

A BRIGHT TOMORROW FOR THE MUSIC YOU LOVE

Your legacy is cathedral music's future



CATHEDRAL
MUSIC TRUST



**'With a gift in your Will to
Cathedral Music Trust, you can
leave a rich heritage of sacred
choral and organ music.'**

Harry Christophers, CBE
President, Cathedral Music Trust

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL CAN DO SOMETHING INCREDIBLE

A gift in your Will to Cathedral Music Trust will enable us to shape a musical heritage that is stronger, better and brighter.

Legacies have formed the backbone of our grant giving programme over recent decades. Put simply, we could not have achieved so much without them. Such acts of kindness have helped sustain our priceless national cathedral music heritage.

In the past two years alone, these gifts have enabled us to support over 60 choral foundations, benefitting thousands of cathedral musicians and touching the hearts of countless congregations and audiences.

By establishing a sure foundation for our work, we can do great things. And with a gift in your Will, you can help build the strong future that cathedral music deserves.

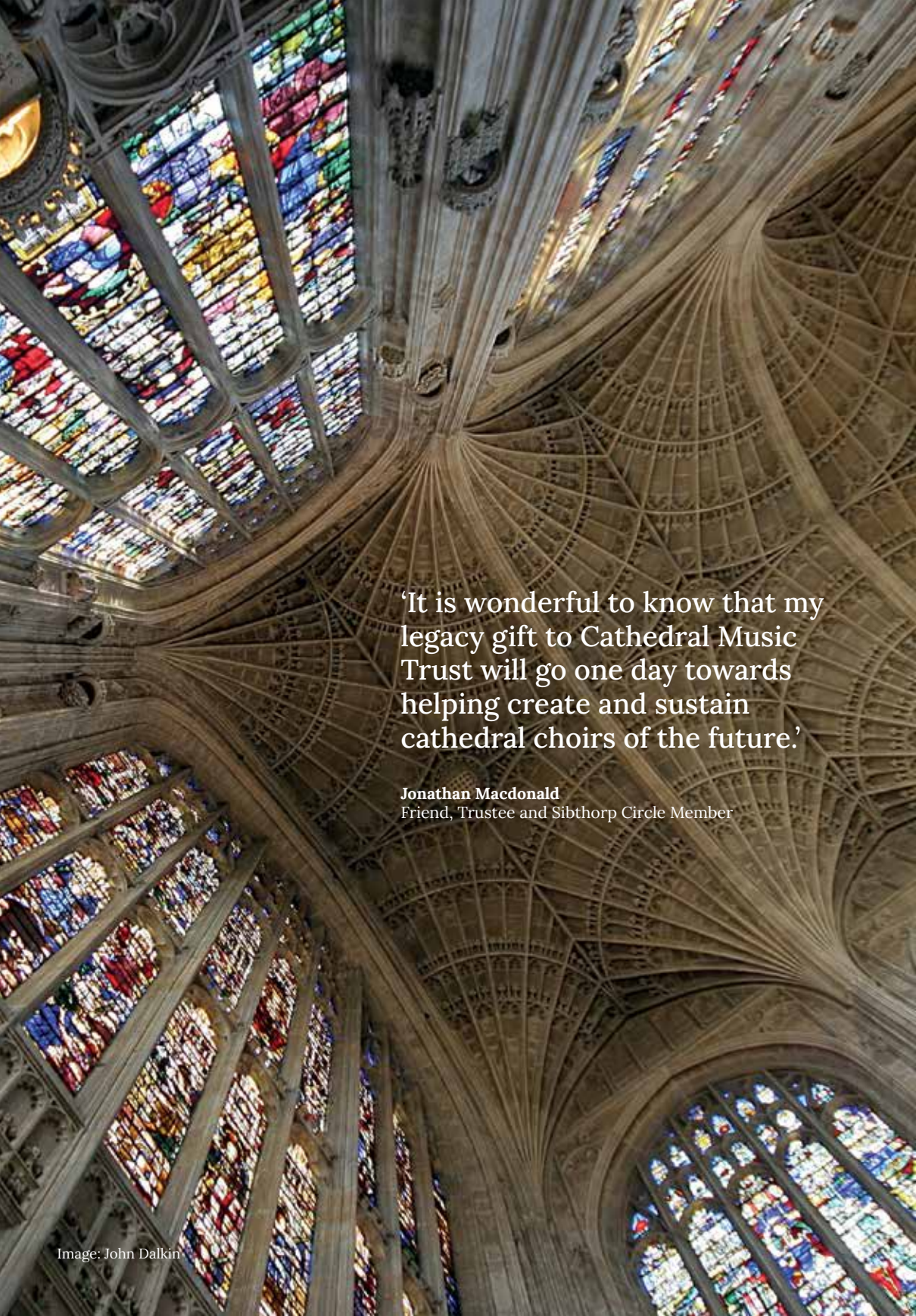
WE MAKE YOU THIS PROMISE

Leaving a gift to Cathedral Music Trust is an important decision.

