

St Edward's and St Nicholas'

In the Benefice of Castle Donington with Lockington cum Hemington



17th May 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

John 17. 1-11



Today's Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
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.

8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	St Edward's Church
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!

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) – St Edward’s Church

Thank you to all who attended the APCM last Sunday after a lovely baptism service in church. The Annual Report and Accounts for 2025 were presented and it was commented on how much as a church we are doing within our community. Jacky Oaten was thanked for her role as Church Warden for the past year and our Deanery Synod Representative for 6 years. Nobody came forward to take the role as Church Warden, but Jacky did offer to be an Assistant Church Warden along with Val Ellett and Richard Laxton. The Electoral Roll was presented with 51 on roll with 1 added, 3 removed since last year’s APCM.

The PCC was then elected with officers as follows:

- April Sly, Lay Chairperson
- Maria Laxton, Hon. Secretary and Electoral Roll Officer
- Angela Parkes, Hon. Treasurer
- Assistant Wardens - Val Ellett, Richard Laxton, Jacky Oaten

Other PCC members elected were: Ann Newton, Shirley Swanepoel, and Julie Logan.

There is a vacancy for a Lay Representative to Deanery Synod.

Colin Wood was appointed as the Independent Financial Examiner for 2026.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) – St Nicholas’ Church

The APCM for St Nicholas will take place on Wednesday 20th May at 7pm in church. They are especially looking to elect another member to the PCC:



PCC Member (Chair) Opportunity

We are looking for someone to join our PCC, ideally as Chair, although we would also warmly welcome anyone willing to serve as a member. Having a full and active PCC is essential in supporting the life and continuity of our church, and ensuring we remain open and active within the community. No prior experience is needed, just a willingness to be involved and work with others. Please get in touch via the Church office.



Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) – 14th to 24th May

TKC is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days in their own way. For more info, visit [TKC](https://www.thykingdomcome.org).

Please pray for:

- the APCM at St Nicholas’ on Wednesday, as we celebrate the year that has gone, and for people to join the PCCs and step into vacant roles;
- all those who govern, that they might do so collaboratively with honest and integrity;
- peace and justice in our troubled and fractious world.

We need your plant pots!



For our next Breakfast Church project, we need about 30, 4inch/10cm wide plant pots. If you have any lurking in your shed that you don't need or you've just planted out your little plants and don't know what to do with the pots, the Breakfast team would love to reuse and recycle them! Please bring them to church this weekend or the 24th May. Thank you!



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!

THE DIVISION OF LABOUR

20%
OF THE PEOPLE



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CHURCH
WARDEN



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MOWING
GRASS



CLEANING



BEING ON
THE PCC



SUNDAY
SCHOOL
TEACHING



EDITING
PARISH
MAGAZINE



RUNNING
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PUTTING UP
THE HYMN
NUMBERS



TAKING DOWN
THE HYMN
NUMBERS

THIS IS BECAUSE THE 20% ARE COLLECTING THE SPECIAL STICKERS WHICH ARE AWARDED FOR DUTIES UNDERTAKEN IN CHURCH, WHEREAS THE 80% ARE UNAWARE OF THE STICKER SCHEME



Diary for Monday 18th to Sunday 24th May 2026

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

A reminder that there is no service at 10.00am this Wednesday. Please do let anyone who usually comes along know.

Tuesday

Morning Prayer	9.00am	St Edward's Church
Staff Meeting	9.45am	Church Office

Wednesday

Midweek Service	CANCELLED	
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Thursday

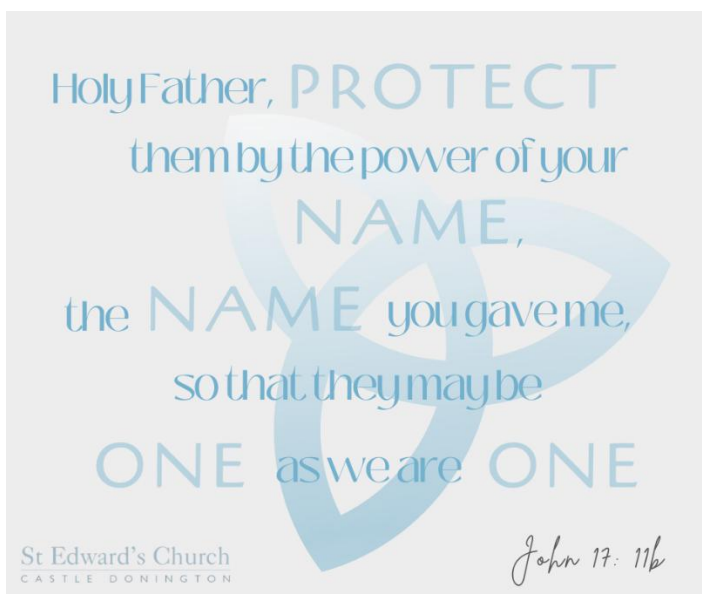
Church cleaning	9.30am – 11.00am	St Edward's Church
Little Sunbeam Club	10.00am – 11.30am	St Edward's Hall
Foodbank	10.30am – 12.30pm	St Anne's Room

Friday

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

Sunday - Pentecost

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



*The next News Sheet will be published for Sunday 17th May.
Please do send in your items to the Parish email address on the front page. Thank you*