



St Peter's  
Hospice



## A Gift for the Future

**Remember St Peter's Hospice in your Will  
- and help secure the future of hospice  
care for local people**

## Over 40 years of hospice care for our community

St Peter's Hospice has proudly served local people for the last four decades, transforming end-of-life care for people in and around Bristol. Our expert teams help people live well until the end of their lives, as well as supporting their family and friends.

Much of the care we provide is given in patients' own homes. Here, we offer a range of specialist clinical and therapeutic services which allow people with a life-limiting condition to remain at home, feeling better, for longer. And, when the time comes, our experienced Hospice at Home Team are there to support patients, making the last days of life as comfortable and peaceful as possible.

For those who cannot or do not wish to remain at home, we provide care in our 15-bed Inpatient Unit within our Hospice in Brentry – a very special, life-affirming place.

We've recently expanded our reach of digital services, providing lifelines for patients, families and friends, so our teams can help more people, more quickly, using the latest technologies.

Our patients and their loved ones are part of our hospice family; everyone from Emma the nurse, to Bill the driver and Alison the cleaner, is part of providing the care, comfort and understanding that everyone deserves as life comes to a close.

**Everyone in our community is an individual, a person who is loved and who matters – and we will only ever have one chance to get their end-of-life care right. St Peter's Hospice care is unique to each patient.**

### **A community charity, funded by our community**

St Peter's Hospice relies on voluntary gifts to pay for the care and support of our patients. Each day we invest over £25,000 into our care and support services.

### **Gifts in Wills are, and have always been, vital to our work**

Gifts in Wills are our largest single source of income – in fact, they pay for the entire care costs of almost one out of every four local people. Gifts left by generous supporters in their Wills impact everyone throughout the Hospice.

These kind, thoughtful gifts – often left in a Will made many years before – played a big part in enabling us to build our brand-new Inpatient Unit in 2018. These gifts gave us financial security during the 2020 pandemic, making it possible for us to continue delivering care in the most difficult times we've ever faced.

**Now, we ask all in our community to consider leaving a gift in their Will to St Peter's Hospice – so that we can continue to provide outstanding care for local people for years to come.**



Hello there,

I received my diagnosis last year, in between Christmas and New Year. My consultant said I'd have 3-6 months without chemotherapy, 10-12 months possibly with it. Well, I've still got things I want to achieve in my life – so I chose the treatment option.

My doctor registered me with St Peter's Hospice, and they came out to see me at home. That's when I first met Occupational Therapist, Samantha and Community Nurse Specialist, Joel, who has become 'my' nurse now. In the months I have known them I have been simply blown away with the care and support they give me. They come to see me regularly – but they're in touch most days and I know I can call Joel any time.

Nothing is too much trouble. Anything I've needed they've jumped in and helped me out. I have been amazed not just with the depth of their knowledge, but also at how thoughtful and understanding they are. I trust them, completely; it is a huge comfort to have them there for me.

I knew St Peter's relied on public support, but I was staggered to learn that they only receive around 23% of funds from official sources. And I know, from talking to them over these last few months, that the pandemic made that situation so much harder.

That's why I have chosen to remember St Peter's in my Will. I have settled my affairs and I know that my family, my daughter, will be fine after I'm gone. So, I have asked a couple of friends to take and sell most of my belongings (and I've collected a fair bit over the years!) and to give the money to the hospice.

It brings me comfort to know that I will be helping those who come after me receive the same exceptional care from Joel and his colleagues. My daughter is thrilled as well. She doesn't have the skills or experience to give me the care I need; but she's seen St Peter's care for me as well as any daughter could.

If you are considering how you might support our local hospice, I urge you to think of including them in your own Will. These decisions we make will affect the care our friends – and our own children – will ultimately receive. I think we are all extremely fortunate to have St Peter's there for us all. Long may that continue.

