

St Edward's and St Nicholas'

In the Benefice of Castle Donington with Lockington cum Hemington



22nd February 2026



First Sunday of Lent

Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

Today's Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in 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.

9.00am	Morning Worship	St Nicholas' Church
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!

👏👏👏 St Edward's Pancake Party – THANK YOU! 👏👏👏



Thank you to all who came to our Pancake Party. Lots of fun was had flipping pancakes and eating delicious ones with yummy toppings. We enjoyed seeing you all! Thank you also to the team of people who worked tirelessly to prepare, welcome, heat pancakes, organise games and activities, and serve refreshments. As with anything we do as a church, it couldn't happen without a team working together. Thank you!

Praying through Lent 2026

During Lent we will be praying for and giving thanks to God for everyone in our communities, and we invite you to join us by using the list below as a prayer prompt each week. You can also follow the Church of England's prayers for Lent [here](#), or download the Everyday Faith app [here](#).

Week 1 - 22nd February: For all who live and work in our villages.

Week 2 - 1st March: Our schools and the college – for the children and staff.

Week 3 - 8th March: All businesses in the villages - both small and large.

Week 4 - 15th March: Volunteers, those who run clubs and activities; those who care for others and the parish councils; our medical and emergency services.

Week 5 - 22nd March: Our Hospitality venues, the airport and the racetrack – we pray for all those who work there and all the visitors that pass through.

*Week 6 - 29th March **Holy Week:*** Why not try a prayer walk? Have a walk round where you live, pray for your neighbours, pray on the way to the bus stop, or whilst you are shopping.



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](#)



Bank the Food

Foodbank 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.

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.**

Keep up with the latest news from the Foodbank on their Facebook page [here](#) and new Instagram page [here](#) – do follow them so they can build the pages!



Book & Jumble Sale!

The next Book & Jumble Sale will be at 9.30am on Tuesday 24th February.
Please bring your Jumble, etc to the Church Hall on Monday 23rd at 2.00pm.

St Nicholas' Church upcoming dates for the diary:

Wednesday 11 th March	10am to 12.30pm	Open Church
Sunday 22 nd March	9am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 25 th March	10am to 12.30pm	Open Church
Good Friday 3 rd April	2pm	Last Hour at the Cross
Sunday 26 th April	9am	Holy Communion



Please pray for:

- the family and friends of Roseia Williams, whose funeral will be at 10.30am on Tuesday 10th March at St Edward's Church followed by committal at Trent Valley Crematorium;
- the family and friends of June Kaye, who has passed away;
- an end to conflict and war, especially in the forgotten places throughout the world;
- those who are in a wilderness of pain, sorrow, doubt or fear, that they may know comfort and healing;
- all in our churches who work so hard to make our events and services welcoming so that those who come along have opportunity to connect with God.

Services at

St Edward's Church
CASTLE DONINGTON

Come join us on Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday

8.30am BCP Communion
10.30am Morning Worship

Both services in the Church Hall

ALL WELCOME

Diary for Monday 23rd February to Sunday 1st March 2026

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

Tuesday

Morning Prayer	9.00am	St Edward's Hall
Book & Jumble Sale	9.30am	St Edward's Hall
Staff Meeting	9.45am	Church Office

Wednesday

Morning Worship	10.00am	St Edward's Hall
Open Church	10.00am – 12.30pm	St Nicholas' Church

Thursday

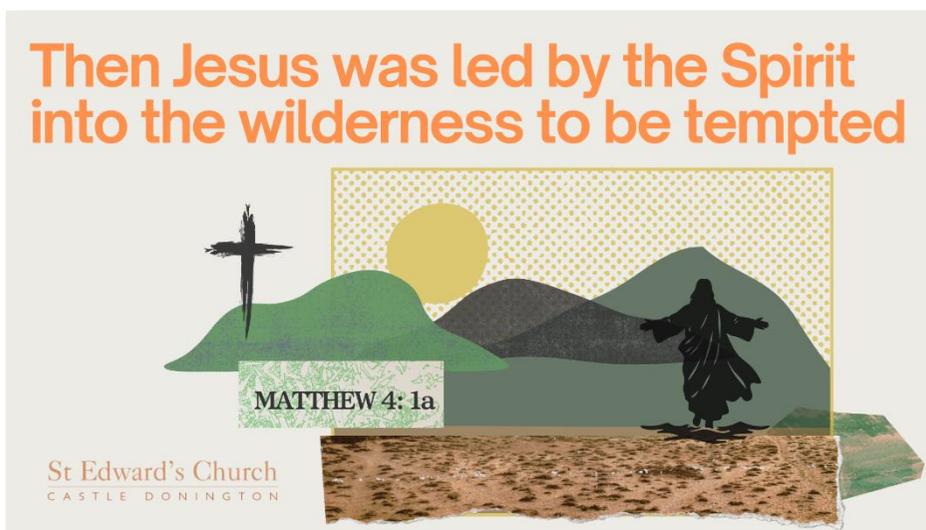
Church cleaning	9.30am – 11.00am	St Edward's Church
Little Sunbeam Club	10.00am – 11.30am	St Edward's Hall
Foodbank	10.30am – 12.30pm	St Anne's Room

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 March.
Please do send in your items to the Parish email address on the front page. Thank you.*