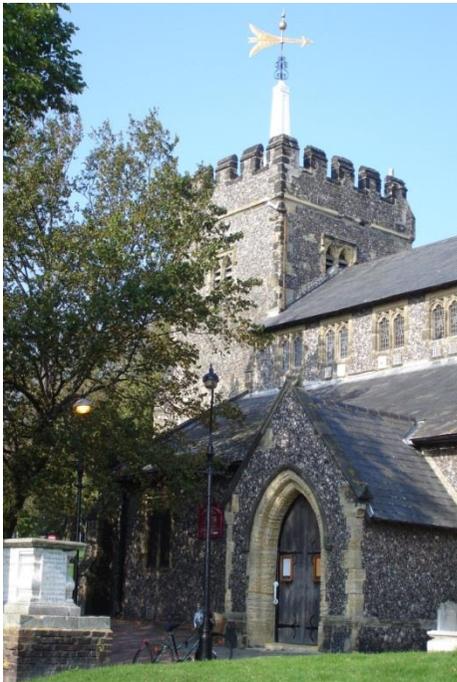


**This leaflet explains how you can leave a legacy to St Nicholas' for the benefit of future generations. Legacies have always been important to the Church, and never more so than today.**

**A legacy enables you to leave a lasting inheritance, given as an act of friendship and concern for those who follow in your footsteps.**

You may wish to leave a legacy to the Parochial Church Council of St Nicholas' Church, Brighton (the PCC) to be used for improvements to the church and general expenses involved with maintaining a living church in Brighton.

In this case please make the Parochial Church Council of St Nicholas' Church Brighton a beneficiary of your Will.



### **Why make a WILL?**

Everyone should make a Will. It is likely to make the task of sorting out your affairs after death simpler and cheaper for your family and loved ones. They could benefit from your forethought and generosity in providing them with an unequivocal statement of your wishes, and guidance on your intentions for their inheritance. Without a Will your estate can be dispersed by law in ways which you did not intend. A Will is a very important document, and most people find it is helpful to consult a solicitor to assist in its preparation.

### **What if I already have a Will?**

You may wish to add to, or to alter, an existing Will. This is done by means of a Codicil. Please speak to your solicitor.

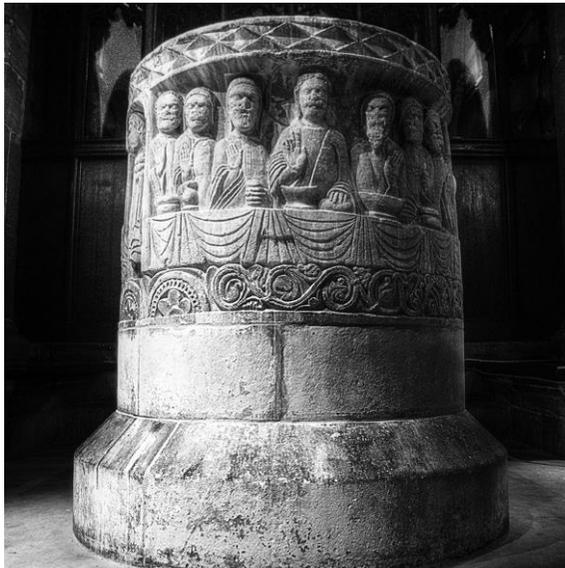
## Tax Management

The rise in property values has resulted in many more people who own their own property leaving estates which will be subject to Inheritance Tax liabilities. However, charitable bequests do not attract Inheritance Tax liabilities. Therefore leaving charitable bequests is a way to reduce or avoid altogether the tax bills that your heirs may face. St Nicholas' PCC is classified as a Charity. Any legacy made to St Nicholas' will be free of Inheritance Tax. However, the law on taxes that become liable for payment on death is complex. Except in the case of very small estates, it is always advisable to discuss tax measures with a solicitor or a qualified accountant.

## Help

Everyone should make a Will. Making or modifying a Will is a sensitive subject, which many people do not wish to discuss outside their immediate family. However, you may wish to seek the help and advice of a solicitor.

