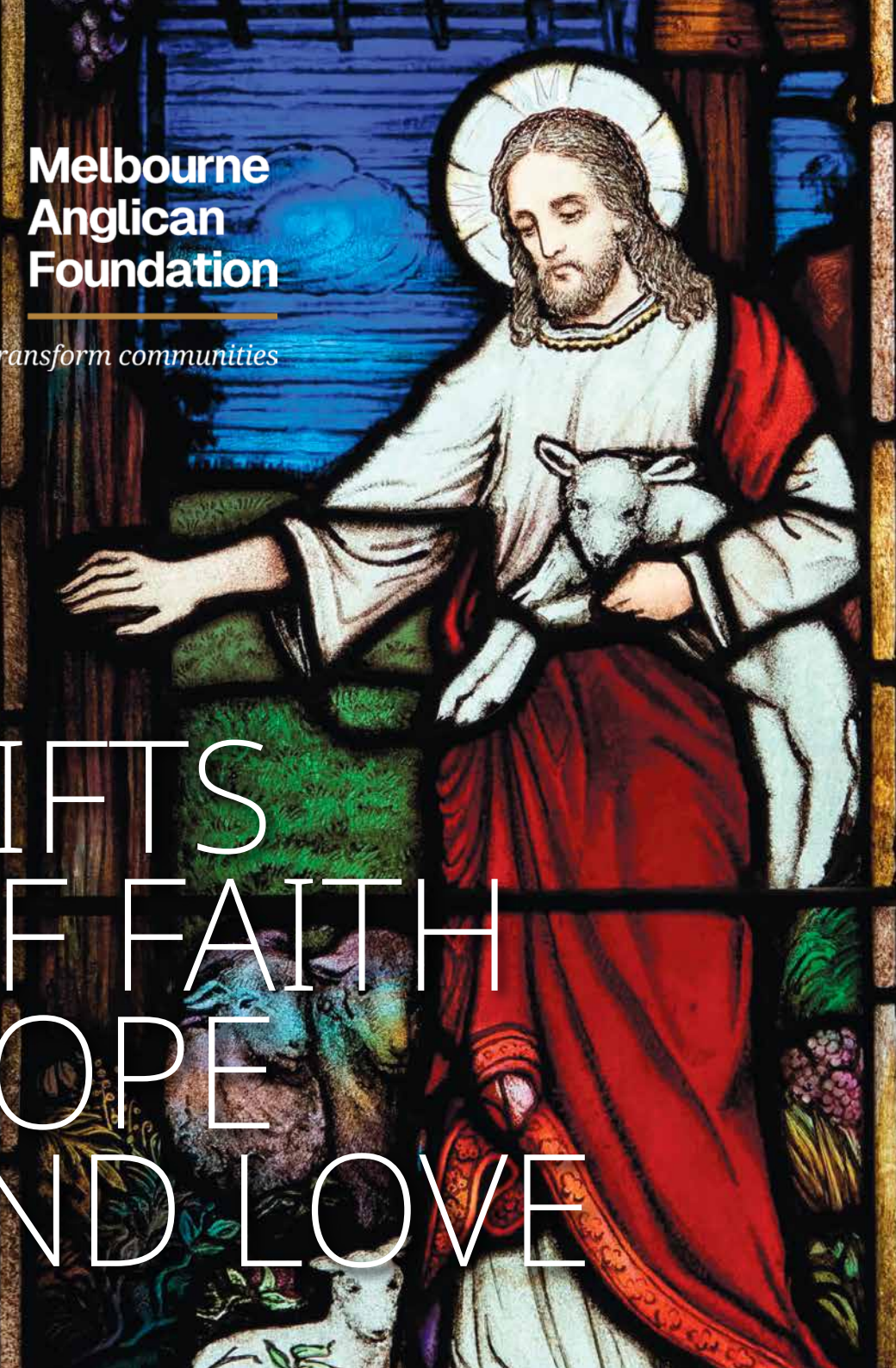




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GIFTS OF FAITH HOPE AND LOVE





*"One generation shall proclaim your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts."*

Psalm 145:4

A guide to leaving a gift
in your will to further
the work of the Church



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*Photo: The beautiful cover and side image are from
St James' Anglican Church in Dandenong. Photo by Jerome Cole.*

GENEROUS GIVING: RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

The Anglican Church has been part of my life for as long as I can remember, and through it I have come to know the life changing love of Jesus Christ. Personally, this has been embodied in my parish as a constant presence of worship, learning, and shared life. Through it, I have received far more than I could ever give.

