

# St Edward's and St Nicholas'

In the Benefice of Castle Donington with Lockington cum Hemington



**14<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

## **The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Philippians 2: 5-11 & John 3: 13-17**



### **Today's Collect**

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**A very warm welcome to our worship today, whether you live in Hemington, Lockington or Castle Donington, or are visiting.**

**10.30am**

**Holy Communion**

**St Edward's Church**

**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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Church Hall Bookings: <https://hallbookingonline.com/stedward>

**Come. See. God is doing something new!**



## Revd Andrew is moving on

Further to the announcement that Revd Andrew is moving to be Vicar of Grimsby Minster with St Hugh in the Diocese of Lincoln, we can now announce his last Sunday with us will be **28<sup>th</sup> September** with services of Holy Communion at 10.30am at St Edward's, and the Harvest Festival at St Nicholas' at 6pm. His licensing service will be at 7pm on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November at Grimsby Minster. Please

pray for Andrew, Lois and Josie, for the congregations here who will miss them greatly, and for the parish they are going to in Grimsby.



## Harvest is nearly here



**Harvest Festival at St Nicholas' Church** is at 6pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September followed by the Harvest Supper on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Village Hall – tickets for the Supper are £10 each and available from Fields Farm Shop – there will also be an auction of harvest produce at the Harvest Supper to raise funds for St Nicholas' Church.

**Harvest Festival at St Edward's** is on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October with a special celebration at Breakfast Church. Harvest gifts of dried and

tinned items are invited for our local Foodbank and our Harvest Appeal this year will be towards the [UNICEF Children in Gaza Crisis Appeal](#).

## New Warm Spaces Hours

From 19<sup>th</sup> September Warm Spaces will have slightly different hours of **10am to 2pm on Fridays**. We'd love to see you there!



## Macmillan Coffee Morning @ Warm Spaces

Join us on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 10am to 2pm for a special Warm Spaces with Macmillan Coffee morning.



Please drop by and say hello, have a cuppa and cake to support this fantastic cause!

## Church Wardens and Church Officers Training Day

The annual training day for Church Wardens and Church Officers takes place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 9am-1.30pm at St Andrew's Church in Leicester Forest East. An opportunity to meet others carrying out these important roles in their parishes, there will be information and talks from diocesan staff, the Registry, a DAC Architect and Ecclesiastical Insurance. If you would like to attend, RSVP ASAP to Paige Bradshaw-Jones, EA to the Archdeacons of Leicester and Loughborough: [Paige.Bradshaw-Jones@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Paige.Bradshaw-Jones@LeicesterCofE.org)

## Creationtide

Creationtide is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. It's a month of unity, when Christians around the world celebrate the beauty and wonder of creation and commit to caring for our common home. This year, we are called to be peacemakers with creation, all people, and God, based on Isaiah 32:14-18.



Garden of Peace  
Isaiah 32:14-18

## Keeping Children & Young People Safe

Following a recent listening exercise with children and young people across the diocese, the Bishops' Children & Youth Council have identified three key findings:



- Children and young people feel safest when those around them and their environment are familiar.
- Safe places often involved food and being outside.
- Safe places and sharing information are better in real life (IRL), rather than online.

[You can read the report here](#) or [read a summary](#).



### 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 put in the letterbox outside the church hall**. If you are hungry, or know someone who is, **an urgent foodbank voucher can be requested via The Hub, or directly from the Foodbank on a Thursday**.

### Please pray for:

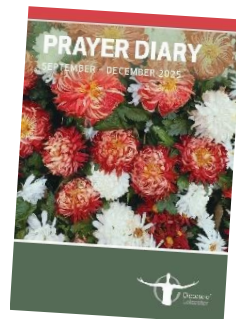
- the family and friends of Margaret Lowe and her daughter Georgina Lowe, whose combined funeral will be at 11.30am on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September at Trent Valley Crematorium;
- the family and friends of Joan Hill, whose funeral will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm at St Edward's Church followed by Committal at Trent Valley;
- Revd Andrew, Lois and Josie as they prepare to move on;
- our PCCs and the decisions and plans to be made for the future as we navigate the changes ahead;
- the environment and Peace with Creation this month of Creationtide;
- all peacemakers and aid workers striving to bring relief and hope to our troubled world.

### Prayer Diaries – available now!

Join in prayer with others from across our Diocese by picking up a free copy of the Prayer Diary for September to December from the back of St Edward's Church. Also available to download at:

<https://leicester.anglican.org/everyday-faith/prayer-diary/>

Why not try using this as part of your Everyday Prayer?



## Diary for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

|                                   |         |                    |
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| Morning Prayer                    | 9.00am  | St Edward's Church |
| Staff Meeting                     | 9.45am  | Church Office      |
| Breakfast Church Planning Meeting | 10.30am | St Edward's Hall   |

### Wednesday

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| Holy Communion | 10.00am | St Edward's Church |
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### Thursday

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| 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     |

### Friday

|                                    |                  |                          |
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| Morning Prayer                     | 9.00am           | St Edward's Church       |
| Warm Welcome Space                 | 10.00am – 2.00pm | St Edward's Hall         |
| Funeral – Margaret & Georgina Lowe | 11.30am          | Trent Valley Crematorium |

### Sunday

|                              |         |                    |
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| BCP Holy Communion           | 8.30am  | St Edward's Church |
| Morning Worship with Baptism | 10.30am | St Edward's Church |



‘For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.’

**John 3 vs 16**

*The next News Sheet will be published for Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September the deadline for which will be the Tuesday before. Please do send in your items to the Parish email address on the front page. Thank you.*