That's why we make the following promises:

- We understand that family and friends come first.
- We will respect your privacy and handle your enquiry with care and respect.
- We'll use your gift with the utmost care so that it achieves the greatest impact in sustaining and developing the cathedral music that we cherish.
- Your Will is personal, and you are under no obligation to inform us about your intentions.
- You may change your mind at any time; any information you do give does not involve you in any binding agreement.

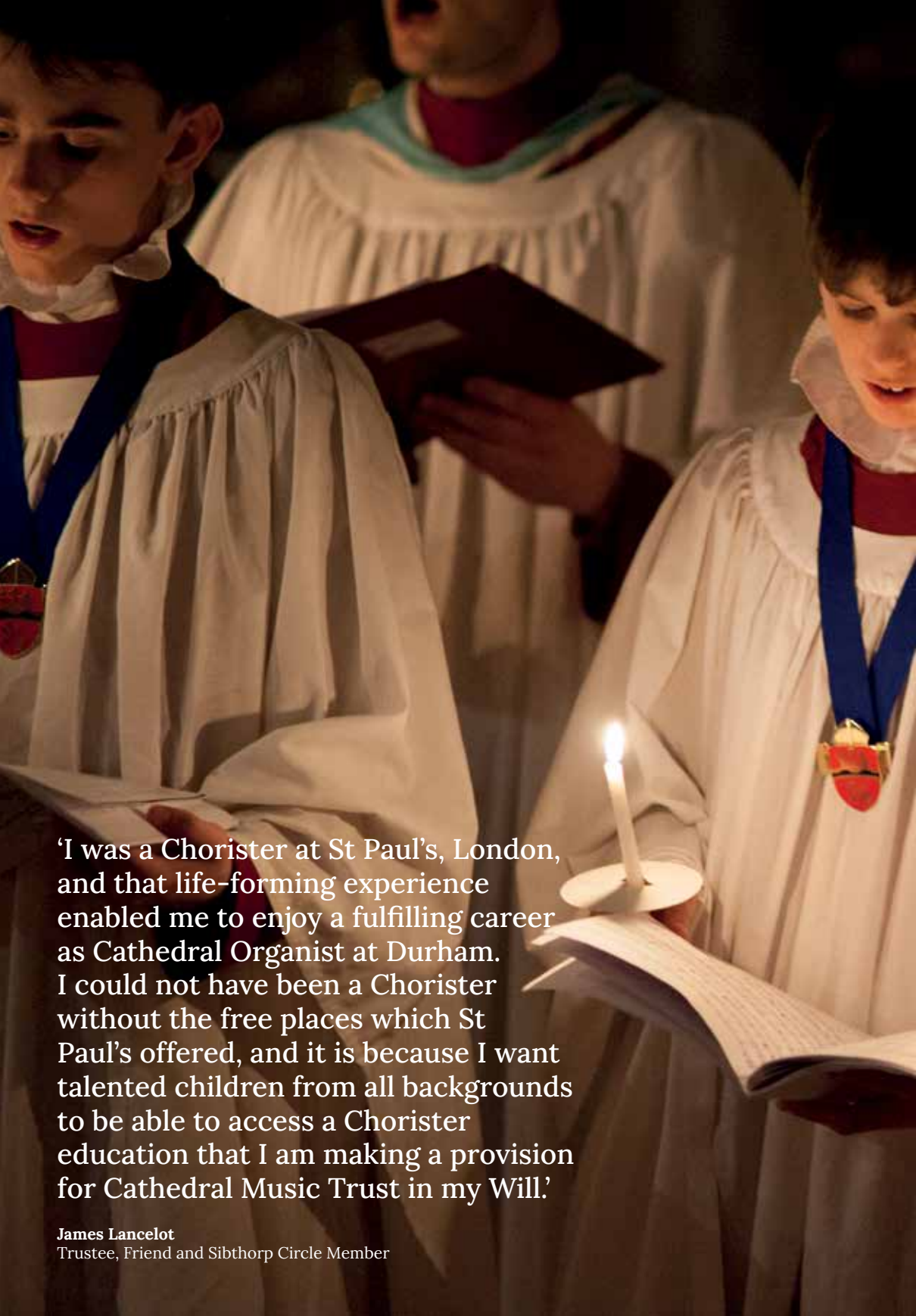
Although this booklet does not contain any legal advice, we hope it will help demystify some aspects of Will making and you'll feel better equipped for a conversation with your solicitor.



'It is wonderful to know that my
legacy gift to Cathedral Music
Trust will go one day towards
helping create and sustain
cathedral choirs of the future.'

