

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

THE WIGSTON BENEFICE



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2026

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| 8:30 AM | SAID MASS | <i>ALL SAINTS, WIGSTON MAGNA</i> |
| 10:00 AM | MORNING PRAYER | <i>ALL SAINTS, WIGSTON MAGNA</i> |
| 10:00 AM | CAFÉ CHURCH | <i>ST. THOMAS', SOUTH WIGSTON</i> |

The Week Ahead

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| Sunday 1st March | The Second Sunday of Lent 8:30 am Said Mass 10:00 am Morning Prayer 10:00 am Sung Eucharist | <i>All Saints</i> <i>All Saints</i> <i>St. Thomas'</i> |
| Monday 2nd February | Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672 | |
| Tuesday 3rd February | Feria 2:00 pm Stations of the Cross | <i>St. Thomas'</i> |
| Wednesday 5th February | Feria 10:30 am Said Eucharist 2:00 pm Lent Course | <i>St. Thomas'</i> <i>All Saints Church Room</i> |
| Thursday 5th February | Feria 10:00 am Said Mass 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross | <i>All Saints</i> <i>Zoom</i> |
| Friday 6th February | Feria 10:30 am World Day of Prayer 2:00 pm World Day of Prayer 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross | <i>URC, Wigston</i> <i>Methodist, South Wigston</i> <i>All Saints</i> |
| Saturday 7th February | Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, 203 10:00 am Morning Prayer | <i>All Saints</i> |
| Sunday 8th March | The Third Sunday of Lent 10:00 am Sung Mass 10:00 am Sung Eucharist | <i>All Saints</i> <i>St. Thomas'</i> |

Notices and Upcoming Events

Welcome!

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

Parish Giving

If you would like to give to support the life and work of our churches, you can use these QR Codes. All donations are very gratefully received, and help to keep us serving our communities.

**Give to
All Saints**



**Give to
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

Got a notice?

If you have a notice that needs including in our benefice bulletins, kindly send an email with the details to David. It would be helpful if you could flag your email with the word 'Notice' in the subject line.

Spring Quiz

The Spring Quiz is now available. Please speak to Bill or Janice at All Saints to get your quiz and join in.

Church Hall Keys

If you have any keys for St. Thomas' Church Hall, could you kindly return them? Many thanks.

Electoral Roll Revision

This year is the year for the revision of the Electoral Roll. The Electoral Roll lists those who can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), and also enables members to stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC), as well as to deanery, diocesan, and national synods.

At St. Thomas', the Notice of Revision will be displayed on Sunday 1st March, with revision taking place between 15th and 29th March. The revised roll will be on display from Sunday 5th April.

St. Thomas' Reordering Plans

Please do have a look at the proposed plans and drawings for the reordering, which can be found on the board at the back of church. Please note that these are have gone out for consultation, and so are for information only.

Bishops' Lent Appeal

22nd February—5th April

There are 2.5 million families in the UK who cannot afford a holiday. This is why the Bishops' Lent Appeal this year is for the Family Holiday Charity, a charity that helps to restore hope and strengthen relationships by providing breaks for families facing severe challenges like poverty, illness and isolation. You can help by taking a box of smarties at the end of our services, eating the smarties (assuming you haven't given up chocolate for Lent), and filling the box with 20p coins (or a bank note). The boxes can

then be handed back any time in the run-up to Easter Sunday.

Lent Course

Wednesdays | 2:00 pm | All Saints Church Room

This year's Lent course will be held in All Saints Church Room. Each of the four sessions will feature a talk on the life of Judas. Throughout we will ponder what we might learn about God's heart, revealed in the moments Jesus shares with Judas. This week's session will be on 4th March, with future sessions on 11th, 18th and 25th March. All are welcome.

World Day of Prayer Services

Friday 6th March | 10:30 am | URC, Long Street, Wigston

Friday 6th March | 2:00 pm | Methodist Church, Blaby Road, South Wigston

All are welcome to join the local services for this year's World Day of Prayer. The theme will be 'I will give you rest, come', and has been prepared by Christians in Nigeria.

There will be two services: one at 10:30 am hosted in the URC in Wigston; and another at 2:00 pm hosted in the Methodist Church in South Wigston.

Please note there will also be a choir practice, which will be held at the Congregational Church at 2:00 pm on Tuesday 3rd March.

Recently Departed

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

Howard Riley ✚ Jane Harding ✚
Margaret Hatton ✚ Patricia Harriman

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All Saints

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Sunday 1st March 2026

The Second Sunday of Lent

The Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(or)

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12.1-4a

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121

Refrain: **My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. **R**

He will not suffer your foot to stumble; he who watches over you will not sleep. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. **R**

The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand, so that the sun shall not strike you by day, neither the moon by night. **R**

The Lord shall keep you from all evil; it is he who shall keep your soul. The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore. **R**

Epistle Reading

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.
Blessed are those who have endured temptation;
they have stood the test
and will receive the crown of life.

**Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.**

Gospel Reading

John 3.1-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things

be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?'

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Churches of All Saints, Wigston Magna
and St. Thomas The Apostle, South Wigston*

Lent Course



Kiss of Judas | Master Trecentesco of Sacro Specol

Journeys with Judas

*Exploring the stories of Judas
to discover more about God's generous heart.*

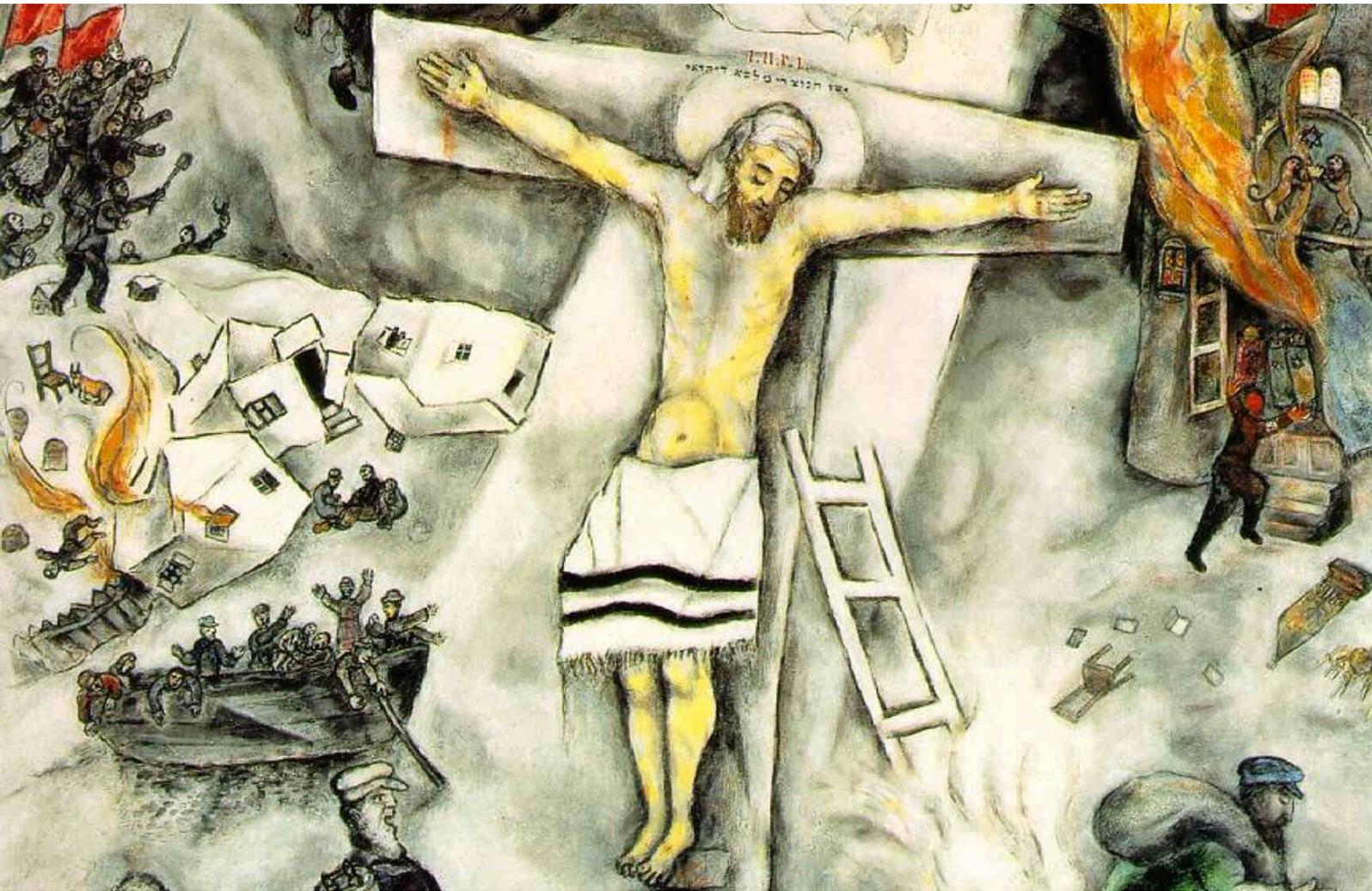
Wednesdays | 2:00 pm | All Saints

4th March | 11th March | 18th March | 25th March

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Stations of the Cross



The White Crucifixion | Marc Chagall

*Quiet and reflective services,
following Jesus on his journey to the Cross.*

Tuesdays | 2:00 pm | St. Thomas'

24th February | 3rd March | 10th March | 17th March | 24th March

Thursdays | 7:00 pm | Zoom

26th February | 5th March | 12th March | 19th March

Fridays | 7:00 pm | All Saints

27th February | 6th March | 13th March | 20th March | 27th March

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