

St Edward's and St Nicholas'

In the Benefice of Castle Donington with Lockington cum Hemington



2nd November 2025

Fourth Sunday before Advent

Luke 19:1-10



Today's Collect

God of glory,
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
that we with all creation
may rejoice to sing your praise;
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.

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

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!

Next Sunday...

Please remember that there will be no 10.30am service at St Edward's on **Sunday 9th November** as we will be gathering at Castle Donington War Memorial at **10.55am** for our Act of Remembrance. There will also be an Act of Remembrance at Hemington War Memorial at **12.00noon**.



"A Time to Remember"

Our Annual Light & Hope Bereavement Service will take place next **Sunday (9th November) at 4.00pm** in St Edward's Church.

A gentle service with:

- hymns, prayers and a time to reflect
- naming those who have passed away
- calling the Royal British Legion Roll of Honour

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

History Talk with Cheese & Wine at St Nicholas'

St Nicholas' Church are hosting a Cheese & Wine evening at 7pm on Friday 14th November where local historian Roger Willson will be giving a talk on the history of St Nicholas'. Tickets are available at £5 per person (free for children) from the farm shop at Fields Farm or email:

clarehiggins1970@gmail.com



Festival of Angels

To coincide with Castle Donington's Christmas Cheer event on Saturday 29th November, St Edward's is holding a Festival of Angels and will be open for people to come and have refreshments and have time to look around the church. We will be decorating the nave with angels and art from crafters at Warm Spaces and by children from our local schools. Do pop along to Warm Spaces on Fridays and help us craft an angelic host to join the heavenly display!

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

This autumn the Warm Welcome Space are collecting for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2025. We are partnering with the charity T4U again who will be sending shoe boxes for children and families in Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania. They work alongside local community groups to make sure the shoeboxes reach vulnerable children and families. You will be able to drop off donations for the shoeboxes at the Warm Welcome Space on Fridays, or even pick up a shoebox (£1) to fill yourselves and bring back. Donated items will be assembled into boxes at the Warm Welcome Space on Friday 21st November. You can find out more at teams4u.com.



Book & Jumble Sale – THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who supported this month's Jumble & Book Sale and helped us raise a total of **£251.50**. Unsold items will either be kept for the next sale or donated to the local Air Ambulance/ Salvation Army charities.



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, **a foodbank voucher can be requested via The Volunteer Centre at The Hub**.

Please pray for:

- all those who are persecuted for their faith (1 in 7 believers worldwide);
- Revd Andrew for his licensing on Thursday and safe travels for those going up to Grimsby for the service;
- all who will come to the Light & Hope Bereavement service next Sunday as they remember those whom they love but see no more;
- those who wait with the dying and for a deep peace for those living with grief, trauma and loss;
- the Royal British Legion, and the veterans and their families whom they support;
- lasting peace in the Middle East.

Looking ahead – dates for your diary

9th November: 10.55am **Act of Remembrance** at the War Memorial in Castle Donington
12noon **Act of Remembrance** at the War Memorial in Hemington
4pm **Light & Hope Bereavement** Service in St Edward's Church

14th November: 7pm **Cheese & Wine evening with History talk** in St Nicholas' Church

21st November: 10am deadline for Christmas **Shoebbox Appeal**

29th November: 3pm – 7pm **Festival of Angels** in St Edward's Church alongside
Christmas Cheer and Market on Borough Street

30th November: 10.30am **Benefice Holy Communion Service** at St Nicholas'
(please note there will be no services at St Edward's on Sunday 30th)

11th & 12th December: **Experience Christmas for Schools** in St Edward's

24th December: 3pm **Crib Service** in St Edward's

6pm **Carols in the Marketplace** with the Salvation Army Band

8pm **Christmas Communion and Carols** in St Nicholas'

11.30pm **Midnight Mass by Candlelight** in St Edward's

25th December: 10am **Christmas Communion** in St Edward's



Diary for Monday 3rd November to Sunday 9th November 2025

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
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Thursday

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

Morning Prayer	9.00am	St Edward's Church
Warm Welcome Space	10.00am – 2.00pm	St Edward's Hall

Sunday

BCP Holy Communion	8.30am	St Edward's Church
Act of Remembrance	10.55am	Donington War Memorial
Act of Remembrance	12.00noon	Hemington War Memorial
Light & Hope Bereavement Service	4.00pm	St Edward's Church



“For the Son of Man
came to seek and
to save the lost.”
Luke 19 v10

The next News Sheet will be published for Sunday 9th November 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.