
- 2. Donors who wish to ensure that their legacy is used to maintain our historic Abbey should make their legacy in favour of the Romsey Abbey Appeal Fund which is a separate charity (charity number 266393) whose objective is the restoration, repair and preservation of Romsey Abbey and its contents.

The trustees of the two charities prefer that gifts should be given to the general purposes of each charity, rather than restricted for a particular purpose or projects. We will be happy to discuss possible uses of gifts with the executors when the time comes, in order to ensure that we take account of the donor's known areas of interest in the church, and the Parish priorities at the time. We will acknowledge gifts in the most appropriate way after consultation with executors/family. Equally, we can ensure that gifts remain anonymous if this was the wish of the donor or the preference of the executors/family.

The Parish has a legacy team who are able to hold confidential discussions with potential donors to provide information and support who can be contacted via the Parish Office.

Adopted by the PCC on 21st November 2019