Jonathan Macdonald

Friend, Trustee and Sibthorp Circle Member



‘I was a Chorister at St Paul’s, London, and that life-forming experience enabled me to enjoy a fulfilling career as Cathedral Organist at Durham. I could not have been a Chorister without the free places which St Paul’s offered, and it is because I want talented children from all backgrounds to be able to access a Chorister education that I am making a provision for Cathedral Music Trust in my Will.’

James Lancelot
Trustee, Friend and Sibthorp Circle Member

YOU CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

Take the time that you need.

All who leave a gift in their Will to Cathedral Music Trust have their own reason for doing so. For some, it's to help strengthen a heritage that they really love. Others have experienced the joys of cathedral music, as musicians or music lovers, and wish to ensure children from all backgrounds can benefit from it too. Whatever your reason, we know that considering leaving a gift is a very private and personal matter and we want to thank you for taking the time to think about this.

Priorities change as the world changes.

As the world changes, opportunities for growth, as well as threats to cathedral music, change too. For your gift to have the most impact, we would like to be able to use it wherever the need is greatest. However, if you have specific wishes, we are very happy to discuss these with you and make suitable arrangements.

HOW TO LEAVE SOMETHING AMAZING

Remembering Cathedral Music Trust in your Will is easy.

Your Will is a chance to look after the people you love. We understand this completely. But if you would also like to support the music you love with a gift in your Will to Cathedral Music Trust, there are different ways to do so.

We recommend talking to a solicitor

If you choose to leave a gift in your Will, you will need to inform your solicitor. They can advise the best type of legacy for you and ensure that all legal requirements are met. A properly drafted Will can help reduce the amount of tax payable on your estate and increase the value of the assets that you pass on to your loved ones.

If you already have a Will

If you decide to leave a gift in your Will, you may not need to make a new one. Small changes to your Will can be stated in a codicil - a document read in conjunction with your Will. Your solicitor will need our registered address and charity details, which you can find in the 'sample wording' section on p.10.



'I love cathedral music. It is beautiful and has changed my life for the better. But I worry about the impact of recent global events on securing its future. I can help by leaving a gift to cathedral music to say thank you for all it's given me.'

Rosemary Downey
Friend, Trustee and Sibthorp Circle Member

HOW TO MAKE A LASTING LEGACY

Choosing which type of gift you want to leave.

- You can leave a percentage of your estate after your family and friends are provided for. This is called a residuary gift.
- You can leave a pecuniary gift – this is a fixed sum of money. It's worth bearing in mind that inflation can decrease its value over time, so we recommend reviewing your Will from time to time to make sure it still reflects your intentions.
- You can leave the gift of a specific item, like jewellery, or an asset, like shares.
- You can ask your friends and family to make donations in lieu of flowers to be given to Cathedral Music Trust.

Sample wording for your Will

If you've decided that putting a gift in your Will to Cathedral Music Trust matters to you, then you may wish to discuss the wording below with your solicitor. It is important to ensure our charity details are correct to prevent any delay in carrying out your wishes.

To leave a residuary gift, choose the percentage of your estate that you would like to leave to Cathedral Music Trust. To leave a pecuniary gift, choose a specific sum of money you would like to leave instead.

'I give _____ % of my residuary estate or £ _____ to Cathedral Music Trust, Registered Charity Number 1187769, of 27 Old Gloucester Street, London, WC1N 3AX for its general charitable purposes and I further direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper officer of Cathedral Music Trust for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge for the said legacy.'

WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A BIG THANK YOU

We're very grateful for every gift left to us, no matter the size.

Every legacy we receive helps to strengthen our incredible musical heritage, so even a small percentage of your estate would mean a lot to us.

So that we can say thank you as well as plan for the future, it would be very helpful if you could notify us of your legacy by emailing our Development Director, Natasha Morris, on: development@cathedralmusictrust.org.uk.

However, you are under no obligation to do so and any information you do give does not involve you in any binding agreement.

Welcome to the Sibthorp Circle.

If you choose to remember Cathedral Music Trust in your Will, and inform us of your intention to do so, you will be invited to join our Sibthorp Circle, a growing group of dedicated supporters who have chosen to support our work.

This is our opportunity to acknowledge and thank you during your lifetime, and to ensure you benefit from a close and lifelong association with the Trust. Each member receives a letter of appreciation and is invited with a guest to a reception each year.

CONTACT US

Would you like more information about including a gift in your Will to Cathedral Music Trust?

You can get in touch by:

Calling us on 020 3151 6096 or emailing development@cathedralmusictrust.org.uk

We will respect your privacy and handle your enquiry with care and consideration. All correspondence and discussions will be treated in strictest confidence and any information you give does not involve you in any binding agreement.

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