

St Wulfram's Community

*Sharing God's love with everyone
in the heart of Grantham*

8th February 2026 Racial Justice Sunday



Service details for today:

8.00am Eucharist (CW)

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Stuart

9:30am Parish Eucharist

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Setting: Archer, Lincoln

Readings: Micah 6.1-8 and Matthew 25.1-46

Lesson Reader: Paul Davie

Intercessor: Sheila Knight

Hymns: AMNS 361, 100, 403, 376

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: Tom Stockwell (Ordinand)

Responses: Radcliffe Psalm: 148

Lesson Readers: Katie Brownlow and Stephen Bate

Readings: Proverbs 8.1, 22-31 and Revelation 4

Hymns: AMNS 171, 12

COLLECT:

Merciful God, you are righteous and love justice: stir the hearts of your people that, rejoicing in our diversity, we may repent of the wrongs of the past, and, by your grace, seek the peaceable kingdom of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Micah 6.1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. 'O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.'

'With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

GOSPEL: Matthew 25.31-46

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me."

Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

POST COMMUNION:

Blessed God, help us, whom you have fed and satisfied in this eucharist, to hunger and thirst for what is right; help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad, to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled; help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven, to strive for the cause of right and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please pray for: Max Brewster who will be baptised on 15th February

Those who are unwell: Amelia, Christy, Reg, Delia.

Recently departed: Margaret Newton.

Anniversary of deaths: Jack Trigg, Lillian Hunt, Janet Matta, Peter Muskett, Roy Coleman, Betty Fernyhough, Jim Scarlett, Joyce Hepple, Irene Thorley, Ray Goodge, Philip Lank.

If you would like to add a notice to the Community news, the deadline for the next issue is: Thursday, 19th February 2026.

Please note: There will be no Soup Lunch on Tuesday, 10th February. The next Soup Lunch will be on Tuesday, 10th March at 12:30pm. All welcome.

Come and Sing: Choral Evensong Sunday, 22nd February. We are delighted to invite everyone to sing alongside our Adult and Youth Choir for a special **Come and Sing Choral Evensong**. This is open to singers of all abilities and that registration and refreshments from 4:00pm - all music provided. Dress as you are comfortable. The rehearsal will begin at **4:30pm** in preparation for the **6:30pm** service. Our repertoire will include **Stanford in C** and Wesley's "**Wash me thoroughly**." For further details or to register your interest, please contact us at choir@stwulframs.com.

Women's Bible Study Group will meet again on Wednesday 11th February from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at St John's, Spitalgate, tea and coffee served from 7:00pm. This community provides space for women to come together to share and reflect through the Scriptures and prayer. All welcome.

Volunteering Opportunities - We are looking for a number of people to volunteer as Stewards during the week to welcome visitors to the Church. We normally run this from Easter to October.

We are also looking to extend the opening hours of the Trigge Library if possible. At present it is open once a month on a Wednesday and two Saturday mornings per month before moving to every Wednesday and Saturday from Easter to October.

Finally, a group of people to meet every 2 months or so to clean the church. Ideally, we would agree a morning that suited everyone, and then we could enjoy a coffee together too.

Please contact Jan Burrows for further information or contact the Parish Office.

ChristChurch on Finkin Street is planning to share the World Day of Prayer service (previously the Women's World Day of Prayer) on Friday 6th March at 2:00pm followed by refreshments. Men and women from other Churches in Grantham and the local area are most warmly invited. Opportunities for sharing together in worship across the town don't happen often, so please come if you are able.

Celebration of Cultures—in church on Saturday, 28th February from 5:00pm we will be celebrating our church community's global heritage through food, music, dress and treasured items. Everyone is welcome!

If you would like to take part by bringing some food, drink, cultural items, clothing, music or anything you would like to share please see the sign-up form in church. If you would like to bring food you have the option to reclaim the cost of the ingredients provided a valid receipt supplied.

Tickets for the event are limited and are £5.00 per adult, free entry for children under 16. Tickets are available in church on Sundays, from the Parish Office or online from the home page on our website.

[Celebration of Cultures](#)

The Benefact Group Movement for Good is your chance to help them give away their profits to good

causes. Please click on the following link: https://movementforgood.com/draws/1000?utm_source=Email-giving&utm_campaign=MFG25-Email-1&cmp=1&utm_medium=HTMLEmail and enter our charity number: 1131575 to nominate St Wulfram's Church giving us the chance to win £1000.

Further details for all the Lent, Holy Week and Easter services and activities that are taking place at St Wulfram's, St John's Manthorpe and St John's Spitalgate will be available soon.

Our main services for Lent and Easter are:

Ash Wednesday takes place on Wednesday, 18th February, marking the beginning of Lent. We will hold a Said Eucharist with Ashing at 10:30am and a Choral Eucharist with Ashing at 7:30pm.

Mothering Sunday, 15th March at 9:30am

Palm Sunday, 29th March including the procession at 9:30am to church ready for the service to begin in church at 10:00am

Maunder Thursday, 2nd April at 7:30pm. Choral Eucharist with foot washing and vigil till midnight.

Good Friday, 3rd April, 10:00am to 12:30pm Children's Good Friday Workshop. 1:15pm procession from St John's Church, Spitalgate to church ready for The Liturgy to begin at 2:00pm.

Holy Saturday, 4th April 5:30pm Easter Basket Blessing. 6:00pm Family Meal. 8:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Day, 5th April 8:00am Said Eucharist, 9:30am procession from the Market Place to church for the 10:00am Choral Eucharist and Children's Easter Egg Hunt

'**Draw Near – Life-giving habits for Lent**' is this year's theme for Lent from the Church of England. There are full-colour Church House Publishing reflections booklets for adults and one for families and children. The booklets will be available in church after services or from the Parish Office. Suggested donation for each book is £2.00.

If you prefer to read something on your mobile or tablet, why not download the [Everyday Faith app](#)? The app, which is free, will have reflections for adults every Monday to Saturday throughout Lent, based on the booklet and will continue to offer content into the season of Easter and beyond throughout 2026.

The Baby Clothes Carousel is held every second Saturday of the month from 9:00am to 11:00am in church. Clothes and shoes available 1-24months. Come and swap your baby clothes for the next size up.

From the Registers for January 2026

Baptisms:
Theodosia Regina Jane Pounder

Weddings:
None

Funerals:
Patricia Mary Clayfield
Keith Melvyn Boyfield



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15th February 2026 Sunday next before Lent



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Preacher: Katy Castañeda (Reader)

9:30am Parish Eucharist

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Preacher: Katy Castañeda (Reader)

Setting: Archer, Lincoln

Readings: 2 Peter 1.16-21 and Matthew 17.1-19

Lesson Reader: Stephen Bate

Intercessor: Helen Dawkins

Hymns: **AMNS 4, 262, 256, 185**

11:30am Holy Baptism

For: Max Brewster

6.30pm Choral Evensong and Benediction

Officiants: Fr Stuart, Nick Kerry (Reader), Tom Stockwell (Ordinand)

Responses: Leighton Psalm: 84

Lesson Readers: Members of the Choir

Readings: 2 Kings 2.1-12 and Matthew 17.9-23

Hymns: **AMNS 126**

COLLECT:

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 2 Peter 1.16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17.1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

POST COMMUNION:

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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9:30am Parish Eucharist
11:00am Holy Baptism
6.30pm Come and Sing Choral Evensong

Readings for 22nd February 2026
First Sunday of Lent
Romans 5.12-19
Matthew 4.1-11