

St Edward's and St Nicholas'

In the Benefice of Castle Donington with Lockington cum Hemington



15th March 2026

Mothering Sunday

John 19: 25-27



Today's Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through 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.

8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	St Edward's Hall
10.30am	Morning Worship	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!

Easter Cards & Christian Gifts

The
OliveBranch



This 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!

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).



A very special BIRTHDAY! 🎂 🎉 100



Margaret Saffell is celebrating her **100th birthday on 21st March 2026!** Margaret and her family warmly invite her friends to join them for afternoon tea at the **Church Hall on Saturday 21st March**, between 2.00pm and 5.00pm. Please feel free to drop in for a quick cuppa or stay for the afternoon. Margaret has requested **no presents**. Instead, a committee is working to identify church projects for those who wish to make a donation in her honour.

2026 Download Chaplaincy – 11th to 15th June

The Download festival is coming to Donington Park again this year and we are privileged to have been invited to provide a team of chaplains again. Last year we had over 60 chaplains on site across the whole of the festival for the full four days. It's a wonderful opportunity to spend time with people in a relaxed setting, helping them to have a really good time at the festival and see God at work in people's lives. If you would like to be a chaplain this year, or just to find out more about it, please could you speak to Maria at Maria.laxton@hotmail.co.uk. Applications close on the **31st March** and there is a compulsory in-person training day on **9th May** which will be held in Castle Donington.



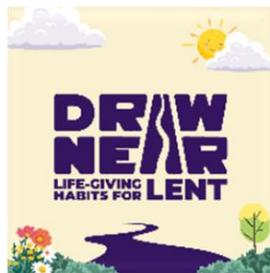
St Nicholas' Church upcoming dates for the diary:

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
Saturday 18 th April	7.30pm	Movie Night at Lockington Village Hall
Sunday 26 th April	9am	Holy Communion



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 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 was last Tuesday;
- 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;
- children, young people, and families in Castle Donington, Lockington & Hemington;
- our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese of Kiteto in Tanzania;
- the continuing conflicts in the Middle East, Ukraine, and other places in our world that don't make our news headlines.

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!

Diary for Monday 16th to Sunday 22nd 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
CD Museum Coffee Morning	10.00am – 11.30am	St Edward's Hall

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

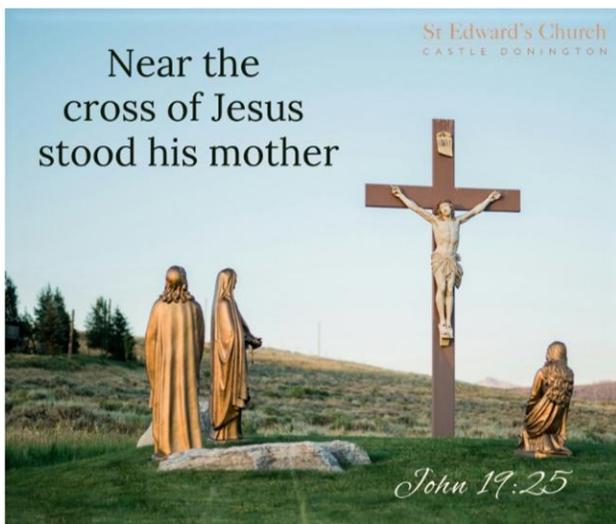
Morning Prayer	9.00am	St Edward's Hall
Warm Welcome Space	10.00am – 2.00pm	St Edward's Hall

Saturday

Margaret Saffell's 100 th Birthday Party	2.00pm – 5.00pm	St Edward's Hall
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Sunday

Holy Communion	9.00am	St Nicholas' Church
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*The next News Sheet will be published for Sunday 22nd March.
Please do send in your items to the Parish email address on the front page. Thank you.*