



**YOUR LASTING GIFT:  
SHELTER FROM THE STORM**

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## **Message from our President HRH The Princess Royal**

The Mission to Seafarers has a long and prestigious history and is part of the very fabric of seafaring life all around the world.

Crew men and women instantly recognise the 'Flying Angel' as a symbol of help and hope in ports, catering for their every need, whether that be great or small. From rescue, financial aid and medical treatment; to kindness, concern and a welcoming smile; the Mission's teams of chaplains and volunteers are committed to promoting the physical and spiritual wellbeing of the world's 1.3 million seafarers of all ranks, nationalities and beliefs.

A long life at sea can be rewarding but also deeply challenging. Despite many improvements, the need for our services remains very great. As our work at the Mission stretches from 1856 into the 21st century and beyond, we continue to rely heavily upon legacy donations from across the UK and the Commonwealth, to ensure we are on a sound foundation for the future.

I value your help and support for The Mission to Seafarers.

Thank you.

HRH The Princess Royal

**Message from the Revd Colin Still, The Mission to Seafarers' cruise Chaplain, recently featured in BBC TWO's *The Cruise: A Life at Sea* television documentary.**

My work as a volunteer cruise chaplain for The Mission to Seafarers has given me a deeper awareness of the hardships encountered when working at sea.

I have spent much of my career in the service of the Church of England after leaving the Royal Artillery and then working for Shell International in London, Hamburg, Borneo and Hong Kong. Since my retirement I have worked with the Mission as a voluntary chaplain on board both P&O and Fred. Olsen cruise ships.

I have experienced at first hand the extremes of seafaring life and the challenges this brings every seaman and woman: the daily pressures of crewing a highly complex ship; the wild oceans and storms that can be encountered unexpectedly; and also the long months away from loved ones. This work has been both highly rewarding and at times very difficult.

The modern merchant seafarer faces these same challenges and more. While so many laudable improvements have been made to ship safety in my lifetime, particularly regarding communications and technology, there are still over 1,000 lives lost at sea every year.

Shipwreck and danger are constant companions. Seafarers can also be abandoned in ports and may spend years confined in inhuman conditions. They are sometimes

involved in maritime violence – kidnapped by pirates or at the mercy of criminal gangs preying on those unaware of their surroundings in foreign ports. They can face legal restrictions that prohibit essential visits ashore. This is a largely hidden human tragedy that impacts on the seafaring nations and crucially, the families involved.

The Mission to Seafarers serves seafarers of every rank, nationality and belief around the world in 260 ports in 71 countries. Our dedicated teams of chaplains and volunteers have done this for over 150 years; the Flying Angel flag is a global symbol of help and hope to crews in need.

Seafarers and their families need your support. We can all help them by leaving a legacy – a gift to future generations, helping us build for the future. This is a lot to ask. But I would not ask you to do that which I would not be prepared to do myself.

