

## Making a will

It really isn't difficult or complicated to make a will or update an existing one.

### Step 1

Gather information to plan a meeting with your solicitor. The Law Society offers helpful information on their website under 'Making a Will':

[www.lawsociety.org.uk/public/for-public-visitors/common-legal-issues/making-a-will](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/public/for-public-visitors/common-legal-issues/making-a-will)

### Step 2

Find a solicitor – ask family & friends, search for 'Free Wills Month', or explore [www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/free-cheap-wills/](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/free-cheap-wills/)

### Step 3

Make an appointment to see your solicitor.

Make sure your will is kept somewhere safe and your executors know where it is.

Review your will every 5 years or anytime your personal circumstances change.

If you include AIC in your will, please let us know and we can securely store a copy of your will.

Thinking about life after death should be a simple matter for Christians.

Make sure you are prepared practically and spiritually, whatever your age.

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WHY EVERY  
CHRISTIAN  
SHOULD  
HAVE A WILL



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**Caring for others is at the core of our identity at AIC. Having a will can ensure that you support your family and friends, that your wishes are fulfilled. Making a will is also a valuable way to continue your spirit of generosity with the assets you leave behind.**

### What is a will?

A will is something that we hope won't be needed for a very long time. Nevertheless, it's a vital legal document which looks after the people and causes you care about after you're gone.

### Why now?

Everyone knows it's a good idea to make a will. But for many of us, it's one of those things we never quite get around to doing, and there's always a reason for putting it off.

### How much does a will cost?

A simple will cost around £150 +VAT and a Set of mirrored wills around £220 + VAT. If your affairs are more complicated, it may cost more.

Here are some of the reasons you should make a will, sooner rather than later.

### You choose what happens

If you do not make a will, the law will decide who receives all your assets in accordance with pre-ordained rules. These unfortunately may not coincide with your own wishes.

### Take care of the children

If you have any children under 18, you should appoint guardians to look after them in the event of both parents' death. If you don't name guardians for your children in your will, the courts will decide who will be given custody.

### Your property is protected

If you and your partner are not married, he or she will not benefit from your estate unless you have specifically written it into a will.

### International concerns

If you or your family live internationally, you can ensure the will coincides with concerns and responsibilities in your home country.

### Reflect modern family life

Have you been married or divorced since you made a will? If so, your existing will may not be valid. Remarriages can also complicate matters of inheritance and provision for children.

### Reduce your inheritance tax bill

Even with changes to inheritance tax law, there may be a large tax savings to be made by proper planning through your will.

### Make a charitable gift

Once you have made provision for your loved ones, you may wish to include a gift in your will to AIC. This would help to support our future work including the Cold Weather Shelter, music ministries, or maintenance of our building.

### For peace of mind

Once you've made a will, you'll know that if the unthinkable were to happen, your estate would be in order for your family – a weight off your mind.