

## Gift Aid declaration

I would like the PCC of St Michael & All Angels to treat all donations made from the date of this declaration and in the past 4 years as Gift Aid.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

Full Name .....

Address .....

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Post Code .....

Signature .....

Date .....

Please notify us if:

- You want to cancel this declaration
- Change your name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

Please tear and fold this slip and include it with your offering in the envelope provided. Alternatively, please pass the form to our Treasurer, Martin Bennett.

## Our aims and ambitions

St Michael's aim is to be a welcoming Christian fellowship in the heart of Gidea Park, sharing the Gospel with all. We have two key ambitions:

i) *Growth in numerical 'breadth'* – by attracting newcomers to our church. Over the past five years our Sunday attendance has already grown by nearly 50%, including a 67% increase in the number of children.

ii) *Growth in spiritual 'depth'* – by offering ministries that help our congregation members grow in Christian maturity and equip them to share their faith in Jesus with others.

But these goals cannot be achieved without *your* generous support. Our ambition is to raise £6,500 this Gift Day (equivalent to £100 per adult) to cover our existing running costs and expand our ministry. For example, we hope to employ a part-time Children & Families Minister in the near future.

***Please prayerfully consider what contribution you can make.***



**Gift Day**  
24<sup>th</sup> September 2017



***Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive"***  
**Acts 20:35**

[www.stmichaelsgideapark.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelsgideapark.org.uk)

## Why we give

Did you know that it costs over £90,000 a year to fund St Michael's ministry?

Without the generous support of our congregation we would not be able to cover our costs and continue our essential Christian witness to our community.

So we encourage members of our church to give regularly, generously, sacrificially and prayerfully.

Giving is also an important part of Christian discipleship. Above all, our giving should be an expression of gratitude to Jesus, for his amazing free gifts of forgiveness and everlasting life.

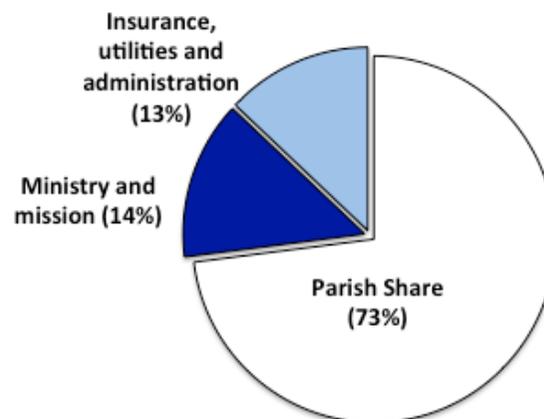
As the apostle Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 8:9: *"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich."*

## Where our money goes

At St Michael's the money we receive is used to fund our ministry and mission activities, as well as the costs of our church building and administration. In 2017 these costs are expected to total £20,000. Our giving does not fund spending on our halls.

We also pay a 'Parish Share' to Chelmsford Diocese. This covers the cost of training, paying and housing clergy (including our own vicar and curate), as well as the diocesan support services we receive. It also enables our diocese to subsidise churches in disadvantaged areas. In 2017 our Parish Share is £70,000.

*Estimated expenditure for 2017:*



## How you can give

Please put your donation (cash or cheque) in the Gift Day envelope provided and place it in the collection plates that are passed around during our services.

You can do this on the actual Gift Day, Sunday 24th September 2017, or on any of the Sundays in October.

Cheques should be made payable to "St Michaels PCC No.2 Acc".

If you are a UK taxpayer then your giving can be increased through Gift Aid. This scheme does not cost you anything but it increases the amount of money the Church receives by 25p for every £1 donated.

If you can, please use the Gift Aid declaration overleaf, tear it off and include it with your donation.

***Thank you for your generous support!***