

St Edward's and St Nicholas'

In the Benefice of Castle Donington with Lockington cum Hemington



16th and 23rd November 2025



News Sheet for Two Weeks!

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

16th November 2025

Safeguarding Sunday

Luke 21:5-19

Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**8.30am BCP Holy Communion
St Edward's Hall**

**10.30am Morning Worship
St Edward's Hall**

23rd November 2025

Christ the King

Jeremiah 23:1-16 and Luke 23:33-43

Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of
Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
Amen.

**10.30am Holy Communion
St Edward's Hall**



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Come. See. God is doing something new!

The next News Sheet will be published for Sunday 30th 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.

A message from Revd Andrew

Andrew and Lois would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who came to Andrew's licensing at Grimsby Minster on Thursday 6th November. They have been in touch to say:

"Thank you for your love, support and prayers, and please know that we continue to pray for you."



"A Time to Remember" – THANK YOU!

Rev Sue and Catherine would like to pass on grateful thanks to everyone who helped with the Light and Hope Time to Remember service last Sunday. Thank you for being part of the stewarding and welcome team, being a candle bearer, providing music, or part of hospitality. It was a beautiful and peaceful service and it was lovely to be able to offer that space for people to remember their loved ones. There was a lot to do before, during, and after the service and without you we couldn't have done it. Thank you!

Can you help?



You may have already noticed on the news sheet that we are moving into the Church Hall for worship for the winter, where it is much, much warmer. This does mean that we have a little bit of setting up to do each week, like putting out the chairs etc, so we are looking for a few people who might be able to pop along on Saturdays at 5pm for about 20 minutes to help with that. If quite a few people volunteer, then a rota can be set up so that not everybody needs to come along every week. All training will be given! If you can help, have a chat with Catherine or email her at: catherine.stray@cdlh-churches.org

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.



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 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. We will be offering refreshments and cakes in the church. If you are able to offer to bake a cake or a few cupcakes, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or let Jacky Oaten know. Thank you so much!

Christmas Wreath Making at St Nicholas'

On Sunday 30th November at 2pm you are invited to come and make your own Christmas wreath. The cost is £35 which includes all you will need to make a wreath from natural materials for your door. Not only that but there will be mulled wine and mince pies as you get crafty. Book at the farm shop at Fields Farm or email clarehiggins1970@gmail.com.



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 in our local churches who work so hard to keep everyone safe;
- protection for the vulnerable in our communities and justice and healing for survivors of abuse;
- those affected by the horrors of war, grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom;
- those struggling with financial pressures as the winter approaches.



Looking ahead – dates for your diary

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

29th November: 3 – 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)

2pm **Wreath Making** at St Nicholas'

2 – 4pm **Open Church**: another chance to see the Angels at St Edward's

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

19th December: 7pm **Male Voice Choir Concert** in Lockington

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 17th November to Sunday 30th November 2025

The Church Office will be **closed** for annual leave on **Friday 21st and Tuesday 25th November**.

PLEASE NOTE: As winter approaches and the weather has turned colder most services at St Edward's will now be held in the Church Hall unless stated otherwise.

Tuesday 18th

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

Wednesday 19th

Holy Communion	10.00am	St Edward's Hall
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Thursday 20th

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 21st

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

Sunday 23rd

Holy Communion	10.30am	St Edward's Hall
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Tuesday 25th

<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>CANCELLED</i>	
Book & Jumble Sale	9.30am	St Edward's Hall
Bishop's Study Day	9.30am to 4.00pm	St Martins House

Wednesday 26th

Morning Worship	10.00am	St Edward's Hall
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Thursday 27th

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 28th

Morning Prayer	9.00am	St Edward's Hall
Staff Meeting	9.45am	Church Office
Warm Welcome Space	10.00am – 2.00pm	St Edward's Hall

Saturday 29th

Festival of Angels	3.00pm – 7.00pm	St Edward's Church
Christmas Cheer and Market	3.00pm – 7.00pm	Borough Street

Sunday 30th

Benefice Holy Communion	10.30am	St Nicholas' Church
Wreath making	2.00pm	St Nicholas' Church
Open Church with Angels	2.00pm – 4.00pm	St Edward's Church