

St Edward's and St Nicholas'

In the Benefice of Castle Donington with Lockington cum Hemington



4th January 2026

Epiphany
Matthew 2: 1-14



Today's Collect

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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!

St Edward's Christmas Appeal – THANK YOU

Our Christmas Appeal has raised **£720.00** which has been shared equally between two charities: [Forever Angels](#) and [Bundles of Hope & Baby Basics](#).

Forever Angels is based in Tanzania, and provides interim care for orphaned babies until a permanent family can be found. Maisha Matters, part of the charity, supports orphaned babies in their own homes with life-saving formula milk whilst empowering their families through business creation and education.

The donation will go to support some of the families and infants they care for, especially following the recent riots and unrest after the election. This is a photo of a typical Maisha Matters group, where the families and caregivers come to Forever Angels each week, to receive support and baby formula, as well as learning about such issues as Malaria, HIV, childcare etc.



Bundles of Hope and Baby Basics, Long Eaton, combine to support families with children up to the age of 5 years. They provide new baby Moses basket packages, clothes, nappies, formula and other baby and children's products. See <https://bundlesofhope.co.uk> for more details.

Please do keep both charities in your prayers for the year ahead, as they seek to show God's love to the families they help in so many ways.

MORE Christmas Thank-yous!

Rev Sue and Catherine would like to say a **HUGE** thank you everyone who helped in any way with any of the events and services in the lead up to and during the Christmas period. It was a very lovely and a very busy time. Over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day around 1,000 people heard the message of the Birth of Jesus through Carols in the Market Place, the Crib service and our other services, and without your offers of help, this would not have been able to happen. Thank you!

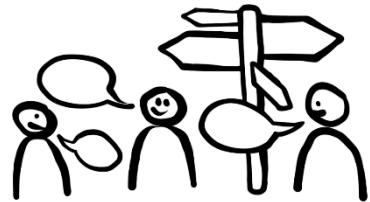


Please pray for:

- our NHS and Care services as they cope with the additional pressures of the flu season;
- those struggling with financial pressures this winter;
- our local schools and college as the new term starts;
- our charities, both local and international, who work so hard to care for others;
- those displaced from their homes due to conflict, economic crisis, or environmental catastrophe;
- for mercy, for peace, for justice for all people affected by war. God grant us peace in our time and the day when all people will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom.

Minster community update

It probably seems that the minister community process has gone very quiet recently. This is because the working parties have been preparing a report and it has now gone to the various PCCs across the region for feedback. It would appear that whilst there has been good progress made, there are still some substantial questions and issues to be resolved. Bishop Martyn has therefore invited us all to attend an open meeting on 12th January at Ashby Holy Trinity church at 7pm to discuss the learning and a way forward. This process affects all of us so please do make every effort if you can to be there. If you would like a lift, please speak to a member of the PCC and we will do our best to accommodate you. If you want further information, please speak to Maria Laxton or email her at: pccsecretary@cdlh-churches.org.



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.

THE WINTER GAMES

AT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH



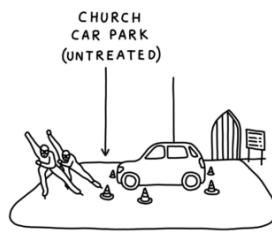
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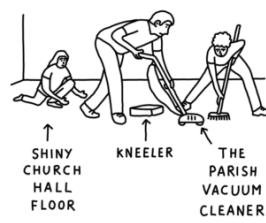
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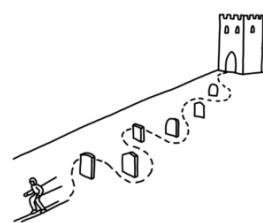
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SPEED SKATING



CURLING



SLALOM

Diary for Monday 5th to Sunday 11th January 2026

The Church Office will be open from **10.00am to 3.00pm** on Tuesday and from **10.00am to 12.30pm** on 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
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Wednesday

Holy Communion	10.00am	St Edward's Hall
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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 Hall
Warm Welcome Space	10.00am – 2.00pm	St Edward's Hall

Sunday

Holy Communion	10.30am	St Edward's Hall
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When they saw the star,
they were overjoyed.

Matthew 2 vs10



*The next News Sheet will be published for Sunday 11th January.
Please do send in your items to the Parish email address on the front page. Thank you.*