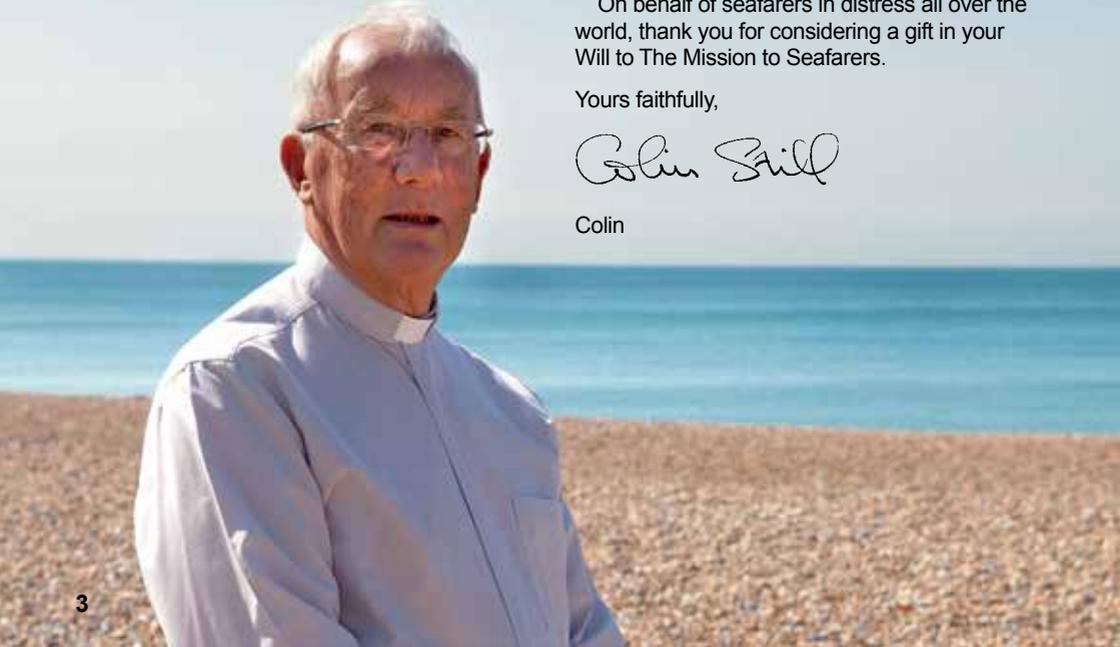
I retired from the Church in 2000 and now divide my time between volunteering at sea, and assisting at my local Church St. John's in Brighton. When I made my Will, I decided that after taking care of my family, I would include a legacy in my Will to The Mission to Seafarers. Any amount that you can leave to the Mission, no matter how small, will have a tremendous impact on the lives of seafarers and their families.

On behalf of seafarers in distress all over the world, thank you for considering a gift in your Will to The Mission to Seafarers.

Yours faithfully,



Colin



Our supporters have helped the Mission carry out our vital work since it began in the 19th century. Gifts in Wills have played a significant part in funding our work with seafarers at home and abroad ever since.

Supporting us with a gift in your Will today can help us to continue to support seafarers wherever they are and whatever danger they may face.

## Our History

### 1856: The Mission's origins

The Revd John Ashley started the work of the Mission in the 1830s, using a boat named *Eirene* to visit seafarers in the Bristol Channel. In 1837 he founded the Bristol Channel Mission. In 1856 it was decided to group similarly inspired maritime ministries under the name of The Missions to Seamen.

### 1912: The *Titanic* sinks

For the Mission's chaplain in Southampton, the Revd John France, 10 April 1912 was an ordinary day. Mr France knew many of the seafarers about to set sail on the *Titanic* and their families. Five days after he bid them farewell, the news came through that the *Titanic* had sunk. Mr France visited the bereaved families, as we continue to visit bereaved families today.

### 1939: World War II strikes

World War II was just nine hours old when the passenger liner *Athenia* was sunk by a German U-boat. 112 of the 1,418 people on board were killed. The traumatised survivors were visited by the Mission's chaplain in Glasgow and this signalled a change in the Mission's work. Throughout the war, we adapted to the needs of seafarers, opening new centres in strategic locations at home and abroad to support convoy crews who faced grave dangers every day to help keep the UK supplied.



A Mission chaplain visits seafarers during World War II



Chaplain Dr Paul Burt  
with seafarers in Dubai

### **1956: The Mission's first centenary**

By the time the Mission's centenary year came around, it was operating in 81 ports. After World War II, the Mission opened new centres where needed and closed those that were no longer required. Significant changes were coming to the shipping industry in the forms of specialisation, vessel size and containerisation. Thanks to your support, as shipping developed, so did we.

### **1985: Mission focuses on justice**

In the 1980s, shipping companies were cutting back on wages, training and ship safety. Mission chaplains were increasingly working on cases relating to wage disputes, medical care and unsafe conditions. In response, we employed our first director of justice and welfare to develop our support for seafarers being mistreated by unscrupulous employers around the world.

