



**St Luke's**  
Hospice Plymouth

The power of  
leaving a lasting...

Gift

Ensure your legacy lives on, bringing  
light to local families when they need it most.





"From the beautiful gardens to the wonderful way they've helped reunite Tracey with her horse Malone, I will always be so grateful to St Luke's and remember the big smile they put on my beautiful wife's face."

**Tim Dunne,**  
Dartmoor



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read the story  
'Creature  
Comforts When  
Time is Short'

## Your kindness counts



*George Lillie, Chief Executive Officer of St Luke's Hospice Plymouth, on the powerful impact of remembering our independent local charity in your will.*

For over 40 years the kindness and generosity of our supporters has kept St Luke's doing what we do best, providing our specialist service across Plymouth and surrounding areas to help terminally ill people and their families at the toughest time of their lives.

Every gift our charity receives helps us towards the cost of looking after up to 300 patients on any given day at no charge to them. Such outstanding personalised medical care, together with emotional and practical support, brings them comfort and reassurance and maintains their dignity. It is what they need – and deserve – at the end of their lives so they can make the most of precious time with loved ones.

Whether we are caring for people in their own home, in hospital or at our specialist unit at Turnchapel, it is always with the expertise, warmth and sensitivity for which St Luke's is renowned.

We want our trusted service to continue – for the next 40 years and beyond – and above all, it is legacies that will help make this a reality. Bequests to St Luke's build our charity's resilience in this tough economic climate and help us plan for the future. They are your gift to us so that no-one in your community whose time is running short feels forgotten or left behind.

Of course, making sure your loved ones are provided for is top of the list, but if St Luke's is a cause close to your heart, please – if you are able to – remember us and our patients in your will, too.

You will be making more of a difference than you will ever know.  
Thank you.

**George Lillie**  
CEO

# How your gift will help

**Big or small, the gift you leave St Luke's goes straight into providing the vital care and support we give people who need us and the families who love them. This means that together, they can make precious memories when time is short.**

We care for people aged 18 and over who have a life-limiting, progressive condition, such as cancer, motor neurone disease, heart failure and multiple sclerosis. Our highly skilled team never forgets they are people – not just patients – looking after them holistically with the utmost kindness and respect, focussing on what matters most to them.

For each person, we do all we can to involve them in decisions about their care, maintaining their dignity and remembering that often, the 'little things', such as their favourite meal cooked just the way they like it or a visit from their much-loved pet, can make a big difference.

"I'm forever grateful to St Luke's for what they did for us. I remember Chloe telling me she felt like a princess when she was able to use the bath with lights and music. For my daughter Chloe to feel like a princess in a hospice really is special."

**Claire Behennah  
Callington**



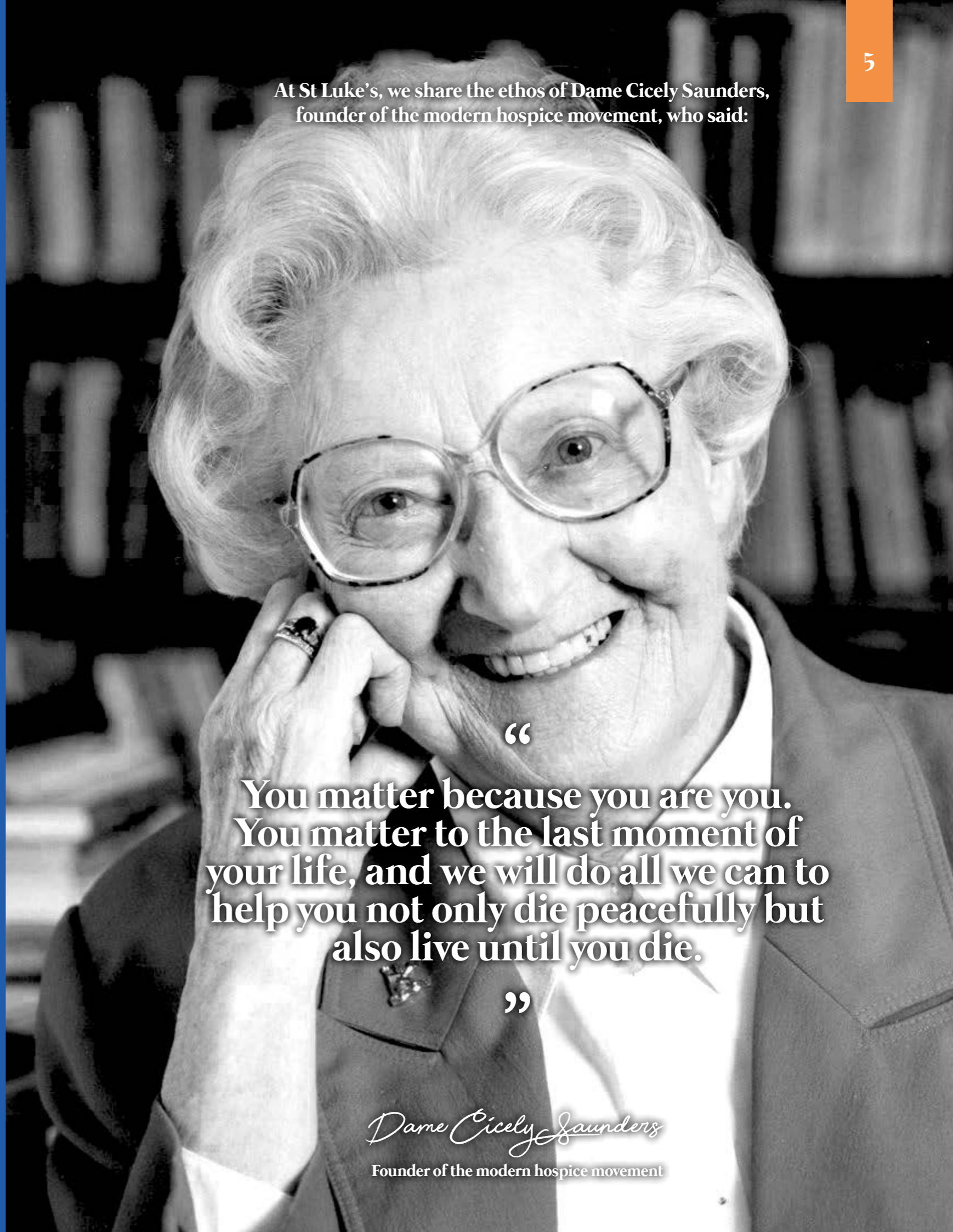
Scan here to watch our emotional video with Claire about her incredible daughter Chloe