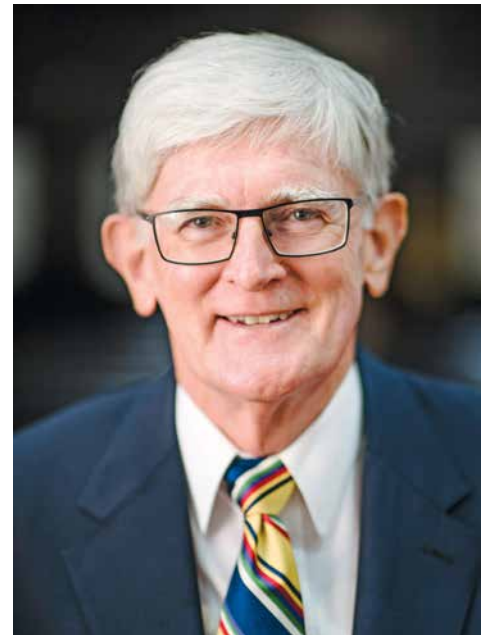
I want to see that good news continue to be passed on – joyfully and faithfully – through flourishing Anglican parishes, so that many more people can come to know and follow him.

As I have learned more about the Melbourne Anglican Foundation, I have become convinced of the importance of long term vision for the Church's mission. Guided by Jesus, I believe the Church has a bright future – but it is not something we can take for granted. After caring for family and supporting parish life, we are faced with a wider question: how might we help ensure the Church continues to grow, serve, and adapt in both long established and new communities?

For me, making a bequest to the Melbourne Anglican Foundation is a way of responding to that question with hope. It is an investment in the Church's long term mission, and in the people who will encounter Jesus through its ministry long after we are gone.

Geoffrey Court

A gift in your will is a powerful and valuable way to continue to support the Church's mission and ministry for generations to come.



Melbourne Anglican Foundation Board Member, Bequestor and Patron of the Charles and Frances Perry Society, Geoffrey Court.



***'For we are what
he has made us,
created in Christ
Jesus for good works,
which God prepared
beforehand to be our
way of life.'***

Ephesians 2:10

Photo: Pantry 5000, Longbeach Anglican Parish.

WHAT THE MELBOURNE ANGLICAN FOUNDATION SUPPORTS

Parish Ministry & Clergy Support

Resourcing clergy and parish leadership to sustain worship, pastoral care, and mission in local communities.

Theological Education & Formation

Preparing future clergy and lay leaders through theological training and formation.

Church Buildings & Places of Worship

Caring for church buildings as places of worship, prayer, memory, and welcome.

Worship, Arts & Cultural Expression

Supporting music, arts, and cultural initiatives that nurture faith and enrich worship.

Pastoral Care

Enabling parish ministries of listening, care, and accompaniment in times of need.

Emergency & Relief

Providing food relief and crisis assistance to individuals and families facing hardship.

Chaplaincy

Sustaining chaplaincy in hospitals, prisons, schools, and aged-care settings.

Youth

Creating opportunities for young people to belong, connect, and engage in church life.

Family Violence Prevention

Supporting preventative initiatives that promote safety, respect, and dignity, and work to prevent violence against women.

Migrants and Refugees

Supporting ministries that welcome migrants and refugees and foster belonging and community.

New Churches & Parish Renewal

Investing in new churches and renewing existing parishes to serve Melbourne's changing communities.

MINISTER'S TESTIMONIALS



The Foundation helped our Church employ a youth minister, and through that ministry we are now passing on what has shaped and enriched us so deeply – faith in Jesus Christ. We are excited to see generations of people come to call themselves part of the Anglican Church into the future.

The Reverend Colleen Arnold-Moore
Vicar, Oakleigh Anglican: Holy Trinity & Emmanuel



Seeing the work of the Melbourne Anglican Foundation over many years has been a real blessing. Through its support, parishes across the Diocese of Melbourne have been enabled to live out Christ's example – caring for the vulnerable and faithfully proclaiming the gospel.

