



Mission Housing

Evelyn's Legacy

The Affordable Gift

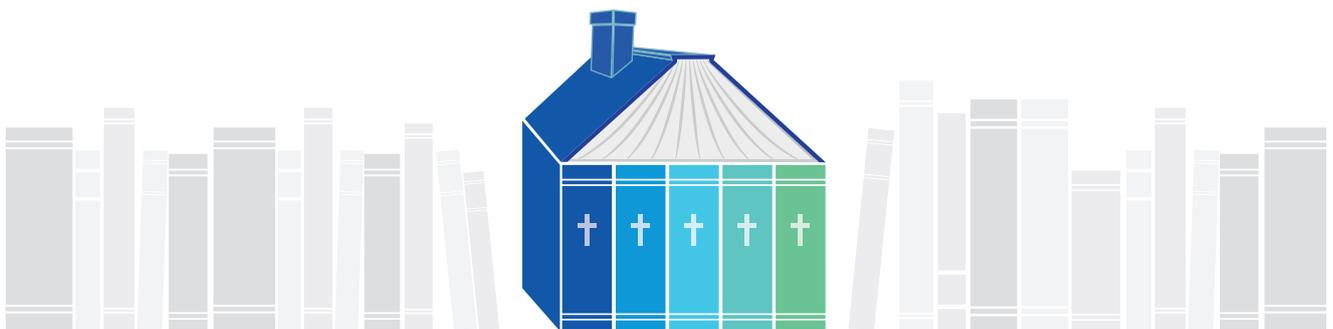
Would you rather leave your legacy to your favourite charity or the Exchequer?

Though Britons loyally give to charities during their lifetimes, only 7% of them leave a legacy*. For a Christian, tithing your estate can be thought of as part of your final act of thanksgiving to God. It can express what you have valued highly in your life and so enable you to make a big difference in a particular area of Christian ministry.

Evelyn Challis understood this. Her relationship with Affordable Christian Housing began more than 12 years ago and endures even after her death. Evelyn was a committed member of East London Tabernacle and worked in homes across Tower Hamlets, helping young children with developmental delays. "She was very committed to Christians living and working in London," said Evelyn's longtime friend Carys Woodbridge, herself an ACH Associate.

Evelyn also had personal experience navigating the difficulties of affordable housing for London-based Christian workers. In 2000, her living situation became stressful and unsafe, as drug dealers and abusive neighbours moved in nearby. With help from ACH she was able to buy a home in Tower Hamlets, which allowed her to stay near her social work and church community. When her uncle left her his legacy, she loaned the surplus money to our organisation. When it was time to move again, we returned the loan and she was able to buy independently.

In 2006 Evelyn was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She died in April last year, aged 56. She had consistently maintained a good relationship with ACH and, to the surprise of the organisation, left us a substantial donation in her will. This affordable gift – for it is money she no longer needs – enables ACH to help others as we helped her.



Read about the Hoyles on page 3, who were helped to be housed through Evelyn's legacy donation.

*Money given to a charity in your will is automatically deducted from your estate before any calculation of Inheritance Tax.

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