

# St Edward's and St Nicholas'

In the Benefice of Castle Donington with Lockington cum Hemington



26<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-end, John 10:1-10



### Today's Collect

Risen Christ,

faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:

teach us to hear your voice

and to follow your command,

that all your people may be gathered into one flock,

to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

**A very warm welcome to our worship today, whether you live in Hemington, Lockington or Castle Donington, or are visiting.**

9.00am	Holy Communion	St Nicholas' Church
10.30am	Holy Communion	St Edward's Church

**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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Church Hall Bookings: <https://hallbookingonline.com/steward>

**Come. See. God is doing something new!**



## We need your WOOL!

Craft Club at Warm Spaces is busy crocheting, knitting, and sewing to make hats and scarves to add to the Christmas shoeboxes but we need more wool. If you have any spare balls to donate from your wool stash, we would be most grateful, especially for lighter shades/colours. Thank you!

## We need your CAKES!

### Village May Day Celebrations – 4<sup>th</sup> May

St Edward's will have a stall this May Day and the church will be open. We will again be serving refreshments and cakes in the church through the day. We need welcomers, people to serve refreshments, and lots of cakes please! Do speak to Jacky or Val, or sign the sheet at the back of church if you could bake cakes or help out in any way.



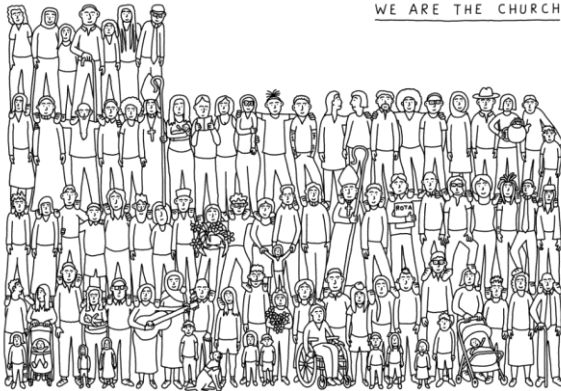
There will also be a 'Duck hunt' in Church for children (and adults who like fun and ducks!).

Competition sheets available to pick up from our stall on Borough Street and in Church on the day.

## We need YOU!

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) – St Edward's Church

The APCM for St Edward's will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May after the 10.30am service.



This is your opportunity to elect members to the PCC and to receive the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025. You can view a copy [here](#) or pick up a printed copy from church. Members of the PCC are trustees and make both strategic and day-to-day decisions about the life, mission and ministry of the local church. The PCC of St Edward's meets about six times a year – members of St Edward's PCC also sit on one or two of the seven Action Groups.

If you have time and passion to serve the local church in a practical and hands on way, we would love to talk to you!

## Book & Jumble Sale!

The next Book & Jumble Sale will be at 9.30am on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Please bring your **quality** Jumble, etc to the Church Hall on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm.



## Please pray for:

- all in our churches who work so hard so that there is opportunity for people to come and connect with God. Could you be an answer to the prayers of others by lending a helping hand with our church's activities, events, services or governance?
- the family and friends of Lucy-Grace Appleby & Oliver Baines who are getting married at St Edward's next Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> May);
- peace and justice in our troubled and fractious world.

## 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](#)



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!

## Calling for Everyone – Vocations Days

As we approach our annual meetings in the next few weeks and it is also Vocations Sunday this Sunday, there is an opportunity for us all to think about what God might be calling each of us to, and who he is calling us to be as his followers in this place.

- How can I live out my faith more fully?
- What could God be calling me to?
- What opportunities are there for me to serve?

There are a series of events coming up called "Calling for everyone" for anyone who might be wondering just that - what might God be calling me to, or maybe I think God is calling me to something and I would love to explore a little more. These events are open to anyone curious about these questions. What not go along to one of these events to find out a bit more? Not sure about going along on your own? Why not go with a friend? Book at:

[mmbookings@leicestercofe.org](mailto:mmbookings@leicestercofe.org) If you have any other questions, have a chat with Catherine.

- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May - St Wilfrid's Church, Church Road, Kibworth, LE8 0NB
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Frisby Chapel, Frisby on the Wreake

10.00 – 3.00pm, refreshments from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch.



**CALLING FOR EVERYONE**



## Diary for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 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 Church
Book & Jumble Sale	9.30am	St Edward's Hall
Staff Meeting	9.45am	Church Office

### Wednesday

Midweek Communion	10.00am	St Edward's Church
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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 Church
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
Wedding – Lucy Appleby & Oliver Baines	12.30pm	St Edward's Church



They devoted themselves  
to the apostles' teaching  
and to fellowship,  
to the breaking of bread  
and to prayer.

**Acts 2 vs 42**

*The next News Sheet will be published for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.  
Please do send in your items to the Parish email address on the front page. Thank you*