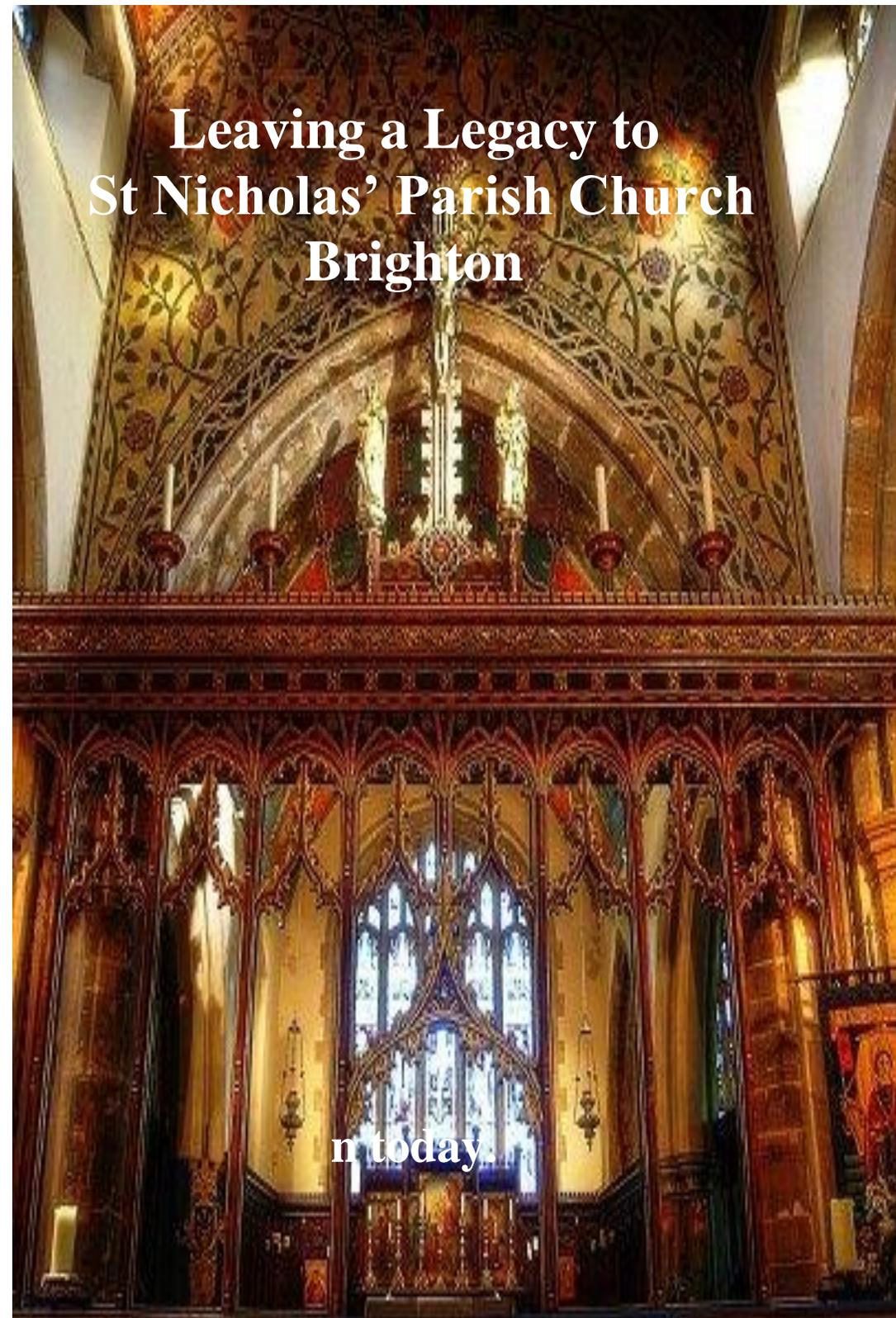
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