

THE CHURCHES OF ALL SAINTS, WIGSTON MAGNA & ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE, SOUTH WIGSTON

# THE WIGSTON BENEFICE



## THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST

**WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY**

**SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

**8:30 AM SAID MASS**

**ALL SAINTS, WIGSTON MAGNA**

**10:00 AM SUNG EUCHARIST**

**ST. THOMAS', SOUTH WIGSTON**

# The Week Ahead

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<b>Monday</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>February</b>	<b>Feria</b> ( <i>Candlemas transferred to 1<sup>st</sup></i> )	
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>February</b>	<b>Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, 865</b> 10:30 am Funeral, Michelle Edwards	<i>All Saints</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>February</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10:30 am Morning Prayer 2:00 pm Wings of Peace	<i>St. Thomas'</i> <i>All Saints CE Primary</i>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>February</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10:00 am Said Mass	<i>All Saints</i>
<b>Friday</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup></b> <b>February</b>	<b>Feria</b>	
<b>Saturday</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>February</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10:00 am Morning Prayer	<i>All Saints</i>
<b>Sunday</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>February</b>	<b>The Second Sunday before Lent</b> 10:00 am Sung Mass 10:00 am Sung Eucharist	<i>All Saints</i> <i>St. Thomas'</i>

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

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### Palm Crosses for Ash Wednesday

With only a few short weeks until the beginning of Lent, now is the time to return any palm crosses from last year to be burnt for our ashes at this year's services for Ash Wednesday. This is a symbolic way of linking the year that is past with the year that is.

## **Candlemas Bells and Candlemas Rhyme**

It is wonderful to see the snowdrops—sometimes known as Candlemas Bells—pushing their way up at this time of year. There is a bit of folklore that goes with Candlemas:

*If Candlemas Day be fair and bright,  
winter will have another fight.  
If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain,  
winter won't come again.*

## **All Saints Church Bells**

The bells on All Saints church tower will not be striking the hour for the coming month while it awaits a repair.

## **All Saints Church Tower Light**

The tower light at All Saints has kindly been sponsored for February and March.

## **Wings of Peace**

*Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February | 2:00 pm | All Saints CE Primary School*

Bishop Saju will be leading the school's annual *Wings of Peace* service, to remember the lives of the six Polish airmen whose plane crashed on the school site 80 years ago. The service is open to the local community, who are encouraged to arrive early to have time to see objects from this moment of history.

## **Margaret Hatton's Funeral**

*Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February | 1:00 pm | All Saints Church*

Following the sad news of Margaret's death, we can now share that her funeral will be held at All Saints Church on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 1:00 pm.

## **Minster Community Process**

*Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February | Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February | 12.30 pm—1.30 pm*

Beth Cluer, who is the Facilitation Lead for Minster Communities, is holding some 'Check In and Chat' sessions online over Zoom. For more details, please email Beth directly:

[Beth.Cluer@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Beth.Cluer@LeicesterCofE.org)

## **Pancakes and Coffee**

*Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February | 10:00 am—12:00 pm*

St. Thomas' will be hosting a morning of pancakes and coffee ahead of Ash Wednesday, at which an Easter Egg raffle will also be held. Funds raised will be for Alzheimer's Society.

## **Recently Departed**

Please pray for the recently departed, and for all who mourn them:

Howard Riley | Jane Harding | Jean Dann  
Michelle Edwards | Margaret Hatton | Margaret Hepworth

# Welcome

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A very warm welcome to any guests who are joining us for our services this morning.

## Parish Giving

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Any donations you would like to make would be very gratefully received and will help support the life and work of our churches, allowing us to continue to be there to serve our communities. You might like to use one of these QR Codes to support our work.

### All Saints



### St. Thomas'



*'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.  
For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'* — cf. Matthew 6.19-21

## Find Our Churches

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### All Saints

Moat Street, Wigston Magna, LE18 2BA  
what3words ///tells.famous.apples

### St. Thomas the Apostle

St. Thomas' Road, South Wigston, LE18 4TA  
what3words ///lobby.organ.mining

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