

St Edward's and St Nicholas'

In the Benefice of Castle Donington with Lockington cum Hemington



31st August 2025



The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Ephesians 3: 14-21 & Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Today's Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

A very warm welcome to our worship today, whether you live in Hemington, Lockington or Castle Donington, or are visiting. And an equally warm welcome to Bishop Saju.

4.00pm

**Benefice Service of
Holy Communion with
Baptism & Confirmation**

St Edward's Church

We especially welcome Meredith, Ellis, and Henry who are being baptised, and Natalie and Sarah who will be baptised and confirmed in our service today.

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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Come. See. God is doing something new!



Benefice Service – TODAY at 4.00pm

This Sunday there will be **no** 8.30am or 10.30am services as we will be gathering as one benefice at St Edward's Church at **4.00pm** for a service of Holy Communion with Baptism and Confirmation with Bishop Saju. Please do join us for this very special occasion as we walk with those taking the next step on their journeys of faith with God.

NEW Pattern of 8.30am Services at St Edward's from September

With Revd Andrew's imminent departure, and with the journey towards Minster Communities in mind, the PCC has recognised that it will not be possible to find a priest to lead all the services that currently require a priest. The PCC has therefore decided to reduce the number of Sunday 8.30am BCP Holy Communion services from weekly to fortnightly. From September, there will be an 8.30am Holy Communion service according to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer on the first and third Sundays of the month only. Holy Communion will be available on the other Sundays at 10.30am.



NEW Office Hours

After reviewing when the church office receives most enquiries and visitors we are adjusting our opening hours. From this Tuesday (2nd September) the office will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays straight through from **10.00am to 3.00pm**.

Pastoral Care Team – we need your help!

We are seeking volunteers for a new Pastoral Care team to provide support for individuals and to help them feel connected to our community. Caring for each other is a vital part of living out our faith and sharing the love of God with others. If you would like to know more about how to get involved, please get in touch with Zoe Musgrove either by emailing the office (office@cdlh-churches.org) or speak to her at church.



Foodbank

Thank you so much for your donations to Foodbank – they make a huge difference. The Foodbank is open on Thursday mornings between 10.30am and 12.30pm, when you can drop off your donations.

Items that are urgently needed: **tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, jam, rice, and long-life fruit juice**. 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 (vicar@cdlh-churches.org). This is completely confidential.

Book & Jumble Sale – THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who supported this month's Jumble & Book Sale and helped us raise a total of **£217.00**. Unsold items will either be kept for the next sale or donated to the local Air Ambulance/ Salvation Army charities.



Journey in Faith Course

This Autumn the Journey in Faith (JiF) course will be running across the diocese. This course runs for three terms, and offers the time and space for people to grow in knowledge, deepen their faith and how to apply that to the whole of life. For more information you can watch a video about JiF following this [link](#). You can sign up via the hub or by emailing MMBookings@LeicesterCofe.org. If you have any questions about the JiF course feel free to speak to Catherine Stray.

Please pray for:

- the family and friends of Joan Hill who passed away peacefully last week, funeral details to be confirmed;
- the family and friends of Margaret Lowe and her daughter Georgina Lowe, whose combined funeral will be at 11.30am on Friday 19th September at Trent Valley Crematorium;
- for the parents, Godparents, families and friends of Meredith, Ellis, Henry, Natalie and Sarah who will be baptised this Sunday (Natalie and Sarah will also be confirmed by Bishop Saju), and also Madison, Aledis, and Enrique who will be baptised in September;
- all who come to and volunteer at the Little Sunbeam Toddler Group;
- our PCCs and the decisions and plans to be made for the future as we navigate the changes ahead;
- all those in our churches who work so hard to make our events and services welcoming so that those who come along have opportunity to connect with God;
- peacemakers and aid workers striving to bring relief and hope to our troubled world.



Diary for Monday 1st to Sunday 7th September 2025

Andrew is working and his day off is Monday. **Ruth** is working and the Church Office will be open from **10.00am to 3.00pm** on Tuesday and Friday.

Tuesday

Morning Prayer	9.00am	St Edward's Church
Staff Meeting	9.45am	Church Office

Wednesday

Holy Communion	10.00am	St Edward's Church
St Nicholas' PCC	7.00pm	St Nicholas' Church

Thursday

Morning Prayer	9.00am	St Edward's Church
Church cleaning	9.30am – 11.00am	St Edward's Church
Little Sunbeam Club	10.00am – 11.30am	St Edward's Hall
Foodbank	10.30am – 12.30pm	St Anne's Room
Diocesan Synod Budget briefing	7.00pm	St Martins House

Friday

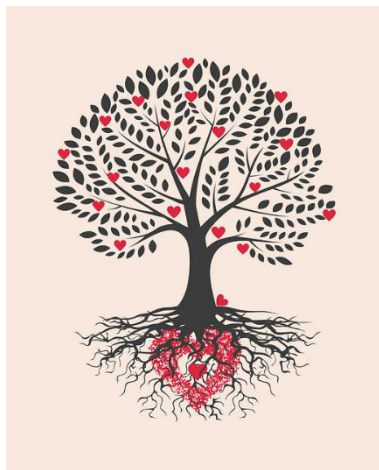
Morning Prayer	9.00am	St Edward's Church
Warm Welcome Space	10.00am – 3.00pm	St Edward's Hall

Sunday

BCP Holy Communion	8.30am	St Edward's Church
Community Breakfast	9.30am	St Edward's Hall
Breakfast Church	10.30am	St Edward's Hall

'I pray that you,
being rooted and established in love,
may have power,
together with all the Lord's holy people,
to grasp how wide and long
and high and deep
is the love of Christ.'

Ephesians 3 vs 17b - 18



The next News Sheet will be published for Sunday 7th September the deadline for which will be the Wednesday before. Please do send in your items to the Parish email address on the front page. Thank you.