At St Luke's, we share the ethos of Dame Cicely Saunders, founder of the modern hospice movement, who said:

“  
You matter because you are you.  
You matter to the last moment of  
your life, and we will do all we can to  
help you not only die peacefully but  
also live until you die.  
”

*Dame Cicely Saunders*  
Founder of the modern hospice movement



# Who will benefit?

**Your legacy to St Luke's will not only help us look after older people but also young families affected by terminal illness, too.**

Ginny French's husband Russ – father to their three young daughters – was just 37 when sadly, he died from cancer in 2020. The adored family man was looked after at Turnchapel in the last days of his life, where with help from our team he recorded messages to Effy, Aria and Indi so that, at the press of their teddy bears' paws, they can still hear Daddy's voice reminding them of his enduring love and affection.

Ginny, from Loddiswell in the South Hams, Devon, said: "Russ had worked as a surfing instructor and the most happy, chilled-out person, but when his condition deteriorated quickly and he needed hospice care, it was a very anxious time for us. When you're both in your 30s, it is not something you expect to be facing and it felt very daunting.

"It really helped that everyone at Turnchapel was so warm and welcoming. Most people know about the fantastic medical care St Luke's provides but what stood out to me was the way they showed such kindness to us as a family. It was Lisa, one of St Luke's Family and Children's Support Workers, who suggested that Russ record the teddy messages for the girls. She was there for us back in 2019, when she gently helped to prepare the girls for the changes they would see in Russ, and she has been such a source of reassurance for them – and me – ever since.

**"I remember how they bought fish and chips for Russ as they knew it was his favourite..."**

"For the wider team, too, nothing was ever too much trouble. I remember how they bought fish and chips for Russ as they knew it was his favourite, and they made sure he could get out into the gardens to see the sun setting.

"Russ was given a side room with private access so that I could visit and he could watch Effy and Aria run around and play with the sandboxes just outside his window. He was always such a loving, hands-on dad and I know how much that meant to him.

"Losing Russ has been heart-breaking and we miss him so much, but I will be forever grateful to St Luke's for their loving care for our family. Now, whenever the girls want to hear Daddy's voice, the teddies will always be there for Effy, Aria and Indi as a reminder of his love for them and that very special bond."



# Why should I make a will?

At some point in our lives, we all have to look to the future. Creating your will is important because it makes clear what you want to happen to your money, possessions and property (your estate) after you die. If you don't leave a will, the law will decide how your estate is passed on and this may not be in line with your wishes.

A properly planned will...

Makes things easier for your family and friends after you've died. With your decisions recorded in your will, it will be less time consuming and stressful for them to sort things out at an already difficult time.

Can reduce the amount of inheritance tax that may be payable on the value of the property and money you leave behind. This is especially helpful if you have children or other people who depend on you financially, or if you want to leave something to someone outside your family or to a charity close to your heart, such as St Luke's.

If you haven't already made your will, we hope the following information will help you begin this simple process to ensure your estate is handled exactly as you want it to be.

