

## Making a difference

Despite the huge contribution made by volunteers, all this inevitably costs money. Salaries, running costs and maintenance make up a huge percentage of our expenditure. Even with congregational generosity, fiscal prudence and robust drives to increase our earnings from lettings, income has not always kept pace with expenditure over recent years. We have also lacked the capital for major investment in the church's infrastructure which is becoming ever more fragile with age.

*"The church has been a great support to the community in Kingston and beyond. It is warm and welcoming - and a lovely place to work in."*

KURC tenant

KURC has touched the lives of many of us in a variety of often very personal ways. In the same way, many of us have also been a vital part the church's presence and work. Remembering the church in our wills builds on this relationship; it helps not just secure KURC's future but also makes us very real and enduring part of it.

Every bequest, large or small, will be appreciated and respected. Sincere thanks from today's KURC - and in particular tomorrow's.

If you would like to discuss things further or have any questions, please speak to the Church Secretary.

*"The way KURC supports the community and develops relationships in and around Kingston is great. It is always busy and many people have become friends over the last few years."*

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*A place  
in your  
will*

As Christians we are called to exercise good stewardship over all that God has entrusted to us. By making a will we can ensure that our stewardship continues after we die. A will should be a clear practical expression of our love and concern. It provides us with the opportunity to continue our support for the people and causes we value.

Most of us will want our family to benefit from what we leave behind. With the agreement of your family, you may also wish to leave something to Kingston United Reformed Church. Your legacy will help the church to continue to build on and strengthen its mission to be a welcoming, caring, worshipping Christian community. It will help fund the vital social outreach work which touches some of the most needy in our community.

*"I am so impressed with the work you do for Kingston Community! I see for myself how active and supportive you are."*  
Regular room hirer

Wills are legal documents, so it is preferable to have someone legally qualified draft yours for you. You can find a local solicitor through the Law Society – see [www.lawsociety.org.uk](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk) or call 020 7320 5757. Leaving a proportion of your estate to a charity (such as KURC) can reduce the overall level of inheritance tax due. A solicitor can advise further.

- If you have already have a will you can amend it via a codicil to include KURC;
- If you have yet to write a will, you can list KURC as a beneficiary.

It would not be right for KURC to be involved in a process from which it stands to benefit. However, KURC can provide a suitable form of words for use in detailing the legacy, as recommended by the URC's legal department at Church House.

*"Thank you for your support. My daughter and I look forward now to a brighter future."*

User of KURC-based Child Contact Centre

## Why KURC?

KURC's mission is to be a welcoming, caring, worshipping Christian community serving all. Activities in pursuit of this mission include:

- a diverse variety of services of worship, both on Sundays and throughout the week, attracting a wide range of adults and children;
- weekdays activities and entertainment aimed in particular at seniors and parents with young children;



*"A supportive church providing an ideal town-centre base for our work."*  
Street Pastor

- a programme of social outreach, based on the church's foyer, which offers a warm welcome and friendly environment to all-comers;
- the provision of an affordable home or meeting place to an array of local community groups;
- a base for joint activity with, among others, Street Pastors, Foodbank, the National Association of Child Contact Centres.



*"The Richard Mayo Centre has a real sense of community which, for Foodbank clients, makes it so much more than just a 'waiting room'."*

Foodbank volunteer