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Dear Mr. Welch,

**Re: St. Saviour's Church, St. Saviour's Road, Leicester**

Thank you for your enquiry to our *Images of England* website.

Please find attached a copy of the full statutory list description for St. Saviour's Church, St. Saviour's Road, Leicester as requested. The building was listed on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1975 and has Grade II\* status.

I hope that this information will be of interest to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further help.

Yours sincerely,

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ST SAVIOUR'S ROAD  
ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH including gate pie  
rs, gates and iron railings to the W

II\*

Church. 1875-77. By Sir G G Scott. English bond red brick with stone dressings and a stone spire; slate roof laid in diminishing courses with pierced ridge tiles. A mixture of Early English and Transitional styles with some Norman detailing. Plan of clerestoried nave, N and S aisles, N and S transepts, apsidal chancel with SE chapel and NE organ chamber and vestry, SW tower/porch.

EXTERIOR: Moulded brick eaves corbel table and set-back buttresses throughout. Apsidal buttressed 2-tier chancel with a lower tier of lancet windows and an upper tier of quatrefoil windows divided by brick pilasters. The nave has a striking W end with a shallow gabled porch with a richly-moulded W doorway with brick shafts with stone capitals. The porch is flanked by sexafoil windows in roundels with toothed moulding and moulded brick hoodmoulds. Above the porch there is a frieze of 6 lancet windows under an intersecting arcade of decorated moulded brickwork. Rose window in the gable which has stepped decoration to the verges. Triple lancet clerestory windows. The aisles have buttresses to the bays and lancet windows. The transepts are buttressed and have lancet windows and wheel windows in the gable, which have stepped brick decoration. Imposing 4-stage SW tower/porch with set-back buttresses with stone set-offs. Stone broach spire with 2 tiers of lucarnes. S doorway with a roll-moulded 2-centred doorway with brick shafts with stone bases and stiff-leaf capitals. 2-leaf door with ornamental strap hinges. Lancet windows with dogtooth moulding and brick shafts with stone capitals, the belfry windows large paired lancets. Brick corbel table below the tower.

INTERIOR: Brick and stone interior. Moulded brick arches with toothed decoration to the crossing, the arches on short stone shafts which have been painted white. Moulded stone arch to the sanctuary with shafts with waterleaf capitals. 2-tier tie beam roof to the nave and transepts with king posts and arch braces below the collar and a king post above and wind-braces. The nave has intermediate scissor-braced trusses. The crossing has a quadripartite rib vault with moulded stone ribs and a central carved boss. Timber rib vault to the choir. Plain brick dome to the apse. 4-bay N and S aisles with circular brick piers with waterleaf capitals supporting brick arches. The crossing piers are thicker and of polished granite. The sanctuary has encaustic floor tiles and a c.early C20 panelled dado with an integral panelled reredos with a carved frieze and cresting. Choir stalls with shouldered ends with roundel finials and open traceried fronts with toothed transoms. Stone drum pulpit with open arcading, the stonework painted white, on a circular brick stem, painted red. Font, painted white, with a square stone bowl with chamfered lower corners on an octagonal stem with a waterleaf capital. Nave benches with shouldered ends. The

First World War SE memorial chapel is screened off with a screen of round-headed arches, a panelled dado and an altar to match. Good E and W stained glass windows of c.1880. Other windows include one signed T E Curtis of Ward and Hughes, dated 1914.

At the W end the small churchyard is defined by iron railings and gates hung off brick piers with stone caps. The W gateway has a an iron overthrow with a lamp-holder.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANCE:

This is a lofty and very imposing city church by Sir G G Scott with a massive tower which is a major landmark in this part of Leicester. The interior, which has many fittings surviving, has a notably fine series of roofs.

SOURCES.

Brandwood, G., The Anglican Churches of Leicester, 1984, 45-46.

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