A Lasting Legacy
“I like the idea that after I am gone, the young people of future generations will also benefit from the same advantages that Corpus gave me, and that the tutorial system and the important research which the Fellows and graduate students are engaged in will continue to flourish in future years. If I can put aside part of my estate to make sure that happens, then it will help to repay some of the huge debt I feel that I owe my old College.”

Bill Morris (1964)
Bishop Fox founded Corpus Christi College in 1517 with the help of his friend Bishop Oldham who donated £4,000 (approx. £1m at today’s value).

This was followed by a legacy from William Frost of Avington, Fox’s Steward and later High Sherriff of Hampshire. On Frost’s death, he bequeathed his estate at Mapledurwell to the College, the income from which was intended to provide for the maintenance of a Scholar and a Fellow. The College has decided to name its legacy society in recognition of this early benefaction.

For over 500 years, the financial support received from its alumni and friends in the form of legacies has helped to shape and transform Corpus. It has helped to endow Fellowships, establish bursaries and scholarships, renovate buildings and create new teaching spaces.

Corpus now operates in an international setting. It must find the resources to provide both world-class research and the very best educational experiences for students.

The Frost Society has been founded to recognise all those who have chosen to make provision for the College in their will. Anyone who decides to make such a bequest is entitled to join the Society (by completing the forms enclosed in the back of this booklet). The Society gathers once a year to enjoy lunch in Hall and an afternoon spent with friends, Fellows and students.
A long history of giving

**1517**
Hugh Oldham contributes £4,000 to the foundation of the College.

**1529**
William Frost leaves the College the manor of Maplederwell, Hampshire, for the maintenance of a Scholar and a Fellow.

**1537**
John Claymond gives the College lands in Iffley, Headington, Cowley, Littlemore, Sandford and Marston, together with his library.

**1558**
Robert Morwent leaves the College lands in Cowley, Horsepath, and Duntisbourne Rouse together with the advowsons of the churches of Duntisbourne Rouse and Lower Heyford.

**1572**
Richard Cobb leaves the College an estate in Hampshire to provide £20 a year to support poor scholars.

**1749**
Henry Hare leaves the College his extensive library of Italian books, drawings and engravings connected with the art and antiquities of Italy.

**1805**
Sir Richard Worsley leaves the College the Adoration of the Magi by Rubens as an altarpiece for the Chapel.

**1907**
Charles Oldham provides money to support the advancement of learning at Corpus, particularly classical scholarship.

**1914**
Charles Roderick Haigh, killed in action at Ypres, leaves £2,300 to found an Exhibition in Classics in memory of his father.

**1920**
The parents of David Radcliffe (1913) killed in WWI, make a donation to establish a fund with which the CCCBC can purchase new boats.

**1923**
£100k from the will of Emily Thomas is used to build the Thomas Building.

**1927**
Charles Plummer leaves his residuary estate to the College, the income from which is to be applied “to the assistance of undergraduates or other members of the College who may be in need.”

**1928**
Edward Perry Warren leaves the college £23,000, for the establishment of a Praelectorship in Greek.

**1978**
The residue of the Estate of Sir Llewelyn Woodward is used to establish an extension to the College Library.

**2013**
Robin Nisbet leaves the College £1.3m and the royalties on his books to endow the College’s tutorial fellowship in Latin.

**2014**
Five legacies are received from Old Members, with a combined value of £47k.

**2018**
£975k given to the College to endow a JRF in Comparative Aesthetics.
Legacy income is vital to Corpus. Between 2013 and 2018, £1.47m was received in legacy gifts ranging from £5,000 to £1.3m. Each bequest, however big or small, is making a lasting contribution.

A donation of £3m will endow a Fellowship

A Donation of £1.5m will fully endow a Junior Research Fellowship

£75k will provide a three year Graduate Scholarship

£20k will refurbish a student room in the College

£10k will provide specialist equipment for College clubs and societies

£5k will restore a book press in the Library

“I am certain that I want to leave something for Corpus in my will. The opportunity to read Law at Corpus was a life-changing experience for me and it fuelled my career and achievements exponentially. I am, therefore, quite bonded to Corpus and feel that I owe a debt of gratitude to my College.”

Gaurav Pachnanda (1996)
How to leave a legacy

Should you wish to insert Corpus into your will, you should indicate that your bequest is for the benefit of:

Corpus Christi College, Oxford, Registered Charity no. 1143714

You may also like to add:

‘A receipt from the Bursar of the College shall be sufficient to discharge my Executors of their responsibilities under this clause.’

You may decide to leave a fixed sum to the College, or a percentage of your estate, or the residue that is left after you have provided for your loved ones and other charities. Your solicitor can advise you on the best way to record your intentions.

Letting us know your intentions

If you decide to include the College in your will, please let us know, using the form enclosed with this pack. We want to ensure we have a clear understanding of your wishes. Any information that you give us will be treated in confidence.

Planned Giving in the USA and Canada

If you live in North America and would like to know more about leaving a legacy to Corpus, our partner organisation in New York can offer guidance:

University of Oxford, North American Office, 500 Fifth Avenue, 32nd Floor, New York, NY 101100
Phone: +1 212 3774900
Email: central@oxfordna.org

Inheritance Tax

After your death, the total value of your estate (property, money and possessions) is added up. There is an allowance (this figure varies from time to time) that will be tax-free. Above this threshold, tax is payable to HMRC at a rate of 40% on the remainder of the estate.

When you leave money in your will to a charity, the charity receives 100% of that bequest, even if it is just above the inheritance tax threshold. The donation is deducted from the value of your estate before inheritance tax is calculated.

If you decide to leave 10% or more of your estate to charity, the tax payable on the remainder of your estate reduces from 40% to 36%.

“When we arrived at Corpus, there was no marriage equality. Nor did we see it on the horizon. Yet Corpus embraced us and made us feel loved. We left Corpus not only with a first-rate education, but friendships that have lasted a lifetime, and, perhaps most importantly, each other. When we began to look for a place for our money when we are gone, it didn’t take long to decide on Corpus as a worthy beneficiary for our estate. For us, Corpus is love. We plan to give as much as we can to continue that legacy.”

Kate Pickford and Ginger Rinkenberger (1984)