

St Edward's and St Nicholas'

In the Benefice of Castle Donington with Lockington cum Hemington



6th September 2026

Creationtide

Colossians 1: 15-20; John 1: 1-14



Today's Collect

O God and Father of all that was,
is and ever shall be,
help us to be thankful for all that is made
at the hands of your Son
and through the wisdom of your Spirit,
that we may care in heart and in deed
for the life of our world,
to the praise and glory of your holy name.
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
9.30am	Community Breakfast	St Edward's Hall
10.30am	Breakfast Church	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!

Creationtide

Creationtide is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1st September to 4th October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. It's a month of unity, when Christians around the world celebrate the beauty and wonder of creation and commit to caring for our common home. This year we will be guided by the vision of the prophet Ezekiel (47:1–12): a river flowing from the temple of God, which grows without stopping and brings life where everything seems barren.



IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

Ezekiel 47:9, 12

Water heals, restores, and makes creation flourish. But it also challenges us to recognize ecological damage, to embrace our interconnectedness, and to immerse ourselves in the responsibility of caring for and restoring our world. May this Season of Creation be a path for the healing of the Earth and human wellbeing to flourish together.

Leicester Music Memory Box Singing Group

The next session is on Thursday 10th September at 2.00-3.30pm in St Edward's Church Hall. Come along and give it a try! For more details call Christina on 07752 826228, or visit leicestermusicalmemorybox.co.uk



Rooted – next Sunday (13th) at 4pm

Rooted is a short time together for us to worship and pray, suitable for the whole family. As we continue in the Shaped by God Together process, our prayers will be focused on meeting with God and waiting and listening to hear what God may be saying to us individually, and as a church. We gather for about 40 minutes followed by time for cake, coffee and a chat.

Harvest Celebrations – Sunday 4th October 2026 🍎 🍌 🍇

Our next Breakfast Church at St Edward's is our Harvest Celebration and we will be welcoming a member of the Foodbank team to come along and tell us all about their work. At both the 8.30am Communion service and Breakfast Church we will be collecting tinned and dry food for the foodbank.



Our Harvest Appeal this year is in support of Magic Breakfast who support schools in England, and work with local authorities to provide breakfast to children and young people. Every day,

**magic
breakfast**
fuel for learning

Magic Breakfast feeds **over 350,000** children and young people: children who might otherwise start their school day hungry. Our collection and cash donations at Harvest will go to help feed children in schools, setting them up to learn on a full tummy.

At 6pm on Sunday 4th there will also be the traditional Harvest Festival at St Nicholas' Church.

St Nicholas' Church dates for the diary:



Sunday 27th September

9am

Morning Worship

Sunday 4th October

6pm

Harvest Festival 🍎 🍷 🍂

Sunday 25th October

9am

Holy Communion

Alpha – Curious about faith?

This Autumn we will be running another Alpha course! Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. If you have already been on Alpha, perhaps you can pray and think about who you could invite – you could even come along with them! The first session will be on **Wednesday 9th September from 7.30 to 9.00pm**.



As we prepare for the start of this Alpha course, we ask that you pray for all those who may come, bringing their curiosity. If you would like to know more, please have a chat with Maria or Richard or drop us an email at pccsecretary@cdlh-churches.org

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**, or please speak to Revd Sue. This is completely confidential. Keep up with the latest news from the Foodbank on their Facebook page [here](#) and new Instagram page [here](#) – do follow them!

Please pray for:

- the family and friends of Dr David Horton, whose funeral was last Wednesday at St Edward's Church;
- those living with ongoing illness or health issues, and those who care for them;
- those curious about faith and who may be considering coming to Alpha in September;
- our broken, fragile, and beautiful world. You may wish to use the prayer below:

A Prayer for Creationtide 🌍

Creator God,

*You made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons;
We thank you for the riches of your creation.*

May we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Diary for Monday 7th to Sunday 13th September 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
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Wednesday

Holy Communion	10.00am	St Edward's Church
Alpha Course	7.30pm	Cordwell Close

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
Music Memory Box Singing Group	2.00pm – 3.30pm	St Edward's Hall

Friday

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

Sunday

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



*The next News Sheet will be published for Sunday 13th September.
Please do send in your items to the Parish email address above. Thank you.*