### **Today: The Mission to Seafarers: now in 260 ports in 71 countries**

Today we provide help and support to the world's 1.3 million seafarers, who face danger every day to bring us 90 per cent of the goods we use on a daily basis. Operating in 260 ports in 71 countries, we care for seafarers of all ranks, nationalities and beliefs through ship visits, drop-in centres and a range of welfare and emergency support services.

**Funded entirely by voluntary donations, we rely on your support to continue our essential work. Please help us.**



A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep.

Matthew 8:24



Ship-visiting in the Port of Antwerp

*Seafarers face frequent danger, and more than 1,000 lives are lost at sea every year; but our faith in Jesus allows us to face life's threats and insecurities with great courage. In Matthew 8:24 Jesus inspires us with his fortitude and peace even when facing grave storms and wild seas. The reality of a life at sea is that of danger, injury, shipwreck and at times despair. Please help the Mission carry on its vital work and to offer the hand of friendship to those in need in safe surroundings.*

## Why your gift is so important

Seafarers depend upon The Mission to Seafarers night and day, 365 days a year.

Their lives are frequently filled with danger, loneliness and, at times, despair.

Their families are often oceans away on the other side of the world and email is still only available to less than 25 per cent of seafarers on board ships. This means that port welfare centres, like our Mission 'Flying Angel' rest and recovery facilities, are a vital resource where crews can find a safe way to contact home.

Seafaring remains one of the world's most dangerous occupations, with over 1,000 people dying at sea in 2012 through shipwreck, grounding or collisions. Injuries and sickness are frequent. Long periods of time spent on board ship, with small crews often made up of different nationalities, means that companionship becomes harder to find. In these harsh economic times, with even quicker turnaround times having time to go ashore becomes much more difficult.

We very much need your generous support and a gift in your Will is vital for the work of the Mission now and in the future.



Chaplain John Attenborough,  
Tilbury UK, with a seafarer



And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

Matthew 8:25



Contacting family at home, from Portbury UK

*As Christians we all turn to God at some point in our lives, especially when the situation seems terrible and the solution insurmountable. In Matthew 8:25 the apostles on the boat with Jesus lose their nerve and cry out for help. Seafarers all over the world often call upon the Mission to help them in times of need, and with your support that is what we are here to do. Please help us continue providing a lifeline to seafarers in need.*



Director of development Nicky Wynne in Dubai United Arab Emirates, with seafarers

## Our vital services

### Ship-visiting

Day to day, the work of the Mission welfare teams around the world focuses on going aboard ships in port. This can take time and diplomacy to achieve. Most ports are highly secure environments but the Mission is trusted and valued at the highest levels by governments around the world to act with discretion and integrity.

### Spiritual support

Our chaplains are routinely asked to supply Bibles to seafarers, to hold services of remembrance or thanksgiving, to celebrate church Eucharist services and to say prayers. We are part of a global network of faith-based welfare service providers working together and can contact an appropriate minister in a port as and when required.

### Emergency response

In times of disaster the Mission is on hand to provide help and support to survivors and

families desperately waiting for news. We arrange post-traumatic stress counselling services in a confidential setting. We provide emergency supplies of clothing, toiletries and phone cards.

### 'Flying Angel' seafarers' centres

A safe haven in a foreign port is essential for rest, recovery and time off. We provide transport services (minibuses and cars) to ensure seafarers can get to centres and contact those they love. Our 121 centres have essential communications services including internet, WiFi and telephones.

### Family liaison

When things go wrong, part of our role is to contact home. If seafarers are badly injured or in hospital, we may be asked to call a wife or husband and explain what has happened, which can be very difficult. We may be tasked with calling home on behalf of those who are sick or dying or to arrange for families to be reunited with loved ones.

