St Edward's and St Nicholas'

In the Benefice of Castle Donington with Lockington cum Hemington

1st November 2026

All Saints' Day

Matthew 5: 1-12



Today's Collect

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
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 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!

Next Sunday…Please remember that there will be no 10.30am service at St Edward's on **Sunday 8th November** as we will be gathering at Castle Donington War Memorial at **10.50am** for our Act of Remembrance. There will also be an Act of Remembrance at Hemington War Memorial at **12.00noon.**

"A Time to Remember"

Our Annual Light & Hope Bereavement Service will take place on **Sunday 8th November at 4.00pm** in St Edward's Church.
A gentle service with:

- hymns, prayers and a time to reflect
- naming those who have passed away
- calling the Royal British Legion Roll of Honour

Refreshments will be served afterwards.



Jumble & Book Sale – THANK YOU!



Many thanks to everyone who supported this month's Jumble & Book Sale and helped us raise a total of **£252.00.** Unsold items will either be kept for the next sale or donated to the local Air Ambulance/ Salvation Army charities.

HEATING APPEAL: *can you donate a little more?*

As you are aware we were awarded money by the National Lottery Heritage Fund towards our heating project earlier this year. We are grateful to them. We are delighted to advise you that we have now paid a 50% deposit to order the halo heaters, which we hope to have installed shortly. However, we are appealing for financial help, as when we applied for the grant, the cost of the heating installation was £108,000. It has now escalated to £119,367 due to a slight increase in prices but largely due to the cost of fireproof wiring at a staggering £8,000 (an unexpected cost and insisted on by the Diocese). We need to find an extra £11,000 in total.

You have all been so generous in 2024, as we fundraised, but we are asking if anyone could donate a little more? We will hold a fundraising event in the New Year but as we hope to install for Christmas, extra cash is needed now. We are asking for monetary gifts to help us over the final hurdle. These can be made by placing cash, in a labelled envelope, on the collection plate, by cheque payable to St Edward's PCC, Castle Donington or via bank transfer to:

ST EDS PCC CD 08-92-99 67231786

If you eligible for Gift Aid please do let us know, so that we may claim an extra 25% on your gift. If you wish to know more, please speak to any member of the PCC or telephone Angela Parkes, Treasurer on 01332 810775 or email treasurer@cdlh-churches.org.

Please donate if you are able – every little counts and all adds up. We hope to have heating installed for Christmas Eve but require help with our cashflow. We are collecting over the next three Sundays and at Wednesday services. Thank you for reading and considering.
God bless and thank you from ***the PCC:*** *April Sly, Maria Laxton, Angela Parkes, Jacky Oaten, Val Ellett, Richard Laxton, Ann Newton, Shirley Swanepoel and Julie Logan.*



Please pray for:

- all who will come to the Light & Hope Bereavement service next Sunday as they remember those whom they love but see no more;
- those who wait with the dying and for a deep peace for those living with grief, trauma and loss;
- the Royal British Legion, and the veterans and their families whom they support;
- lasting peace in the Middle East.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal



This autumn the Warm Welcome Space are collecting for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2026. We are partnering with the charity T4U again who will be sending shoe boxes for children and families in Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania. They work alongside local community groups to make sure the shoeboxes reach vulnerable children and families.



You will be able to drop off donations for the shoeboxes at the Warm Welcome Space on Fridays, or even pick up a shoebox (£1) to fill yourselves and bring back. More details can be found on the attached sheet. Donated items will be assembled into boxes at the Warm Welcome Space on Friday 13th November. You can find out more at teams4u.com.

Follow the Star to our Festival of the Nativity!



St. Edward's Church invites you to 'Follow the Star to our Festival of the Nativity' which will take place Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th November. ***To do this we need your help!*** If you can help in church on the weekend stewarding or serving refreshments, please get in touch with Angie Fox (pandafox63@gmail.com) or if you have a nativity set you are happy to lend us to display in church, please fill in one of the forms at the back of church/church hall. **We will also be crafting stars at Warm Welcome Space on Fridays in November to add to the display**. To make them we need your toilet roll and kitchen roll tubes. Please drop them off to us at services or at Warm Welcome space where there will be a box to leave them in. 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,** 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!

Diary for Monday 2nd to Sunday 8th November 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
Wednesday		
Holy Communion	*CANCELLED*	
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
Act of Remembrance	10.50am	Donington War Memorial
Act of Remembrance	12.00noon	Hemington War Memorial
Light & Hope Bereavement Service	4.00pm	St Edward's Church



The next News Sheet will be published for Sunday 8th November.
Please do send in your items to the Parish email address above. Thank you.