With all best wishes to you and your family,

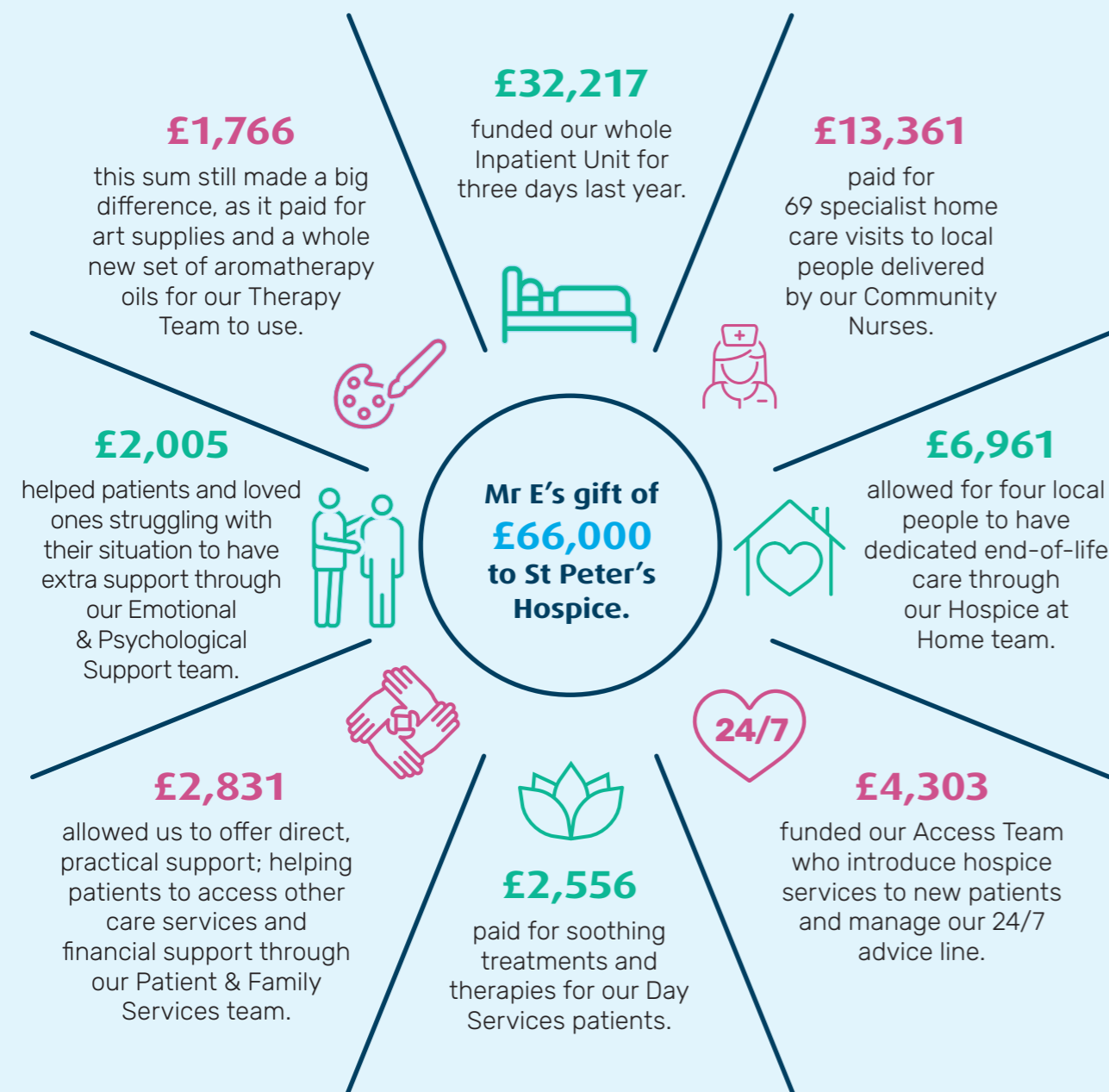
*Nigel Whittle*

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# A Gift left in a Will supports local hospice care now – and for years in the future.

**Mr E very kindly left a gift of £66,000 to St Peter's Hospice. Here's how his generosity delivered – and is still delivering – vital care to local people.**



**“I want to know that others in the same situation as my husband will continue to have the same care after I am gone.”**

I was with my husband Geoff when our GP told him he had incurable lung cancer. “I’ll refer you to St Peter’s Hospice – they’ll look after you”, she said.

Nurse Carolyn, the most wonderful person, came out to see us once a month. As Geoff’s condition gradually worsened so his trust in Carolyn grew. It came to a point when he began to experience hallucinations – and he could no longer lie down to sleep. We both knew this was nearing the end and we turned to Carolyn for help.

