St Edward's and St Nicholas'

In the Benefice of Castle Donington with Lockington cum Hemington



28th January 2024

Candlemas

Romans 12: 1-5 & Luke 2: 22-40



Today's Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. Amen

ALL who live in the villages of Castle Donington, Lockington and Hemington are encouraged and most welcome to come to worship in one place as one family under one God.

8.30am BCP Holy Communion St Edward's Hall

Led by: Bishop Peter Fox

10.30am Holy Communion St Edward's Hall

Led by: Revd Matt Green

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, please do not hesitate to talk to one of the clergy. They would be delighted to pray quietly with you.

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Learning - Caring - Sharing



Are you ready for a pancake flipping good time?

As we prepare to enter into lent this year we would love to celebrate Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day!) with as many people as possible. This year we will be gathering at Foxbridge Primary School between 4pm and 5pm for a great time of crafts, games, songs and of course pancakes! This event is designed for everybody and so even if pancakes are not for you please do tell your friends, family and neighbours. To come along all you need to do is book through the Eventbrite link (here) or contact Ruth in the Church Office.

Congratulations!

Congratulation to Val Ellett and Dewald Swanepoel who have agreed to step into new roles within the life of St Edward's Church. Val has agreed to be Acting Churchwarden and Dewald is now an Assistant Churchwarden. Please pray for them as they engage in these new roles, and maybe ask them how they felt called to engage in the life of the church in this way.

Are you feeling called?

Being called by God doesn't always lead to ordained ministry. There are many ways to live out your faith in the life and mission of the church and wider community. If you feel God's calling you to be or do something, then you might find an answer at the Vocations Day.

Exploring Calling For Everyone is the chance to think about how God calls us to live out our faith, to recognise our gifts, and to meet others from across the diocese serving their church and communities in a variety of ways.



To book click the link **here**

Toodle-pip to Tony

As you may have heard, Tony Saffell stepped down from being Churchwarden on 31st December. The PCC would love to honour his service and contribution to the life of our Parish, and so we will be holding a **Bring and Share lunch** on Sunday 11th February, from 12noon in St Edward's Church Hall. Please sign up on the list at the back of the Church Hall, or contact Ruth in the Church Office.



NEXT Jumble & Book Sale will be on Tuesday 30th January at 9.30amPlease bring your Jumble, etc to the church hall on Monday 29th January at 2.00pm. Please do not leave it in the hall before then. Thank you.

Foodbank

Thank you for your donations to Foodbank – we are very grateful for your generosity. The Foodbank is open on Thursday mornings between 10.30am and 12.30pm, when you can drop off your donations.

Items that are needed: Toothpaste, bodywash, toiletries, toilet rolls, treats and snacks. Please make sure items are in date. Enter via the Church Office door at the far end of church hall. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, cheques are payable to "LES Foodbank Castle Donington Branch" — please post to the Vicarage, 6 Delven Lane, DE74 2LJ. If you are hungry, or know someone who is, please request a foodbank voucher. Phone or email Revd Andrew (vicar2cdlh@gmail.com). This is completely confidential.

Please pray for:

- the family and friends of Jean Lewis (Lesley Brown's mum) whose funeral will be at St Edward's at 11am on Tuesday 13th February, followed by burial at The Barroon;
- the family and friends of Gavin Tomlinson, whose funeral will be on Thursday 8th February;
- those attending the Alpha Course as they explore their big questions and learn more about the Christian faith;
- the Shaped By God Together process as parishes and their representatives move towards the next step of discernment and grouping conversations;
- as the week of prayer for Christian unity comes to an end we pray with others around the world for the Holy Spirit to open us to each other and strengthen our bonds of communion, growing us all in mutual affection.
- Holocaust Memorial Day, remembering all those affected by genocide, and for a world free from genocide, where no one's life is threatened because of who they are, what they look like, or what they believe.

Diary for Monday 29th January to Sunday 4th February 2024

Andrew is working and his day off is Monday. **Matt** working and his day off is Monday. **Ruth** is working and the Church Office will be open from 10.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 4.00pm on Tuesday and Friday.

Tuesday	,
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Morning Prayer	9.00am	Church Office
Jumble & Book Sale	9.30am	St Edward's Hall
Staff Meeting	9.45am	Church Office

Wednesday

Holy Communion	10.00am	St Edward's Hall
25 th Anniversary of Airport Chaplaincy	11.00am	EMA
Alpha Course	7.00pm	Cordwell Close

Thursday

Morning Prayer	9.00am	St Edward's Hall
Church cleaning	9.30am – 11.00am	St Edward's Church
Deanery Chapter	10.00am	Mountsorrel
Little Sunbeam Club	10.00am – 11.30am	St Edward's Hall
Foodbank	10.30am – 12.30pm	St Anne's Room
Pancake Party Planning	7.00pm	Zoom

Friday

Morning Prayer	9.00am	St Edward's Hall
Warm Welcome Space	10.00am – 3.00pm	St Edward's Hall

Sunday

BCP Holy Communion	8.30am	St Edward's Hall
Community Breakfast	9.30am	St Edward's Hall
Breakfast Church	10.30am	St Edward's Hall
Meeting for potential Lockington PCC	3.00pm	St Edward's Hall



"Stay awake and pray that you may not come into difficulty"

Matthew 26:41a

The next News Sheet will be published for Sunday 4th February the deadline for which will be 12.00noon the Wednesday before. Please do send in your items to the Parish email address on the front page. Thank you.