**"Never did I think a hospice could feel so heavenly. St Luke's has taken the fear out of cancer – they've got all my treatment right and I'm no longer in pain, but it's so much more than that. Thanks to the fantastic staff and Ena and Mollie, it's been a happy time. There's been so much laughter – they've had me in stitches!"**

**Margaret Davies,  
Plymouth**



Scan here to read the full story of 'The Golden Girls of Turnchapel'



# How to make a will

Anyone aged 18 or over and mentally capable of doing so can make a will. To get started, you'll need to identify the following important people. You might want to record names in the boxes below. Please remember that this is not a legally binding document in its own right, but it can be helpful for you to show your solicitor so that the information forms the base of your will.

EXECUTORS

Who do you want to be responsible for the legal and financial aspects of your will?

GUARDIANS

If you have children, it's important to identify who you want to be responsible for them should both parents die.

BENEFICIARIES

Record the names of the people and/or organisation(s) you want to receive a specific gift from your estate, such as money, land or property.

RESIDUE

This is what is left once all specific gifts have been made and any debts paid off, so it's important to state who you want to receive it.

# How to leave a gift or legacy

Pledging a legacy to St Luke's in your will is one of the most meaningful and precious gifts you can leave in your memory. It ensures your legacy lives on, supporting people at the toughest time of their lives. It's a gift we will value and treasure, as will all those in our care who will benefit from your compassion for them.

There are three main ways to leave a legacy to our charity. We have included examples of wording you could use in your will to do so.

## RESIDUAL LEGACY

We understand that family comes first for most people. Leaving a residual legacy to St Luke's means that after making provision for your loved ones, the remainder of your estate can be left to our charity, either alone or in combination with other organisations.

If you'd like to leave us a residual legacy, you could use the following wording:

*"I bequeath to St Luke's Hospice Plymouth, registered charity number 280681, of Stamford Road, Turnchapel, Plymouth, Devon, PL9 9XA, the whole [or %] of my residuary estate to be applied to the general purposes of the said charity. The receipt of the Secretary or other authorised officer of said charity shall be sufficient to discharge to my Executors."*

## CASH LEGACY

If you decide to leave St Luke's a specific sum of money, please let your solicitor know you want to make a 'pecuniary bequest'. To ensure the of your gift is maintained over time, it is advisable to link your gift to the Retail Price Index (RPI).

If you'd like to leave us a cash legacy, you could use the following wording:

*"I bequeath to St Luke's Hospice Plymouth, registered charity number 280681, of Stamford Road, Turnchapel, Plymouth, Devon, PL9 9XA, the sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ to be applied to the general purposes of the said charity. The receipt of the Secretary or other authorised officer of said charity shall be sufficient to discharge to my Executors."*

## LEGACY IN KIND

Some of our kind-hearted supporters choose to leave us specific items, such as property, shares, jewellery or furniture. This is what is known as a 'specific legacy'. We always maximise the value of items left to us, and we have a network of charity shops across the local area, as well as online auction sites, to help us do this.

If you'd like to leave us a legacy in kind, you could use the following wording:

*"I bequeath to St Luke's Hospice Plymouth, registered charity number 280681, of Stamford Road, Turnchapel, Plymouth, Devon, PL9 9XA, my [short description of property given] to be applied to the general purposes of the said charity. The receipt of the Secretary or other authorised officer of said charity shall be sufficient to discharge to my Executors."*

# Will writing service

A good solicitor will listen to your wishes and make the process of creating your will as easy as possible for you. Once your will is in place, you'll have the reassurance that your financial matters will be dealt with as you want them to be.

For your appointment with a solicitor, it's a good idea to have the following ready:

- A list of all the things you own, including savings (your assets), as well as any liabilities, such as mortgage and loans.
- A list of loved ones and charities you want to benefit. For any charities, it's a good idea to have the address and charity number ready to give to your solicitor. (For St Luke's details, please see the back cover of this document).
- It will also be important to let your solicitor know what type of gifts you want to leave, eg specific, pecuniary or residuary – see page nine for more information about this.

You will also need to have identified the person(s) you want to appoint as executor(s) of your will. This can be a family member, friend or professional.

To save you money and time, St Luke's runs a will-writing scheme with trusted local solicitors. Please visit our website at [www.stlukes-hospice.org.uk/makeawill](http://www.stlukes-hospice.org.uk/makeawill) or call us on 01752 492626 for a list of participating solicitors.

## Changing a will

Once your will is in place, it is a legal document. However, if you wish to make changes to any details within it, you can do this easily by adding a codicil, which must be kept with the original document. Your solicitor can advise you on this and discuss various options with you.

## Glossary of terms

### Administrator

The person appointed by the court to arrange your affairs if you don't leave a will.

### Beneficiary

Any person or organisation you leave a gift/legacy to in your will.

