



Salisbury
Cathedral

Share God's
love with
future
generations



Leave a gift in your Will to Salisbury Cathedral

help the story continue...

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“ The English nation
treasures
Salisbury Cathedral
- June Osborne, Dean

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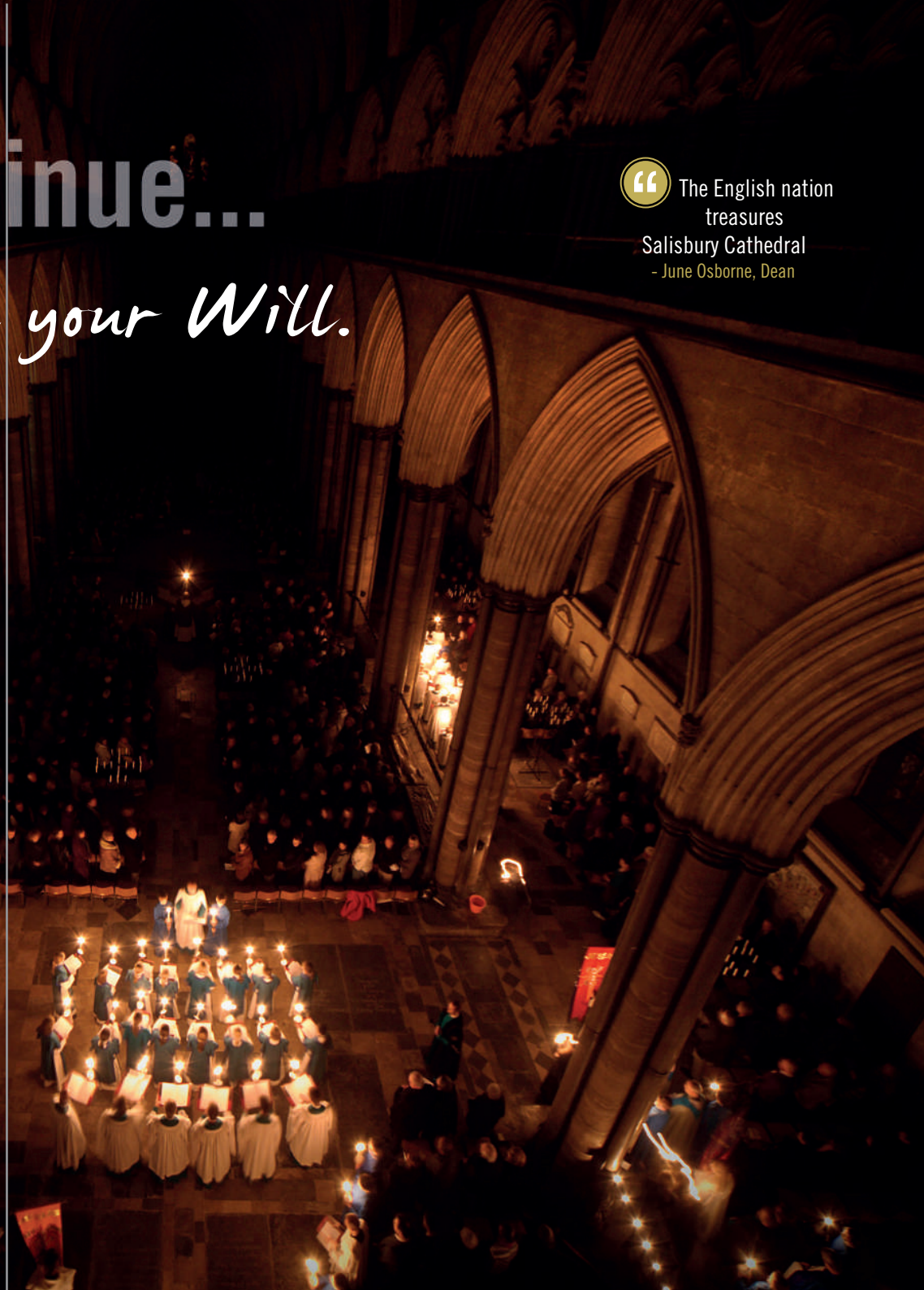
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You can be a custodian of this sacred place.

Salisbury Cathedral has so much to offer future generations. Here are just a few of the things your legacy could help us conserve for the future...



It's an amazing privilege to be here, you really do feel like you're part of history. It's such a big tradition to keep going, and we're doing our best to carry it on.
- Ben, 12, Chorister

A sublime choral tradition

Music lies at the heart of the Cathedral's worship. Choristers have been singing sacred music to a professional standard at Salisbury for 1,000 years.

