

Leaving a legacy to **FRIENDS OF ST EBBE'S**

Supporting gospel work in Oxford - Now and into the future

We are so grateful that the Lord continues to use the student teams at St Ebbe's Downtown and St Ebbe's Headington to bring people to know the Lord Jesus and to grow them in their faith. Perhaps you yourself have benefited spiritually from your time at Ebbe's, through one-to-one coffees with staff or apprentices; Focus, IFocus or Thesis Bible Studies; Sunday services; weeks at Ledbury; or the lifelong friendships you formed while here.

The financial support of the Friends of St Ebbe's is what continues to make these things possible. FoSE is entirely dependent on generous donations, the vast majority of which come from previous Ebbe's students. Each generation that goes out from St Ebbe's makes it possible for the next one to be built up and invested in.

We are thankful for those who regularly give to and pray for the student work in Oxford across the years but we would also love to encourage you to consider leaving to FoSE in your Will. The promise of help long into the future makes it possible for the student team to be ambitious for the Lord. With this kind of special provision we could recruit more gospel workers; invest more deeply and creatively in Christian students; and reach out to many more who still haven't encountered Jesus for themselves.

leaving a legacy to FoSE in your Will won't cost you anything now but it will mean wonderful support for future students. As following Jesus becomes harder and harder in a secular age, and fewer and fewer people have read the Bible for themselves, such support will be invaluable. If you leave something to FoSE in your Will, it won't count towards the total taxable value of your estate. This is called leaving a 'charitable legacy'. You can also cut the Inheritance Tax rate on the rest of your estate from 40% to 36% if you leave at least 10% of your 'net estate' to a charity.

How to include FoSE in your Will

Your solicitor is the best person to advise you how to include a gift to FoSE in your Will. It will probably be helpful to have our registered address (*Friends of St Ebbe's Trust, c/o St Ebbe's Church Office, 2 Roger Bacon Lane, Oxford, OX1 1QE*) and registered charity number (1043090) available when you speak to them. You might also wish to take the wording on the page below with you as a starting point.

It is important to regularly review your Will and ensure it still reflects your wishes. Updating your Will is an ideal opportunity to remember the Friends of St Ebbe's Trust and the generations of future students who would benefit from your gift.

We praise God for all the financial and prayer support of Friends. If you do decide to leave a legacy to FoSE in your Will, or if you have any further questions about FoSE's work, please do get in touch at fose@stebbes.org.

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Example wording

For a pecuniary legacy (a specific sum of money you wish to donate in your Will):

I give to Friends of St Ebbe's Trust (and its successors) c/o St Ebbe's Church Office, 2 Roger Bacon Lane, Oxford OX1 1QE, registered charity number 1043090, the sum of: £ (figures) £ (words) absolutely for its general purposes, and I direct that the receipt(s) of the Director of Finance or other duly authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.

For a specific legacy (a specific item such as a piece of jewellery, antique furniture or even your house):

I give to Friends of St Ebbe's Trust (and its successors) c/o St Ebbe's Church Office, 2 Roger Bacon Lane, Oxford OX1 1QE, registered charity number 1043090, my: (description of property) absolutely for its general purposes, and I direct that the receipt(s) of the Director of Finance or other duly authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.

For a residuary legacy (what remains of your estate once family and friends have been taken care of and all debts have been cleared):

I all (or a share) of the residue of my estate to Friends of St Ebbe's Trust (and its successors) c/o St Ebbe's Church Office, 2 Roger Bacon Lane, Oxford OX1 1QE, registered charity number 1043090, absolutely for its general purposes, and I direct that the receipt(s) of the Director of Finance or other duly authorised officer shall be sufficient discharge to my executors.