

LEAVING A LEGACY TO ST LAURENCE'S, LUDLOW

Making a Lasting Difference





A chance to remember

Where there's a will there's a way

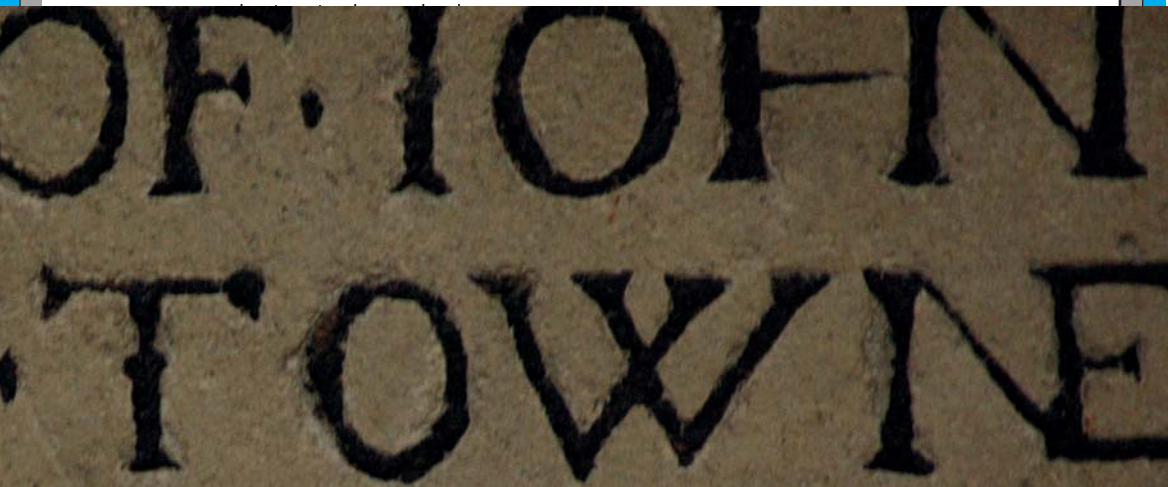
Looking around the magnificent church of St Laurence, Ludlow, few of us realise how much of it was built by legacies through the mediaeval Palmers' Guild, or how much has been restored by legacy-givers in modern times, remembering St Laurence's in their Wills.

Many of us would like to be certain that after death our money and property will be given to help our families and to causes close to our hearts.

Remembering St Laurence's in your Will makes a difference in securing what it is now, and what it will be for future generations.



Conservation work in progress



How can I make a difference?

Ask advice from a solicitor and make clear instructions in your Will that you wish to make a gift to St Laurence's Church, Ludlow through one or both routes set out below. Your Will can be changed at any time, either by making a new one, or by making an alteration to the existing one in a brief supplementary statement called a Codicil.

Gifts in a Will to charities (one definition of 'legacy') are exempt from inheritance or other taxes so the entire gift makes its way to the intended charity and can reduce inheritance tax where it applies.

Your legacy gift may be made either to:

St Laurence's Church (Ludlow PCC) – the Parochial Church Council oversees the church's Christian mission and extensive programme of community activity, Charity Registration no. 1132703 – or

Conservation Trust for St Laurence Ludlow - an independent trust for the conservation of the fabric of the building, Charity Registration no. 1114678.

Learn more about

the PCC's work at:

www.stlaurences.org.uk

the Conservation Trust at:

www.ludlowpalms.org.uk



Celebrating the 90th birthday
of HM Queen Elizabeth II

Did you know?

We are open to pilgrims, townspeople and visitors 365 days of the year. Over 100,000 pairs of feet cross our threshold every year, doubled in the last 10 years.

It costs £1000 a day in routine maintenance, staff time and energy bills to make this possible .

Depending on the route you choose, your legacy could help us:-

Via the PCC

Support our mission through our rich, diverse tradition of worship as the spiritual beacon in South Shropshire

Address issues of social concern in the local community and the wider world

Advance St Laurence's reputation for music in its living liturgical tradition including its choir, historic 18th century organ and work with young musicians, and concert-giving

Keep the building safe, warm and watertight through our proactive maintenance programme

Provide continuously improving community facilities helping grow a vital income stream

Maintain and develop outreach to schoolchildren in Ludlow and region

Enhance the visitor experience of our unique heritage for locals and tourists alike



Each decade we spend on average £1.5 million on repairs, for example:

£50,000

to cover urgent repairs such as damage to the church building from the weather and storms

£15,000

a year on routine maintenance

£3,000

a year maintaining the historic organ and the famous bells

Via the Conservation Trust



Replace and repair external fabric e.g. in recent years the lead on the roofs of the Lady Chapel, St John's Chapel and work on a dozen rooftop pinnacles



Conserve and clean interior fittings e.g. in recent years the mediaeval reredos, the Victorian marble mosaic floor at the high altar and the Tudor wall panelling in St John's Chapel

Restore decorative works e.g. in recent years all the (wall) paintings including the Tudor Ten Commandments Board and the 17th century Royal Arms. Restore the remarkable mediaeval stained-glass windows, second only to those of York Minster, estimated at over £1m



The Trust appeals to the interests of those with a love of the building and has raised and spent, through regular giving, donations, legacies and events over £550,000 on the care of this aspect of the church.

Need to find out more?

Contact the Rector & Churchwardens rector@stlaurences.org.uk

The Conservation Trust treasurer@ludlowpalmers.uk

or The Parish Office, 2 College Street, Ludlow SY8 1AN

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Information in this leaflet does not constitute advice. In making a legacy we recommend you seek appropriate professional guidance.