

St Stephen's Church

Young Musician of the Year 2026

Sunday March 22, starting at 2pm

St Stephen's Church are delighted to announce the 2026 competition to find St Stephen's Young Musician of the Year.

There will be a Junior and Senior Musician category and each will have a winner, along with second and third places. Junior entrants must be 11 or under and Senior must be 12- 18 on the day of the competition. Entries will be accepted for all instruments and voices.

Each winner will receive a prize of £50 as well as performance during a Sunday service within the following year, the date of which to be agreed with the Vicar Rev B. Schünemann. There will be prizes of £25 for the second and third placed winners.

An official accompanist will be available on the day. Rehearsal slots will be available from 12.30-1.45pm on a first come first served basis, however please be considerate of all performers and not over run your time slot. Please indicate on the entry form whether you would like to use the accompanist and attach a copy of the music.

The competition will be adjudicated by Caroline Lenton-Ward who is a professional soprano, singing teacher and choral conductor.

Entry Requirements

Junior Category

Free choice of one piece Grade 2 or above lasting no longer than 4 minutes.

Senior Category

Free choice of one piece Grade 4 or above lasting no longer than 5 minutes.

THE ADJUDICATOR'S DECISION IS FINAL.

Due to the high demand for places, we are unable to accept multiple entries for any one candidate. Places are limited to a maximum of 45 on a first come first served basis. Late entries will not be accepted.

Please return the enclosed entry form via email to soprano@ststephensdulwich.org by noon on January 31st 2026