She found a bed for Geoff at the hospice – she and her colleagues were magnificent. They gave him a comfortable bed and took away his pain. Our children came in and we spent precious time together, as a family once more. After five days, Geoff passed away.

I was determined to help the hospice. “Everyone should have a Carolyn!” I told the congregation at the funeral. And so, ten years ago, I became a volunteer at St Peter’s; first at the hospice itself but latterly helping out the fundraising team in Long Ashton. Over these years I have witnessed first-hand both the incredible care given to so many families like mine; but also the mighty struggle the charity goes through every year to raise the money needed to keep them going.

And so I have made the decision to support St Peter’s in my Will. I want to know that others in the same situation as my husband will continue to have the same care after I am gone. My children will come first, of course. But they have been so supportive of my decision – because they know how important the hospice has become to me.

I hope all of us in Bristol and beyond realise how fortunate we are to have this charity in our midst, giving us vital care at the end of our lives. But I also hope we realise how delicate this charity is – and that it can only continue to care for us if we, the community it serves, thinks carefully and considerately about how we can support them.

*Coral Harrison*



**Coral and Geoff Harrison**



# We will support you in making the right decision for you and your loved ones.

A Will is a vital document for you, ensuring that those you care about are provided for after your death. Without a valid Will, the specific wishes you may have for your family or loved ones may not be carried out as you would wish. The final value of your estate after tax can often be significantly reduced.

If you have not yet made a Will, it is strongly recommended that you do so. It is a simple process that most solicitors will be able to assist with. The Law Society offers a free 'Find a local Solicitor' service which can be found at The Law Society's website, [lawsociety.org.uk](http://lawsociety.org.uk) – or by calling **020 7320 5650**.



St Peter's Hospice also works in conjunction with Farewill, the UK's largest online will writing service. They offer a simple, straightforward service and have an excellent reputation.

More information is available on our website [www.stpetershospice.org/makeawill](http://www.stpetershospice.org/makeawill)



## Hello, I'm Becky from the fundraising team at St Peter's Hospice.

I meet our wonderful supporters every day and many ask me about the best way they can help. The truth is, there are so many ways that people contribute to the care St Peter's Hospice provides; but a gift in a Will is probably one of the easiest and most effective gifts anyone can give.

Making or changing a Will that provides for those who are close to you, while ensuring that your specific wishes are met, is not something to be taken lightly. So, if you would like to discuss what arrangement might be best for you, please do get in touch with me to arrange a visit; or perhaps just an informal chat.

Please email [becky.mitchell@stpetershospice.org](mailto:becky.mitchell@stpetershospice.org) or call **01275 391 432**.



## There are different ways you can support hospice care for local people with a Gift in your Will

There are several kinds of Gifts you can leave. Each Gift is special to us and ensures that we're able to provide the very best care and support to those who need us, today and into the future.

- **A cash (or 'pecuniary') gift**

This is when you choose to leave a single, precise cash gift from your estate.

- **A specific gift**

This type of gift is usually something like property or an individual valuable item, such as an antique or piece of jewellery.

- **A life interest**

If you wish, you can leave a gift for use over a specific period – for example, the income from an investment. After that time has passed, the gift could then be passed on to another recipient or family member.

- **A share of your estate (or 'residuary') gift**

After you've provided for your loved ones and taxes have been paid, you could choose to leave a share, or the full remainder (the residue) of your estate to St Peter's Hospice. This means that your estate is passed on to those you care about as well as supporting hospice care into the future.

- **A house clearance**

St Peter's Hospice has for many years offered a bespoke house clearance service. Here, you would identify the specific items or belongings you wish to leave to your loved ones – and then leave the remainder to St Peter's Hospice. Our team of staff and volunteers will then sensitively arrange to come and clear your house of remaining furniture and belongings, which we will then sell on in the most effective way possible – the proceeds all going towards local hospice care.

### **Inheritance Tax**

Good financial planning is essential in order to maximise the sum you are able to leave to your loved ones. Each individual has a tax-free allowance of £325,000 (correct as of July 2021) before Inheritance Tax at 40% becomes due (plus a further £175,000 if the family home is passed directly to their descendants). All gifts to charities such as St Peter's Hospice are deducted from the value of the estate before Inheritance Tax is calculated. This means that a gift towards local hospice care can reduce the total amount of Inheritance Tax due.

