St Edward's and St Nicholas'

In the Benefice of Castle Donington with Lockington cum Hemington

8th March 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

Psalm 95:1-7, John 4:5-42

Today's Collect
Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the
perfection we are promised
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.

10.30am	**Holy Communion**	**St Edward's Hall**
4.00pm	**Rooted: Prayer & Praise**	**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!

Craft Club @ Warm Spaces is back!

We will be crocheting, knitting, and sewing to make hats, scarves, and jumpers to add to the Christmas shoeboxes. Come and join us every Friday from 12.00 to 2.00pm. (Warm Spaces is open from 10.00am to 2.00pm for tea, coffee, sandwiches and a chat).

Easter Cards & Christian Gifts

The OliveBranch

On Friday 20th March from 11.00am to 3.00pm there will be a sale of Easter cards and Christian gifts upstairs at the Olive Branch Toy Shop on Borough Street. Do come along for a browse, a cuppa and a chat. For more information, please have a chat with Julie Logan or pop into the shop!

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 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.

Please also 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;
- the family and friends of June Kaye, whose funeral will be at 1.00pm on Tuesday 24th March at St Edward's Church followed by committal at Trent Valley. Family flowers only please, monetary donations received in June's memory will go to Church funds;
- those caught up in the conflict in the Middle East, and for their friends and families anxiously waiting for the return of their loved ones.

Book & Jumble Sale – THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who supported this month's Jumble & Book Sale and helped us raise a total of **£208.00.** 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. 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

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!

St Nicholas' Church upcoming dates for the diary:

Wednesday 11th March	10am to 12.30pm	Open Church
Sunday 22nd March	9am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 25th March	10am to 12.30pm	Open Church
Good Friday 3rd April	2pm	Last Hour at the Cross
Saturday 18th April	7.30pm	Movie Night at Lockington Village Hall
Sunday 26th April	9am	Holy Communion

Diary for Monday 9th to Sunday 15th March 2026

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

Tuesday

Morning Prayer	9.00am	St Edward's Hall
Staff Meeting	9.45am	Church Office
Funeral – Roseia Williams	10.30am	St Edward's Church

Wednesday

Morning Worship	10.00am	St Edward's Hall
Open Church	10.00am to 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 Hall
Mothering Sunday Morning Worship	10.30am	St Edward's Hall

The next News Sheet will be published for Sunday 15th March.
Please do send in your items to the Parish email address on the front page. Thank you.