

St Edward's and St Nicholas'

In the Benefice of Castle Donington with Lockington cum Hemington



18th and 25th October 2026

News Sheet for Two Weeks!



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

18th October 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Matthew 22: 15-22

Collect

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness
in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**8.30am BCP Holy Communion
St Edward's Church**

**10.30am Morning Worship
St Edward's Hall**

25th October 2026

Last Sunday after Trinity

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

Collect

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful
in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

Charity Event & Workshop in aid of Cancer Research & Macmillan Cancer Support

On Saturday 24th October from 10am to 2pm there will be tea, coffee, cake, a raffle and bring & buy in St Edward's Church Hall in aid of Cancer Research UK. There will also be a workshop for those who want to make Drain Bags and Everlasting Bags for Macmillan Cancer Support. All material and equipment needed will be provided. Do come along and support this event – Together we can make a difference!



Book & Jumble Sale!

The next Book & Jumble Sale will be at 9.30am on Tuesday 27th October. Please bring your **quality** Jumble to the Church Hall on Monday 26th at 2.00pm. Thank you.



"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

Could you help?

During the Light & Hope service we are in need of some volunteers who are willing to hold a lit candle during the service. If you are able to do this, please would you contact Catherine, either in church or catherine.stray@cdlh-churches.org

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.

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.

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 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!



Heating Installation Update & **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:

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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:

- the family and friends of Frank Austin, whose funeral was on Wednesday 14th October;
- the family and friends of David Atkin, whose funeral was on Friday 16th October;
- the safety of those attending the annual Castle Donington Wakes (28th – 30th October), and for everyone to have an enjoyable time.

Diary for Monday 19th October to Sunday 1st November 2026

The Office is closed for annual leave until Tuesday 27th October. Ruth will also be working from home on Friday 30th October.

Tuesday 20th

Morning Prayer	CANCELLED	
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Wednesday 21st

Holy Communion	10.00am	St Edward's Church
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Thursday 22nd

Church cleaning	9.30am – 11.00am	St Edward's Church
Foodbank	10.30am – 12.30pm	St Anne's Room

Friday 23rd

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

Saturday 24th

Cancer Charity Event & Workshop	10.00am – 2.00pm	St Edward's Hall
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Sunday 25th

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

Tuesday 27th

Morning Prayer	9.00am	St Edward's Church
Book & Jumble Sale	9.30am	St Edward's Hall

Wednesday 28th

Morning Worship	10.00am	St Edward's Church
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Thursday 29th

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 30th

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

Sunday 1st

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

*The next News Sheet will be published for Sunday 1st November.
Please do send in your items to the Parish email address above. Thank you.*