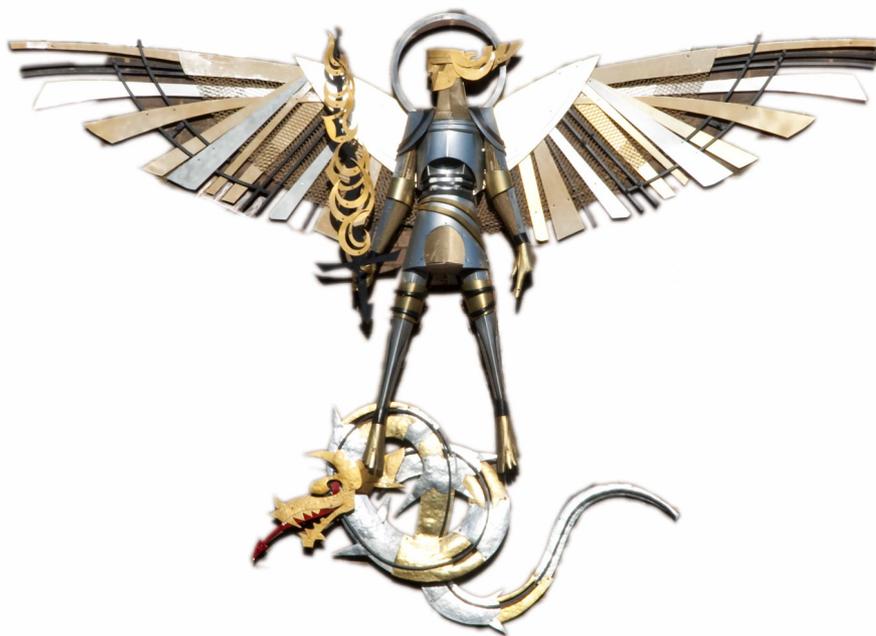


St Michael & All Angels London Fields

**WHAT'S ON FOR
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
AT ST MICHAEL'S**



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Welcome to St Michael's!

This leaflet is for children, young people and their parents/carers. It explains what's happening here for children and their families.

Sunday Activities

We are committed to making children and young people welcome at our main **Sunday Holy Communion (Eucharist) service**, which starts at 10am and usually lasts just over an hour. We provide a supportive, nurturing and fun environment for them to explore issues of faith at their own level and as part of a community embracing all ages. We also value them as being vital to our Church worship and life alongside adults.

All Stars

All Stars is the name the children of St Michael's have chosen for themselves. All Stars is made up of 3 groups:

- **Baby and Toddler Stars** (babies - 3 years)
- **Little Stars** (3 - 4 years)
- **Super Stars** (5-11 years)



Baby and Toddler Stars stay with their parents/carers. At the back of Church there are toys and books which they're welcome to use during the service. There's a Crèche Room with more toys and books, and the service is relayed there through the PA system.



Little Stars meet in the Meeting Room. *Their session usually includes a Bible story, singing with instruments and free play.*



Super Stars meet in the Church Hall or the Side Chapel. *Their session usually includes activities and prayers based around the same passage from the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John) as is read to the rest of the congregation in Church.*

If you're not sure where to go, one of our friendly Welcomers will help you.

Super Stars and Little Stars usually leave the service after the *Collect* (the set prayer just before the day's Bible readings). They return to gather around the altar with those receiving Holy Communion and receive a blessing if they wish.

All Age Sundays

Once a month (usually the first Sunday) our service is All Age Worship. This is a shorter, more child-friendly service. Children stay in Church, and when communion is distributed those not confirmed are offered blessed bread.

Sundays during August

Our Adult helpers have a Summer break, but activities are still provided for All Stars in Church.

Altar Servers

Many children enjoy serving at St Michael's, and training is available for those aged 7 or over. *If interested, contact Dorian 020 7241 3992.*

Other activities

Youth Group – monthly, 2nd Sunday, during Church

Our Youth Group is for young people in Year 7 and older and those in Year 6 who have been confirmed. It meets in the Side-Chapel, usually on the Second Sunday of the month, leaving Church after the *Gospel* (the last of the day's Bible readings) and returning for Holy Communion.

Messy Church – monthly, 3rd Sunday, 4.30-5.30pm

Messy Church is church with a difference for all ages. It offers a relaxed space, an activity based learning time on a Bible theme, a short informal act of worship and refreshments. Children must always be accompanied by an adult.

Angel Voices

Tunes for Toddlers: For pre-school children and their parents/carers. Tuesday mornings in termtime in the Church Hall, starting at 9.45, finishing at 11.00. *If interested, contact Connie 07830 349362.*

Holiday Clubs

We run occasional Holiday Clubs for school age children during school holidays and half terms.

Christmas

Children from St Michael's are joined by children from local schools to form a Junior Choir to sing at our annual Carol Service. And children of all ages are encouraged to take part in our Nativity Service on Christmas morning.

Christian Holiday Camps

Children and young people have the opportunity to attend these each year during the Summer holidays. The church is usually able to assist families who would otherwise find it hard to meet the cost.

Safeguarding: In recruiting our Adult helpers who work with children and young people, we follow the Diocese of London's Safeguarding Guidelines (see <http://www.london.anglican.org/kb/volunteering-and-working-with-children-and-adults-at-risk/>).

Registration and Consent Forms, and Your Personal Data: We hope you will want to attend regularly with your child. If you do, for various reasons including your child's welfare, we will ask you to complete a form giving us some information about you and your child. When you return the form, we will give you our Data Privacy Notice, which explains your rights about your data and how we will use it. You can also find our Data Privacy Notice online at <http://www.stmichaelslondonfields.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Data-Privacy-Notice-St-Michael%E2%80%99s.pdf>.

Safety: In an **emergency**, children taking part in groups or activities separately from their parents/carers will be taken to the **Assembly Point** (*the paved area in front of the main entrance to church*), where parents/carers should go and collect them.

For details of upcoming events, see our weekly Notice Sheet or our Website <http://www.stmichaelslondonfields.org.uk/children-young-people/>.

For more information please contact: The Vicar on 020 7249 2627 or vicar@stmichaelslondonfields.org.uk.