## Facts and figures

In 2012 The Mission to Seafarers teams reported the following:

**20,769** ship visits

**155,421** seafarers attended our 121 'Flying Angel' centres

**49,868** seafarers used Mission transport services

**1,425** religious services were conducted

**480** justice and welfare cases were managed

**19,821** Bibles, prayer books and other Christian materials were distributed



Secretary General Andrew Wright meets a Ukrainian seafarer (third officer)





## Case studies



Ben Humphries

### Mombasa, Kenya

A chief engineer was carrying out some routine work on board when he felt pains in his chest. He was rushed to hospital and his worried colleagues called the Revd Ben Humphries, who went to visit the ill engineer while he was in the intensive care unit at Mombasa hospital.

After some treatment, it was decided that he would need to be sent home, so while he was kept in for observation, Ben visited him regularly, listening to his problems, offering advice and helping him communicate with his family.



Stephen Hazlett

### Rotterdam, Netherlands

The Revd Stephen Hazlett was on a ship visit when he came across a young seafarer who was deeply upset. After spending a long time at sea, he had begun to feel very homesick and missed his partner. Stephen was able to transport him to the nearby seafarers' centre and helped him use Skype so he could speak to his partner.

The seafarer was so pleased with this development that he invited Stephen to bless his home during the conversation, and Stephen performed a short blessing ceremony for the couple over Skype.



Simon Ro

### Busan, South Korea

The Mission's chaplain in South Korea, the Revd Simon Ro, was in his centre when he received a call from the captain of a ship asking him to urgently visit one of his crewmembers, Edgardo, in hospital. Upon arrival, Simon found that the injured seafarer has broken his ribs while working on the ship while it was docked.

Simon was there to support Edgardo while he was undergoing surgery and while he was recuperating. He gave him advice on what would happen next, provided spiritual support and helped him to contact his worried family at home.



Ken Wiseman

### Limassol, Cyprus

The Revd Canon Ken Wiseman was visiting an arrested ship in Cyprus when he came across a first-time seafarer who had not been paid since he started his contract. Several months into his first working tour, he needed to be able to send money home to support his family and his ship was not due to leave the port any time soon.

Amit spoke to Ken and tried to explain the situation, but due to its complexity he wasn't able to understand all of it. Ken assured Amit that he would look into it, and used his local contacts to try to find out what had happened. After speaking to recruiting agents, the local Shipping Chamber, the shipowner and local maritime lawyers, Ken was able to make sure that Amit was paid and repatriated so he could return home to his family.

**£1,000** will fund 1,000 Bibles translated for seafarers

**£12,000** will fund post-traumatic stress training for Mission teams

**£24,000** will provide a new minibus to provide transport to centres for seafarers

**£40,000** will provide a mobile ministry for a year

**£70,000** can buy a re-locatable seafarers' centre



And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm.

Matthew 8:26



The Mission's vital transport services enable seafarers to get ashore

*Jesus shows his command of the elements and his trust in His heavenly Father in Matthew 8:26. He shows us that faith has a deep power, and will always bring us profound rewards. This is also a powerful metaphor for restoring order out of chaos. Why are we afraid? Can we too help those in need to feel less afraid in their lives? That is a great spiritual achievement and we need your love and gifts to make sure the funding of essential seafarers' centres in 71 countries can continue.*

The Mission's Typhoon Haiyan appeal gave free internet access and phonecards to Filipino seafarers at our centres across the globe



## Why every adult needs a Will

Many people feel that they may not need a Will because of their personal circumstances. However, the truth is that anyone with assets, such as property, stocks, or life insurance, needs a Will in order to clarify their wishes. The process of drafting a Will allows you to examine your assets and your priorities, ensuring that the people and charities important to you will be protected after your death.

