

A stained glass window depicting Jesus Christ with a halo, wearing a white robe and a red cloak. He is holding a white lamb in his arms. The background is a blue landscape with a large blue cloud. The window is framed by dark wood and has a decorative border with grapevines and leaves.

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OF FAITH,
HOPE AND
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A guide to leaving a gift in your will to further the work of the church



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Photo: The beautiful cover and side image are from St. James' Anglican Church in Dandenong. Photo by Jerome Cole.

GENEROUS GIVING: RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

The Anglican Church has been part of my life forever. My involvement with the Melbourne Anglican Foundation has confirmed for me that there is plenty of interest in ensuring that the legacy passed on to us is passed on afresh to future generations.

I decided to leave a gift in my will to the Melbourne Anglican Foundation because I believe the good news of Jesus needs to be told again through the work of the Foundation. To do this, we need financial resources as well as willing people. The Foundation was set up in 1987 by Archbishop David Penman to provide financial support to those engaged with doing God's work in the parishes and we can only continue to do this if we are supported through bequests.

I had a conversation with Felicity Costigan, the CEO of the Foundation, and I realised if I can inspire someone else to make a bequest to further the good news of Jesus and the example we are given by Paul then that would make me happy.

- Geoffrey Court

A gift in your will is a powerful and valuable way to continue to support the church's mission and ministry for generations to come.



Melbourne Anglican Foundation Board Member, Bequestor and Patron of the Charles and Frances Perry Society, Geoffrey Court



'For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.'

EPHESIANS 2:10

THINKING BIG, DREAMING LARGE

The Anglican Church in Australia is not a single entity but a gathering of the faithful. There are many ways you can choose to support the church through your will. A bequest to Melbourne Anglican Foundation can support your parish, the Diocese of Melbourne and the Foundation.

Parishes across the Diocese of Melbourne are demonstrating God's grace in myriad ways, through acts of love and service, showing kindness to people in need, and encouraging others in their journey of faith. Here are just some of the project areas Melbourne Anglican Foundation has helped enable parishes to develop through our tax deductible entities:

- ✦ Cultural programs in: music, visual arts, film and the written word flourishing throughout the diocese, nurturing faith and drawing people closer to God
- ✦ Necessitous circumstance; emergency food relief, bush fire and storm relief, school breakfast programs, drop-in centres and other practical projects in parishes to help disadvantaged young people and families
- ✦ Care, compassion and a listening ear for people in hospitals, prisons and aged care facilities, through Anglican chaplaincy
- ✦ Building authentic, supportive connections with young people through vibrant youth ministry programs including youth groups, camps and counselling programs
- ✦ Emergency accommodation, English language classes and other vital support for newly-arrived migrants and refugees, to help them get on their feet in their new country

Bequests made specifically to Melbourne Anglican Foundation can be used for the physical maintenance of Church buildings.

A gift in your will to the **Melbourne Anglican Foundation** will help ensure that this work continues.



GIVE TO WHERE GOD LEADS YOU

Growing up in Iran, the Revd Hoda Ameri was taught that Christians were unclean. It wasn't until life took her and her husband, the Revd Kaveh Hassanzadeh, on a dramatic journey that she discovered the light of Christ.

"We got to Indonesia in the midst of difficulties, challenges and disappointments and we were in a helpless state when we met an Iranian Christian family. I found they were different to anyone I had ever met, they helped us and showed us true love. They were like a light in the darkness and that light grabbed my attention, I wanted that light," says Revd Hoda Ameri.

*"Iranian asylum seekers in Australia suffer many disadvantages, difficulties and setbacks. Through grants over the past five years the **Melbourne Anglican Foundation** (MAF) has helped Emmanuel Anglican Iranian Church support Farsi-speaking youth, children, and families in severe need. This has had a very positive impact on our ministry to Iranians and brought a lot of joy. It can be very difficult ministering to a community which faces so many obstacles and rejections, and which has few resources of its own. It is wonderful that MAF exists to advance the mission of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne.*

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Our church planting work, ministering to this vulnerable group has been greatly helped by MAF's support. This support has not only been financial: it has been so encouraging to know that the Australian community cares about us and is willing to stand with us to care for those most in need," says Revd Hoda Ameri.