### Bequeathe

To leave something in your will.

### Codicil

A document which is legally drawn up and witnessed, which details a change to your original will.

### Estate

The total sum of your possessions, property and money, after any debts have been settled.

### Executor

A person responsible for carrying out the instructions in your will.

### Guardian

A person who is legally responsible for the welfare of your children if they are under the age of 18 and both parents are dead.

### Inheritance Tax

A tax that is charged if the value of your estate is above a certain limit.

### Legacy

A gift of money, land, property or possessions left to a charity, organisation or person in your will.

### Nil-Rate Band

The amount above which the estate pays inheritance tax of 40%.

### Pecuniary Bequest

A fixed sum of money left as a gift in your will.

### Probate

The legal procedure which decides if you have left a valid will.

### Residue

The remainder of your estate once all debts, charges and gifts have been deducted.

### Residuary Bequest

A gift consisting of the residue or part of the residue of your estate. This is a particularly popular way to leave a gift to charity.

# Make a difference

## To leave a legacy to St Luke's is to do something very special indeed.

Big or small, your gift will help ensure local people with terminal illness get the high-quality care they need - and deserve - at the end of their lives.

The compassionate care and support we give are tailored to each person's individual needs. This is what relieves their pain, brings them peace of mind and helps them make the most of precious time with the people they love. It is also what ensures that, when the time comes, they can die peacefully with dignity, which in turn helps the family and friends they leave behind.

## Our commitment to you

- We'll always treat your loved ones and family with the respect they deserve.
- Your will is a document that's personal to you; we'll never ask for details of your gift and we don't expect you to share this information with us at any time.
- We'll ensure that any gift you bequeath to us will be put to the best possible use and bring the best outcomes for future generations and families who need our services.

- However, if you would like to specify where and how you want your gift to be used we will adhere to your wishes.

- We at St Luke's Hospice Plymouth respect your right to change your mind concerning leaving us a gift at any time.

- St Luke's Hospice Plymouth is registered under the Data Protection Act 1998. We'll respect your privacy and treat any of your information in the strictest of confidence.

## Our heartfelt thanks

It means so much to all of us at St Luke's that you're taking the time to read this brochure. We regard it as a privilege to do what we do, and we really appreciate you thinking of us, our patients and their families.

If you have any questions relating to leaving a legacy to our charity, please get in touch with us on 01752 492626 or at [legacy@stlukes-hospice.or.uk](mailto:legacy@stlukes-hospice.or.uk) so that we can discuss your options with you.



"St Luke's is a leader in palliative care, and the triple service it provides at home, in hospital and at the specialist unit has been replicated by many other hospices because they, too, have recognised how patients benefit when they experience a seamless service. The needs of patients must always be at the centre of that service, and St Luke's has never forgotten this."

**Dr Mary Nugent**  
St Luke's Medical Director  
(1985 – 2013)



Scan here to listen to Dr Mary talk about the history of St Luke's

# Legacy response form



If you have already included St Luke's in your will, or are thinking doing so, thank you.

You can let us know by completing the form below. We fully respect that a will is a private and voluntary decision. Please be assured that what you choose to tell us is at your own discretion and any details you disclose will be treated with the utmost confidence.

While any information you give us is not legally binding, it is helpful because it means we can plan for future essential care. However, we remain equally grateful for support for St Luke's which is provided by people who prefer not to inform us of their gift.

If you would like to provide the following details, please tick the boxes that apply to you.

- I've already written my will which includes a legacy to St Luke's Hospice Plymouth.
- I intend to remember St Luke's Hospice Plymouth in my will.
- I intend to alter my will and include a gift to St Luke's Hospice Plymouth.
- I would like to talk to St Luke's Hospice Plymouth about leaving a gift in my will.

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Email:

Telephone:

We collect this data so that we can process your information provided, using consent as the legal basis. We would also like to contact you occasionally with information about St Luke's. You can read more about how and why we would contact you below:

- Email
- SMS
- Telephone
- I do NOT want to receive any further information from St Luke's Hospice Plymouth.

How and why we would contact you - if you give us your consent to, using this as a legal basis, we may contact you about St Luke's events, campaigns and promotions during the next 24 months via the communications you have selected. Your information will not be shared with any third party and will only be used for the purposes described above. You can change or withdraw your consent for us to hold or to use your personal data for the purposes set out above, at any time, by contacting St Luke's 01752 492626 or [funadmin@stlukes-hospice.org.uk](mailto:funadmin@stlukes-hospice.org.uk). To read more about how St Luke's protects your personal information, please visit [stlukes-hospice.org.uk/information-protection](http://stlukes-hospice.org.uk/information-protection).

Once completed, please return this form to:  
**Legacy Lead, St Luke's Hospice Plymouth, Turnchapel, Plymouth PL9 9XA.**