**For more information, please speak to your solicitor or visit the HMRC website: [www.hmrc.gov.uk/inheritancetax](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/inheritancetax).**

## Suggested wordings to help you make your Gift

We strongly recommend using a specialist solicitor or Will-writing expert to help create or change your Will. They can advise and support you to ensure that your estate is distributed exactly according to your wishes and on how to minimise the impact of Inheritance Tax.

If you do decide to leave a Gift in your Will to St Peter's Hospice you will need to provide clear and unambiguous instruction to your executors. Here is some wording we recommend you discuss with your solicitor:

### **For a residuary (share of your estate)**

**legacy:** "I give all / a fraction / a percentage of the residue of my estate absolutely to, **St Peter's Hospice, Charlton Road, Brentry, Bristol, BS10 6NL**, Registered Charity Number **269177**, to be applied by St Peter's Hospice for its charitable purposes, and I further direct that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer or any other proper officer of St Peter's Hospice for the time being shall be sufficient discharge to my trustees."

**For pecuniary (cash) legacy:** "I give to **St Peter's Hospice, Charlton Road, Brentry, Bristol, BS10 6NL**, Registered Charity Number **269177**, absolutely, the sum of (amount in figures, amount in words) to be applied by St Peter's Hospice for its charitable purposes, and I further direct that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer or any other proper officer of St Peter's Hospice for the time being shall be sufficient discharge to my trustees."

**For a specific gift:** "I give to **St Peter's Hospice, Charlton Road, Brentry, Bristol, BS10 6NL**, Registered Charity Number **269177**, absolutely, (write in here whatever you wish to give) to be applied by St Peter's Hospice for its charitable purposes, and I further direct that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer or any other proper officer of St Peter's Hospice for the time being shall be sufficient discharge to my trustees."

However you choose to support St Peter's Hospice, **please ensure that any instruction clearly includes our unique registered charity number 269177**. This will ensure your gift arrives safely and promptly.



## Glossary of common terms

- **Estate:**  
The property, including money, owned by the deceased, after any debts and/or expenses have been taken into account.
- **Beneficiaries:**  
People or organisations – for example, a charity – who benefit from a Will.
- **Executors:**  
Person(s) appointed in a Will by the testator to deal with the estate after his/her death.
- **Guardian(s):**  
Person(s) appointed in a Will by the testator to look after his/her children, if there is no-one else with parental responsibility to do so.
- **Residuary gift:**  
A share of the estate (i.e. percentage) allocated in the Will by the testator.
- **Pecuniary gift:**  
A single, precise cash gift from your estate.
- **A specific gift:**  
An individual valuable item, such as an antique or piece of jewellery.
- **Testator:**  
A person who has made a Will or given a legacy.

Please write your details below, send in an envelope to the address listed below, and we'll be in touch soon. Thank you.

**Freepost RTEY-UXTU-CBTR, St Peter's Hospice, Unit 18 Orchard View, Estune Business Park, Pear Tree Avenue, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS41 9FR.**

- I have already included St Peter's Hospice in my Will. Letting us know this will help us to plan for our future. From time to time we invite those who have left legacies to exclusive supporter events, if you would prefer not to be contacted please indicate here:
  - Please do not invite me to exclusive events.
- I would like a member of the hospice Fundraising Team to contact me to discuss giving in Wills.

**Please write your details below:**

First Name:

Surname:

Address:

Telephone:

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We would love to keep you updated with news about our work and fundraising activities and may contact you by mail or phone with updates or information we think you'd be interested in.

See our privacy policy on our website [www.stpetershospice.org](http://www.stpetershospice.org) for more information on how we use and protect personal information.

You can change the way we communicate with you at any time by calling us on 01275 391400, emailing [communications@stpetershospice.org](mailto:communications@stpetershospice.org) or writing to us

St Peter's Hospice Fundraising Office, Unit 18 Orchard View, Estune Business Park, Pear Tree Avenue, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS41 9FR.

If you would like us to contact you about our work by email, please tick this box

If you are already a supporter of St Peter's Hospice we will already have your preferences on file, but you can change these at any time by contacting us on the details above.





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