

St Edward's and St Nicholas'

In the Benefice of Castle Donington with Lockington cum Hemington



4th October 2026

Harvest Celebration

Psalm 65. 9-13 and Luke 3.11



Today's Collect

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
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
6.00pm	Harvest Festival	St Nicholas' 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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Come. See. God is doing something new!

Harvest Celebrations – TODAY! 🍎 🍷 🍂

This Sunday's 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 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.

**magic
breakfast**
fuel for learning

Harvest at St Nicholas' Church

This Sunday (4th) there will also be the traditional Harvest Festival at St Nicholas' Church. The church porch will be open from 9am for donations of produce which will be on display at the evening's **Harvest Festival** service at **6pm**. The produce will subsequently be auctioned the following evening (Monday 5th) at the **Harvest Supper at 7pm** in Lockington Village Hall. The Supper focuses on a sharing table with food contributions provided by all those who attend. (Don't forget your cutlery, crockery, drinks, and friends!) Admission is £5 for adults, children free (tea, coffee and baked potatoes provided). All proceeds from the Supper to go to St Nicholas' Church fabric maintenance.



St Nicholas' Church other upcoming dates for the diary:



Sunday 25 th October	9am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22 nd November	9am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29 th November	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion

Jumble & Book Sale – THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who supported this month's Jumble & Book Sale and helped us raise a total of **£256.00**. Unsold items will either be kept for the next sale or donated to the local Air Ambulance/ Salvation Army charities.



Leicester Music Memory Box Singing Group

The next session is on Thursday 8th October 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

COMING SOON - 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. Church will be open to all to view a display of Nativity Scenes and Stars, including displays from our local schools and businesses, and personal nativity scenes from homes around the village. We will be providing refreshments on Saturday, including mulled wine, to join in with 'Donington Christmas Cheer'. ***To do this we need your help!*** If you have a nativity set you are happy to lend us to display in church, or if you can help in church on the weekend stewarding or serving refreshments, please get in touch with Angie Fox (pandafox63@gmail.com). We will also be crafting stars at Warm Welcome Space sessions 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!

Please pray for:

- the family and friends of Janet Laxton (Richard's mum), who passed away recently and whose funeral will be at 12.30pm on Friday 9th October at Aston-on-Trent crematorium;
- the family and friends of Frank Austin, who also passed away recently and whose funeral will be graveside at the Barroon Cemetery at 10.30am on Wednesday 14th October;
- those who work in our food supply chains, including farmers growing our food, factory workers, those in our supermarkets and restaurants, and our foodbank volunteers;
- those living with ongoing illness or health issues, and those who care for them;
- all in our churches who work so hard to make our events and services welcoming so that those who come along have opportunity to connect with God;
- peace and reconciliation across communities and nations; for forgiveness and healing in our increasingly fractious, divided and hurting world.

Diary for Monday 5th to Sunday 11th October 2026

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

Monday

Harvest Supper	7.00pm	Lockington Village Hall
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Tuesday

Morning Prayer	9.00am	St Edward's Church
School Harvest Worship	11.00am	St Edward's Church

Wednesday

Holy 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
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
Funeral – Janet Laxton	12.30pm	Aston-o-T Crematorium

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 11th October.
Please do send in your items to the Parish email address above. Thank you.*