If those priorities change over time, your Will can always be updated. A Will is a flexible document that can be changed at any point during your lifetime. However, if you die without a Will, your family will have little say regarding what happens to your assets. Instead, the Government will divide your estate based on legal standards. Without a Will, your assets may not all be known, and your personal wishes cannot be expressed or adhered to.

### Why a solicitor is necessary

While a Will is a lasting and personal expression of your priorities after your lifetime, it is also important that it meets legal standards to ensure that it's valid and enforceable. For this reason, having your Will drafted or reviewed by a solicitor is an important step in the process.

For help in locating a qualified solicitor, contact your local Citizens' Advice Bureau or The Law Society.

# Remembering The Mission to Seafarers in your Will with a legacy gift

## Types of legacy gifts

There are three ways in which you can make a gift to The Mission to Seafarers in your Will.

### Residuary legacy (a share of your estate)

A residuary legacy is the gift of the remainder of your estate (or a percentage of the remainder) after all other gifts to friends and family have been distributed and all outgoings have been dealt with.

A residuary legacy is generally of greatest benefit to The Mission to Seafarers as its value increases in line with inflation.

### Specific legacy (a specific item)

A specific legacy refers to a particular item that has been left in your Will. Examples include real estate or other property, stocks and shares, or life insurance policies.

### Pecuniary legacy (a specific sum)

A pecuniary legacy is a fixed sum of money left in your Will. It is worth noting that pecuniary legacies tend to decrease in value over time due to inflation and need to be reviewed in order to maintain their original intended value. For example, a legacy of £1,000 written into a Will in 1987 would now be worth less than £380.

It is possible to index link a pecuniary legacy to ensure that the legacy maintains its intended value.

### Adding a codicil to your existing Will

If you already have a Will and have decided you would now like to leave a gift to The Mission to Seafarers the easiest way to do this is by adding a codicil to your existing Will.

A codicil is a simple statement spelling out The Mission to Seafarers legal name and amount of your gift. It is a separate document that will need to be signed, witnessed, and kept with your Will. It does not change your existing Will, but simply includes your additional gift in your estate.

### If you have already made a Will, why not check it today, to make sure it's up to date?

## The next step

Letting us know you've contacted your solicitor and included The Mission to Seafarers in your Will allows us to plan for the future. This information is confidential and in no way binding.

Please fill in your details below, and return the form in an envelope to: The Mission to Seafarers FREEPOST KE5265, Legacy Team, St Michael Paternoster Royal, College Hill, London, EC4R 2RL

Alternatively, if you would like more information about leaving a gift in your Will to The Mission to Seafarers, contact Dom Hasan on 020 7246 2937 or email [Dom.Hasan@missiontoseafarers.org](mailto:Dom.Hasan@missiontoseafarers.org).

### The correct legal name is important

It is important to correctly identify The Mission to Seafarers by our legal name and address in your Will. Our legal name and address is listed below:

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Scottish charity no: SC041938

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I have contacted my solicitor and included The Mission to Seafarers in my Will.

I would like The Mission to Seafarers to call me to discuss my Will.

Name .....

Address .....

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Postcode..... Tel No.....

Email.....

Please return this form in an envelope to: The Mission to Seafarers FREEPOST KE5265, Legacy Team, St Michael Paternoster Royal, College Hill, London EC4R 2RL



They were amazed, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”

Matthew 8:27



The Revds Colin Still and Alison Bowman celebrate Sea Sunday at St John the Evangelist Brighton

*The miracle of Jesus calming the storm is one of the many wonderful stories in the Gospel of Matthew. His work was truly amazing and brought wonder, joy and happiness to many people who were suffering. Jesus cured the sick, he raised the dead and he helped those who were in anguish. Seafarers are often from backgrounds inspired by their deep faith, whatever the form that faith may take. The Mission makes no judgement about the many faiths that bring hope to those who risk their lives at sea, and we help those of all beliefs or none. The Mission's work to provide practical and spiritual help to seafarers can only carry on with your generous support.*

**The Revd Colin Still**



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