In 1991, Salisbury made history by setting up the first girls' cathedral choir on an equal basis to the boys. As well as singing at Evensong and Sunday services, both choirs delight music-lovers with BBC broadcasts, CD recordings and concerts. To ensure no talented child is excluded through lack of finances, we help fund choristers' education at Salisbury Cathedral School with bursaries - but this presents a financial challenge.

Cathedral music is better than it has ever been, says Director of Music David Halls. But it is a fragile tradition, because it is so expensive to maintain.

The best of British craftsmanship

From the tranquility of the cloisters to the ancient wood scaffolding within the spire, it is impossible not to be awed by the sheer beauty of Salisbury Cathedral and the extraordinary craftsmanship behind it.

We take our role as custodians of England's finest early Gothic Cathedral very seriously: Salisbury has its own Works Department, which preserves rare craft skills and keeps them alive through apprenticeships. All year round, our own specialist stonemasons, sawyers, conservators and glaziers work hard to conserve and maintain our historic buildings.

But the ongoing need for urgent repair work to the fabric of the building means our finances are stretched to the limit.

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- Paul Smith, Head Guide, Tower



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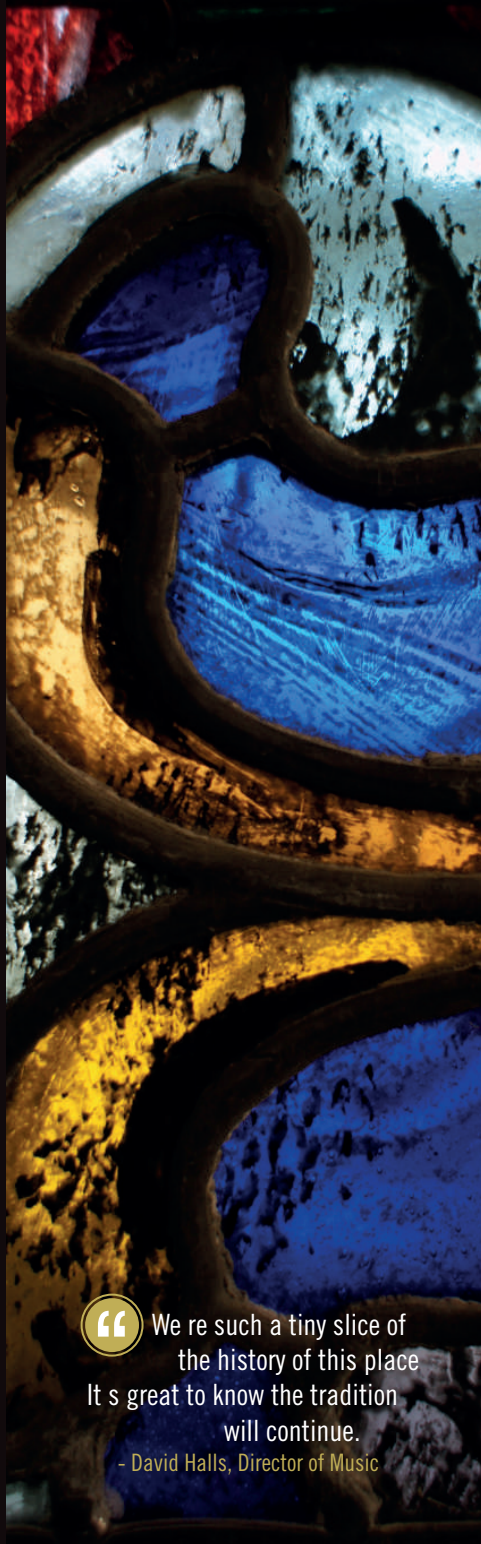
 Your legacy...


Back in the 13th century, the building of Salisbury Cathedral was only possible because of donations: gifts of money from local clergy; and of stone, from the Teffont Evias Quarry. Today, only donations will keep it alive for future generations to enjoy.

So if you value our Cathedral, and all it represents, please consider making a bequest in your Will. You can choose to help maintain the fabric of the building, or to support our music, liturgy, education or all of our Christian work.

Any bequest to the Cathedral is 100% exempt from Inheritance Tax, which means all your money goes to support our work here and now; anyone leaving 10% of their taxable estate to charity will qualify for a reduced rate of inheritance tax. This means your family won't have to pay as much tax to the Government, as inheritance tax will be reduced to 36% instead of the normal rate of 40%.

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have, although we recommend that you use a solicitor when making your bequest.



 We're such a tiny slice of the history of this place. It's great to know the tradition will continue.
- David Halls, Director of Music