

St Edward's and St Nicholas'

In the Benefice of Castle Donington with Lockington cum Hemington



25th January 2026

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Acts 9.1-22, Matthew 19.27-end



Today's Collect

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in 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 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!



Warm Welcome Space: Q & A

What is Warm Welcome space?

It came about across the country in response to cost-of-living pressures faced by households after the pandemic. While it was set up to support communities through the coldest time of the year, we are now open all year round, helping people feel less isolated and lonely and boosting wellbeing by building friendships.

What happens at warm spaces?

The range of activities can vary. There is always a jigsaw on the go. We have guests who like to knit or crochet, others play cards or choose some mindful colouring instead. Some come just to have a chat while others enjoy a book. You can also bring your laptop and do some remote work. We usually have some project running through the year. Past projects include knitted blankets for the local nursing home, handmade poppies for a coronation display, assembled Christmas "shoe box" gifts and most recently angels for the festival of angels. We also offer refreshments all through the day and a light lunch of sandwiches and crisps.



What is the commitment if I volunteer?

Ideally a couple of sessions a month on average, but it isn't a hard and fast rule. As little or as often as you can do will be fine.

What could I do as a volunteer?

Volunteer sessions are split:

9:30-12:00 includes setting up ready to open

12:00-2:30 includes packing up and clearing away.

Volunteers welcome visitors, chat to people and make sure tea and coffee keeps flowing. There will always be a session leader who knows where things are and oversees everything.

How do I become a volunteer?

Come along on Fridays, 10.00am to 2.00pm in St Edward's Church Hall. Or please get in touch at: warmwelcome@cdlh-churches.org for more information or an application form.



Breakfast church team - check your spam!

The team of volunteers that help to set up, serve, cook and pack down Community Breakfast and Breakfast Church do an absolutely amazing job, so thank you. In preparation for February's Breakfast Church, the organising emails will be sent by April Sly (april.sly@cdlh-churches.org).



It might be that the team email goes into your spam folders. If you are expecting an email and it doesn't arrive by Wednesday, please check your spam. Thank you.



Foodbank

Thank you so much for your donations to Foodbank – they make a huge difference. Our local branch have now set up Amazon Wish Lists as a way people can buy things to donate to the foodbank. There are three wishlists:

[urgently needed items](#), [food and drink](#), and [personal care and household items](#)

There are items from under 50p up to bulk items costing more. Items can be delivered to the buyer's address, or they can be delivered to Becca (please contact foodbank for address).



Bank the Food are also signed up to the [Bank the Food App](#) which alerts users of the items we most need as they enter the supermarket. It also lets people search for their nearest supermarket foodbank collection point. You can find more and download the app at: <https://www.bankthefood.com/download-the-app>

The Foodbank is open Thursday mornings between 10.30am and 12.30pm. If you are hungry, or know someone who is, **a foodbank voucher can be requested via The Hub.**

Having a Spring-clean declutter?



The next Book & Jumble Sale at St Edward's will be at 9.30am on Tuesday 27th January. Please bring your Jumble, etc to the Church Hall on Monday 26th at 2.00pm. Thank you.

St Nicholas' are also having a Jumble Sale at church in Lockington on Saturday 7th February at 12noon. Please drop off any donations at the Farm Shop at Fields Farm by Friday 6th or text 07803 614167 to arrange collection.



Please pray for:

- the family and friends of Roseia Williams, who passed away recently;
- for mercy, for peace, for justice, and for leaders to govern wisely, seeking common good rather than power and domination of nations;
- the Church of God in all its manifestations, that through our diversity we will draw people to the one, true and living God who offers hope, peace and purpose to a polarised and fractured world.

Diary for Monday 26th January to Sunday 1st February 2026

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

PLEASE NOTE: As winter has arrived 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
Staff Meeting	9.45am	Church Office

Wednesday

Morning Worship	10.00am	St Edward's Hall
School Collective Worship	11.15am	St Edward's Church

Thursday

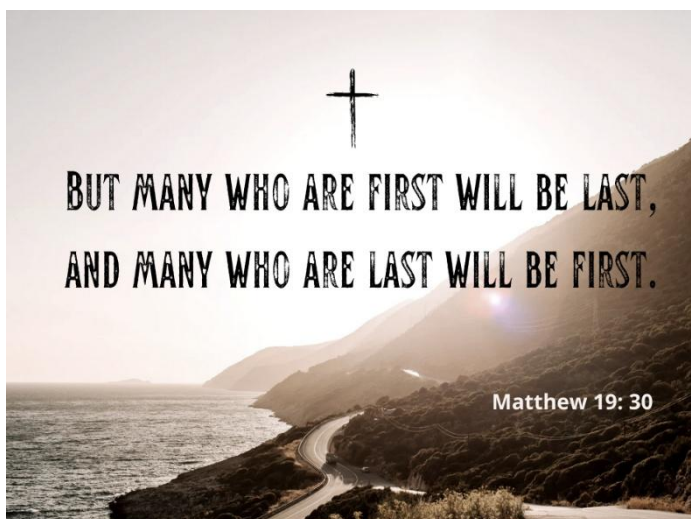
Church cleaning	9.30am – 11.00am	St Edward's Church
Little Sunbeam Club	10.00am – 11.30am	St Edward's Hall
Foodbank	10.30am – 12.30pm	St Anne's Room

Friday

Morning Prayer	9.00am	St Edward's Hall
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 1st February..
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