By providing thoughtful support and seed-funding, the Foundation helps ensure this work continues to grow and flourish as part of the Church's shared life.

The Reverend Elizabeth Murray
Vicar, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Williamstown



Photo: Reverend Gavin Hansford

Over many years, the Melbourne Anglican Foundation has supported the ministries of St Paul's Cathedral. Through the generosity of friends and supporters, we have been able to share our faith with thousands of people at the heart of our city and diocese.

A gift in your will helps strengthen this shared life of faith, making it possible for future generations to encounter the one foundation of our faith – the good news of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen – so that the world may believe.

The Very Reverend Dr Andreas Loewe
Dean of Melbourne



*Archbishop Ric Thorpe's installation.
Photo: Janine Eastgate.*



MAKING A WILL

Making a will is an important and thoughtful step. It brings clarity, peace of mind, and confidence that your wishes will be respected.

For many Christians, it is also a way of ordering our lives wisely – caring first for family and others close to us, and reflecting on the values, relationships, and commitments that have shaped us over time.

You may already have a will in place. If so, reviewing it from time to time is simply good practice, especially as circumstances change.

Simple steps you can follow

- 1 Make a plan before you see a lawyer.
- 2 Choose a lawyer whom you trust. If you need help finding a lawyer, the Law Institute of Victoria has resources that may help. Visit <https://www.liv.asn.au/>
- 3 Then, make an appointment to see your lawyer, taking your plan with you.

Including a gift in your will

After making provision for family and others close to you, some people choose to support the life and ministry of the Church through a gift in their will to the **Melbourne Anglican Foundation** – as a way of carrying forward the faith, ministry, and community that have meant so much to them.

The Melbourne Anglican Foundation exists to steward such gifts on behalf of Anglican parishes and ministries across Melbourne and Geelong, helping ensure that Christian faith, ministry, and community continue to flourish for generations to come.

There is no obligation, no expectation, and no right or wrong time. For many, this is something considered gradually, prayerfully, and in conversation with those they trust.

Every gift matters

There are a number of ways you can contribute to the work of the Melbourne Anglican Foundation through a gift in your will:

- Leave a share of your estate (a residuary gift)
- Leave a fixed sum of money (a pecuniary gift)
- Leave a specific item, such as a work of art or something of cultural or spiritual significance

Your lawyer can advise you on what is most appropriate for your circumstances. There is no expectation to decide more than feels right for you.

Getting advice

Wills are legal documents, and we recommend seeking independent advice, including legal advice and taxation advice, when drafting your will.



For a confidential discussion about remembering the **Melbourne Anglican Foundation** in your will, please contact Nathan Oliver, Development Manager, on 0455 171 496 or by email at noliver@melbourneanglicanfoundation.au

The Foundation can also be contacted directly on (03) 9653 4220 or foundation@melbourneanglicanfoundation.au

CELEBRATING THE PROUD LEGACY OF ANGLICAN PHILANTHROPY

Who were the Perrys?

Bishop Charles Perry was the first Bishop of Melbourne, arriving in 1848 with the Letters Patent from Queen Victoria who designated Melbourne as a city by virtue of it being the seat of the Bishop's see. Bishop Perry organised the first Diocesan Conference of Clergy and Laity in 1851 and set down the governance and structure of the Melbourne Diocese. He established Melbourne Grammar School, Geelong Grammar School, and created the Bishopric of Ballarat. He was also a great supporter of his wife Frances and her dedication to improving the living conditions of Melbourne's poor.

Frances Perry, the wife of Bishop Perry, is perhaps best known in Melbourne for the maternity wing of the Royal Women's Hospital which bears her name. A remarkable woman of some note in pioneering Melbourne, she was instrumental in forming the Ladies Committee which founded and ran the first Lying-In Hospital and Infirmary for Diseases of Women and Children which opened its doors to the poorest of Melbourne's poor in 1856. She organised the very first meeting to discuss the idea of the hospital with the wives and daughters of leading Anglican clergy who were concerned about the squalid living conditions endured by many of Melbourne's women and children.

