

Give a gift
in your will



BRF Ministries



From the Chief Executive

Hello,

Here at BRF Ministries we've been resourcing people's spiritual journeys for over 100 years, providing comfort in hard times, enrichment in good times, and challenge and inspiration at any time.

Through books, Bible reading notes, events, and blogs, we're constantly exploring faith in new ways, because with the right support, anyone and everyone can build a lifelong relationship with God.

Our grateful thanks if you have already remembered us with a gift in your will. If you are prayerfully considering this, I hope the information in this brochure will encourage you to support our ministry.

Canon Richard Fisher
Chief Executive

With a century-long track record, BRF Ministries has grown and adapted in response to changing needs and circumstances.

Today, through each of our bold and pioneering ministries we offer help, support, training, and inspiration to:

- churches, groups, and individuals who want to grow in faith and knowledge, reach out to their wider communities, and engage more effectively in issues of the day
- support older people of strong, little, or no faith
- church leaders of all denominations who want to engage their congregations in Bible literacy, prayer, discipleship, and mission
- families who want to raise children and teens who don't just know about God, but know God.
- those wishing to offer ministry to children and their families who wouldn't ordinarily attend church
- ministers and others who want to develop their gifts in leadership and ministry.



Offering spiritual care in later life

Anna Chaplaincy was founded in 2010 as a grassroots, ecumenical project. Named after Anna, the widow in Luke's gospel, Anna Chaplains offer a ministry of presence among older people of strong, little, or no faith.

BRF Ministries' Anna Chaplaincy team provides support, training, resources, events, and networking opportunities for local churches and teams committed to the spiritual care of older people.

This has grown into a nationwide ministry with a vision to have Anna Chaplains and Anna Friends in every community.

'I one hundred percent endorse the work of BRF Ministries, as it is relevant to all age groups. I feel that they spend donations wisely, and this makes me confident in giving to them.'

I first learned about Anna Chaplaincy from Debbie Thrower, who pioneered this wonderful ministry.

As an older person myself, I am very aware of the limited amount of ministry available to older people, and therefore Anna Chaplaincy is vital to us. It's inclusive and wonderfully generous, listening and responding to older people in a range of ways according to their needs.'

ANN FROM BRISTOL

'When I considered leaving a gift in my will to BRF Ministries, I thought about the impact they had had in the past and how important it is that they continue into the future.

I am impressed in the way that the pioneers established the ministries and how they have grown and developed.

My own faith journey began after recovering from Meningitis, and over the years I have been able to help my children and grandchildren with theirs.

My message to those considering leaving a gift in their will to BRF Ministries is that we all need a central point of our faith that we stand up for. Their message is clear and pure and, in my view, the world would be worse off without BRF Ministries.'

HUGH FROM HAMPSHIRE

The logo for BRF Resources, featuring the text "BRF" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by a small red leaf icon, and then the word "Resources" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

Resourcing your spiritual journey

In 1922 the Revd Leslie Mannering began producing Bible reading notes to help his congregation 'get a move on' in their faith. We now produce a range of Bible reading notes, books, courses, and resources to enable people of all ages to grow in Christian faith. A selection of editors and writers enable us to produce materials covering a range of topics for study and reflection. We regularly fundraise to provide free resources, such as books and Bible reading notes, to chaplains ministering in hospitals, care homes, prisons, hospices, refuges, and food banks. Our publications are also widely used and trusted by church ministers teaching courses, such as Lent, Advent, and discipleship.



It's church, but not as you know it

Every month thousands of people of all ages come together to discover Jesus, including those who've never been to church before. In over 30 countries around the world, we eat, play, and worship together. Expect activities, songs and prayers, and an entirely new way to express your faith.

Messy Church offers resources, face-to-face and online training, support, and many different opportunities to connect with others who are passionate about helping messy people of all ages to explore faith together in new ways.

'What is Messy Church, I asked myself?

I found the answer to my question when I saw Messy Church in action. Families and people of all ages were having fun, doing activities based on Bible stories they were listening to and enjoying a meal together.

I wanted to support this Christ-centred ministry, and so I became a "Friend" of BRF Ministries with a regular monthly donation. It's important to ensure that resources and training are available to church leaders and volunteers who want to offer Messy Church in their communities. I pray for this wonderful work to continue and have recently updated my will as I am aware of how vital legacies are to BRF Ministries.'

PENNY FROM BOLTON

'I have been fortunate to know God and feel his love and peace throughout my life. My dearest wish is that my grandchildren will, too, but it isn't easy, particularly as their mum died at a pivotal time in their lives.

I have found great help and support from many of BRF Ministries' books and resources, especially their Parenting for Faith ministry, which encompasses the role of grandparents. Many parents, carers, and grandparents come to our church food bank and community coffee morning, where they have benefitted from BRF Ministries' Bible reading notes and books, which we make readily available.

This is why I choose to support BRF Ministries financially and in prayer.'

JANE FROM YORKSHIRE

parenting
for Faith®

Equipping parents and carers to raise God-connected children and teens

In a busy world, we're equipping parents, grandparents, carers, and communities with the skills they need to help their babies, children and teenagers to meet and know God. We offer courses, resources, events, and training to support spiritual parenting, and make a lasting difference to young lives.

Parenting for Faith's tried-and-tested courses, podcasts, and resources are making a huge impact in communities throughout the country.

From the Head of Fundraising & Partnerships



Our ministries are making a unique and lasting contribution to people's lives, while sharing our overriding passion to inspire people of all ages to grow in Christian faith. This work could not be sustained, let alone expanded, without our supporters and subscribers, charitable trusts, a steady stream of donations, and gifts in wills.

If you share the vision of BRF Ministries, with your help and prayers we can continue to deliver these remarkable ministries during what is a very challenging time for many of us.

We are reliant upon fundraising and gifts in wills to deliver our four ministries: Anna Chaplaincy, BRF Resources, Messy Church, and Parenting for Faith.

Thank you to those supporters who are featured in this brochure. It was a real privilege speaking to them and others about why they choose to support us.

Making or updating a will (leaving a legacy) needn't be complicated or expensive. Once you have made provision for your family, friends, church, and so on, perhaps you might consider a gift of 1% or more to BRF Ministries.

All gifts are greatly appreciated, and remembering us in your will helps us to continue offering our ministry to future generations, providing the resources to enable others of all ages to grow in Christian faith.

We always recommend seeing a solicitor to ensure your wishes are correctly recorded in your will. Your solicitor will need our registered charity number, which is 233280.

Our sincere thanks to all our supporters,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Julie'.

Julie MacNaughton, MCIOF(Dip)
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