The Melbourne Anglican Foundation has also worked with the Farsi Anglican Community in Dandenong to help develop programs for women's business skills, COVID-19 relief packages, translator services and emergency relief.

Photo: The Melbourne Anglican Foundation supports the work of the Revd Hoda Ameri, from the Iranian Anglican community of Emmanuel in Dandenong, who leads a Farsi speaking congregation with her husband the Revd. Kaveh Hassenzadeh for Iranian asylum seekers, to share the love of Jesus.



MAKING A WILL

Simple steps you can follow



As Christians, we are God's stewards, entrusted to use God's gifts for the good of our loved ones. In thanksgiving, we should also take will writing seriously – setting our affairs in order, and stewarding our financial resources wisely to the end of our time on earth and beyond.

Making a will and keeping it up to date ensures your wishes will be carried out after your death, giving you peace of mind that you can continue to support your family, friends, your church family and the causes you love.

Every gift, large or small, makes a difference

There are a number of ways you can contribute to the work of the **Melbourne Anglican Foundation** through a gift in your will:

- ✦ Leave a share of your estate (residuary bequest)
- ✦ Leave a fixed sum of money (pecuniary bequest)
- ✦ Leave a specific item or items, such as a work of art or something of cultural or spiritual significance which would support our work or can be sold to support it

Getting advice

Wills are legal documents, and we recommend seeking independent advice, including legal advice and taxation advice, when drafting your will.

For a confidential discussion about remembering the Melbourne Anglican Foundation in your will, please contact our CEO, Felicity Costigan, on 0400 016 296 or by email on fcostigan@melbourneanglican.org.au. The Foundation can also be contacted directly on (03) 9653 4286 or foundation@melbourneanglican.org.au.

CELEBRATING THE PROUD LEGACY OF ANGLICAN PHILANTHROPY.

Who were the Perrys?



Bishop Charles Perry was the first Bishop of Melbourne, arriving in 1848 with the Letters Patent from Queen Victoria who designated Melbourne as a city by virtue of it being the seat of the Bishop's see. Bishop Perry organised the first Diocesan Conference of Clergy and Laity in 1851 and set down the governance and structure of the Melbourne Diocese and therefore enshrined the importance of the laity in terms of the Anglican Church in Melbourne. He established Melbourne Grammar School and Geelong Grammar School and created the Bishopric of Ballarat. He was also a great supporter of his wife Frances and her dedication to improving the living conditions of Melbourne's poor.



Frances Perry, the wife of Bishop Perry, is perhaps best known in Melbourne for the maternity wing of the Royal Women's Hospital which bears her name. A remarkable woman of some note in pioneering Melbourne, she was instrumental in forming the Ladies Committee which founded and ran the first Lying-In Hospital and Infirmary for Diseases of Women and Children which opened its doors to the poorest of Melbourne's poor in 1856. Frances (Fanny) Perry organised the very first meeting, held at the Anglican Deanery, to discuss the idea of the hospital with the wives and daughters of leading Anglican clergy who were concerned about the squalid living conditions endured by many of Melbourne's women and children.

The Charles and Frances Perry Society.


Patron: Geoffrey Court.

When you decide to make a gift in your will to the **Melbourne Anglican Foundation**, you will automatically be welcomed in to the Charles and Frances Perry Society which is a family of supporters just like you, who wish to make the ultimate in generous gifts to support the mission and ministry of the Anglican Church.

Members are invited to bespoke events which are planned around the common interests of the group and will give members a chance to discuss their faith, issues of the wider community and beyond. Events will be supported and attended by the Archbishop and bishops where appropriate and will be offered online as well as in-person. Come along to hear guest speakers and join a network of those in faithful and dedicated Christian fellowship.

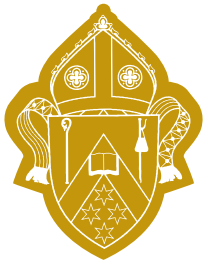
*Photo: St. John's Anglican Church, Heidelberg.
Photo by Bruce Agnew.*





*For by grace
you have
been saved
through faith ...*

EPHESIANS 2:8



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