The Charles and Frances Perry Society

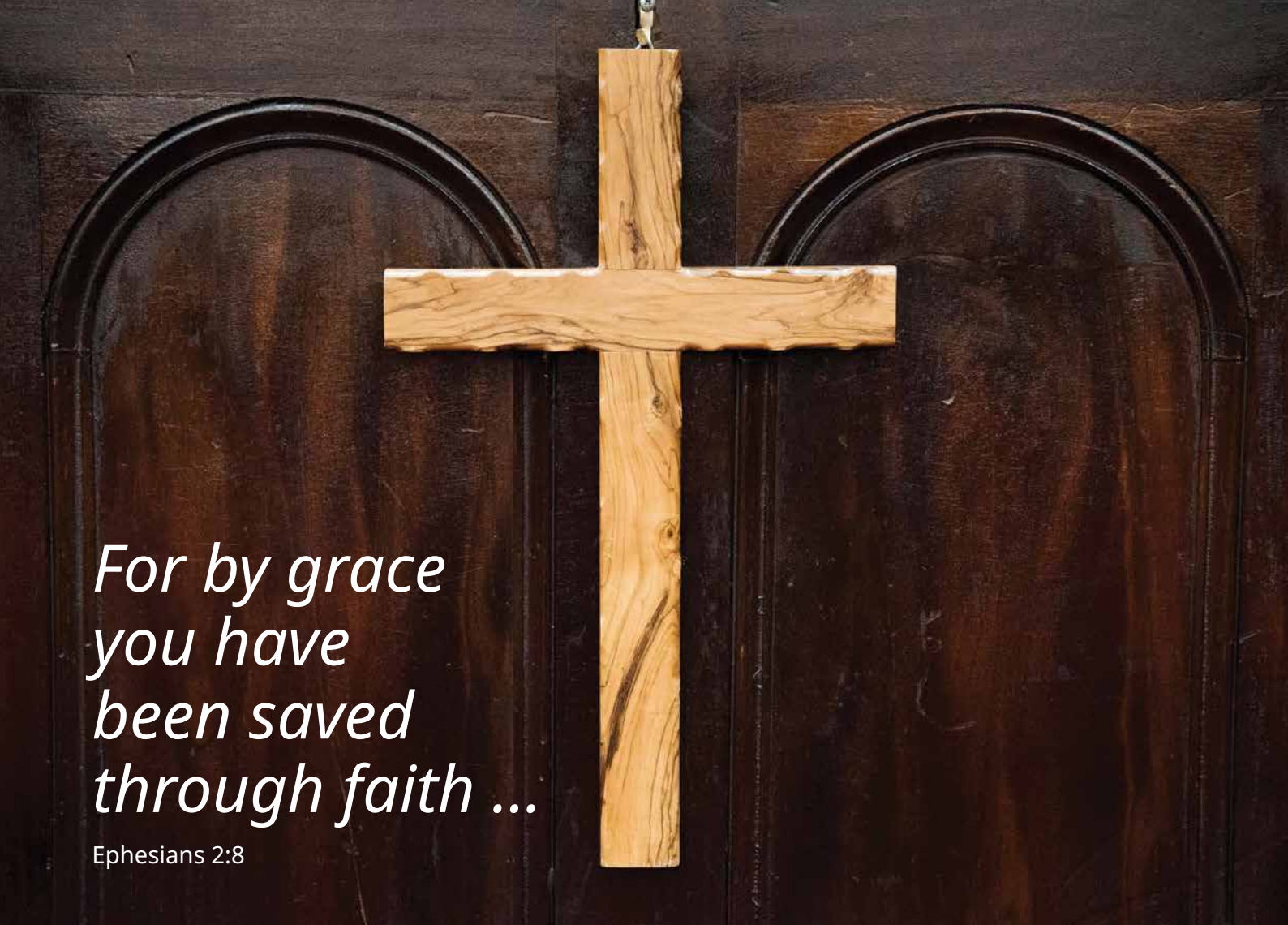
Patron: Geoffrey Court.

When you choose to include a gift in your will to the **Melbourne Anglican Foundation**, you are welcomed into the **Charles and Frances Perry Society** – a community of supporters who share a commitment to sustaining the mission and ministry of the Anglican Church for generations to come.

Members are invited to special gatherings and events hosted by the Foundation, offering opportunities to connect with others, reflect on faith, and share in the life of the Church.



Photo: The Field, a new ministry presence meeting at St Columb's, Hawthorn.



*For by grace
you have
been saved
through faith ...*

Ephesians 2:8



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