

St Edward's and St Nicholas'

In the Benefice of Castle Donington with Lockington cum Hemington



30th November 2025

Advent Sunday

Isaiah 1:2-15 and Matthew 24:36-44



Today's Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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

10.30am Benefice Service with Holy Communion St Nicholas' Church

****Please note there will be no services at St Edward's on Sunday 30th****

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!



Festival of Angels

This weekend 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 from 3-7pm on Saturday (29th) **and** 2-4pm on Sunday (30th). Don't miss seeing the nave decorated with beautiful angels and art from crafters at Warm Spaces and by children from our local schools. Refreshments and cakes available.

Christmas Wreath Making at St Nicholas'

This Sunday 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.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2025



This year's shoeboxes were packed up by our Warm Spaces elves last week. Thank you so much to Warm Space and the children from St Edward's school who came in to help put the boxes together! They will soon be travelling their way through Europe to children and families in Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia, and Romania. We managed to fill and send 58 boxes to the Appeal. A massive thank you to all those who donated items, money, and time to this good cause.



Parking Permits

A reminder that the annual parking permits for the front of St Edward's Church Hall expire on the 15th of December. A permit costs £10, and they are issued only to those who attend church regularly or are users of the church hall. To pick up a new one please visit Ruth in the church office on Tuesdays or Fridays from 10.00am – 3.00pm.



Book & Jumble Sale – THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who supported this month's Jumble & Book Sale and helped us raise a total of **£269.00!** 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**.

12 Days of Christmas

Foodbank is asking for your help in the run-up to Christmas. Simply put one of these items into a bag or box each day and then when you have them all, drop them off at one of the collection points listed below by **Friday 19th December**. Thank you so much for your support.

Tinned Tuna or Salmon	Sponge Pudding	Washing Powder	Tinned Vegetables
Tin of Ham, Chicken or Corned Beef	Jar of Pasta or Curry Sauce	Long Life Juice or UHT Milk	Custard or Rice Pudding
Coffee, Tea or Hot Chocolate	Bag of Rice	Bottle of Squash	Tinned Potatoes

Drop Off Points: Castle Donington Community Hub, 101 Bondgate, DE74 2NR

Castle Donington Foodbank, St Anne's Lane (**Thursday mornings only**)

The Co-op, Borough Street, DE74 2LA, or Starbucks, Studbrook Business Park, DE74 2ZB

Please pray for:

- the Church's faithful ministry, preparing the way for Christ's return;
- all in our own churches who work so hard to make our events and services welcoming so that those who come along have opportunity to connect with God;
- peace in the world, in Palestine and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, and other conflict zones;
- those struggling with financial pressures as the winter approaches.



Advent & Christmas dates for your diary

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 1st to Sunday 7th December 2025

The Church Office will be open from **10.00am to 3.00pm** on Tuesday and Friday.

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

Morning Prayer	9.00am	St Edward's Hall
Intergenerational Action Group	12.15pm	St Edward's Hall

Wednesday

Holy Communion	10.00am	St Edward's Hall
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Thursday

Experience Christmas for Schools	Morning	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 Hall
Experience Christmas for Schools	Morning	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
Community Breakfast	9.30am	St Edward's Hall
Breakfast Church	10.30am	St Edward's Hall



The next News Sheet will be published for Sunday 7th December 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.