

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

THE WIGSTON BENEFICE



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES TODAY

SUNDAY 26TH JULY 2026

10:00 AM SONG MASS

ALL SAINTS, WIGSTON MAGNA

10:00 AM MORNING PRAYER

ST. THOMAS', SOUTH WIGSTON

The Week Ahead

Sunday 26th July	The Eighth Sunday after Trinity 10:00 am Sung Mass 10:00 am Morning Prayer	<i>All Saints</i> <i>St. Thomas'</i>
Monday 27th July	Feria	
Tuesday 28th July	Feria	
Wednesday 29th July	Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord 10:30 am Eucharist	<i>St. Thomas'</i>
Thursday 30th July	William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, and Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, Anti-Slavery Campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1846 10:00 am Mass	<i>All Saints</i>
Friday 31st July	Feria	
Saturday 1st August	Feria 10:00 am Morning Prayer	<i>All Saints</i>
Sunday 2nd August	The Ninth Sunday after Trinity 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>

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.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 15th August | 10:00 am | All Saints Church Room

You are very welcome to come along to our next coffee morning at All Saints.

Diocesan Centenary Worship

Sunday 13th September | 2:30 pm | Athena, Leicester

Celebrating 100 years of the Diocese of Leicester! Join us for an afternoon celebrating the life of the Diocese of Leicester over its 100 years, in worship, prayer and liturgy, with food and drink, presentations, and more, with very special guest The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Dame Sarah Mullally. All ages are welcome, but children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times. Paid parking is available at nearby carparks and limited on-street bays, including disabled spaces.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocesan-centenary-worship-gathering-tickets-1990950498536?aff=oddtcreator

Diocesan Safeguarding Audit

The Archbishops' Council has appointed INEQE to take an independent look at safeguarding across the Church of England. Everyone is invited to take part in the independent INEQE safeguarding audit. The surveys will provide an opportunity to share your experiences and perspectives of safeguarding across the Diocese of Leicester, including what's working well and where things could be better. Surveys are now open until Wednesday 5th August 2026.

Benefice Contacts Updates

Very many thanks to everyone who has submitted a form, allowing me to update our benefice contact list. If you have yet to fill one in, please find one at the back of our church buildings and hand it directly to David or one of the churchwardens.

Organ Voluntaries

All Saints: Minuetto by Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

St. Thomas': Grand Choeur – Theodore Salome (1834-1896)

Find Our Churches

All Saints

Moat Street, Wigston Magna, LE18 2BA
what3words ///tells.famous.apples
www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4717/

St. Thomas the Apostle

St. Thomas' Road, South Wigston, LE18 4TA
what3words ///lobby.organ.mining
www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4706/

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Sunday 26th July 2026

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(or)

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3.5-12

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches,

or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119.129-136

Refrain: Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commandments.

Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. The opening of your word gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. **R**

I open my mouth and draw in my breath, as I long for your commandments. Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name. **R**

Order my steps by your word, and let no wickedness have dominion over me. Redeem me from earthly oppressors so that I may keep your commandments. **R**

Show the light of your countenance upon your servant and teach me your statutes. My eyes run down with streams of water, because the wicked do not keep your law. **R**

Epistle Reading

Romans 8.26-39

A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he

also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

'Every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven,' says the Lord, 'is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the

smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer after Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

Safeguarding Survey 2026

**HAVE
YOUR
SAY...**

Take the survey:



**What's working well?
What could we do better?**

Share your views on
safeguarding and help us
be a safer church
for everyone.

leicester.anglican.org/safeguarding/audit

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SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER - 2.30pm-5.30pm

