St Edward's and St Nicholas'

In the Benefice of Castle Donington with Lockington cum Hemington

22nd November 2026



Christ the King

Ephesians 1: 15-end; Matthew 25: 31-end

Today's Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
Amen.

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

9.00am	**Holy Communion**	**St Nicholas' Church**
10.30am	**Holy Communion**	**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!

The next News Sheet will be published for Sunday 29th November.
Please do send in your items to the Parish email address above. Thank you.

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 next weekend: **Saturday 28th from 3pm to 7pm** to coincide with Castle Donington Christmas Cheer, **& Sunday 29th from 1pm to 4pm**. Come and see our Nativity scenes, with displays from schools, businesses, and homes in our village, and enjoy some delicious refreshments. Thank you for your donations of loo rolls, we now have enough for our crafters! We would still welcome additional Nativity sets, so if you have one you will be getting out for Christmas and would be happy to lend us to display, please talk to Angie in church on Sunday or via email: pandafox63@gmail.com



Christmas Wreath Making at St Nicholas' Church

On **Sunday 29th November** at 2pm you are invited to come and make your own Christmas wreath. The cost is £35 which includes all you will need to make a wreath from natural materials for your door. Not only that but there will be mulled wine and mince pies as you get crafty. Tickets available at Johnson's General Store in Castle Donington.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal – a further BIG THANK YOU! 🎁



This year has been our best year so far, sending **77 boxes** to the Team4U ShoeBox Appeal. We had great support from children at St Edward's and Warm Welcome Space to pack the boxes last Friday. A big thank you to everyone who gifted to the appeal, but a special shout out to Margaret who once again provided teddies, and all those who knitted scarves and hats - they were incredible!! You can find out more at teams4u.com.

In other news at St Edward's…



- The clock has now been serviced and is once again keeping time (pun-intended) and chiming!
- The Welcome & Hospitality Rota is now ready – please sign up at the back of church to help at our services or speak to Jacky Oaten for more information.

Looking ahead to the next couple of weeks:

- there will **be no services at St Edward's next Sunday (29th)** as we gather for a united benefice service at 10.30am at St Nicholas' Church in Lockington to celebrate Holy Communion together;
- on **Sunday 6th December** there will be **no 8.30am BCP Communion service** at St Edwards' due to the installation of the new heating system in church. Community Breakfast will be in the Church Hall at 9.30am followed by Breakfast Church at 10.30am as usual. On Wednesday 2nd there will be Holy Communion in the Church Hall. The next Sunday Holy Communion service will be at 10.30am on 13th December, also in the Hall.

Parking Permits 🚗

A reminder that the annual parking permits for the front of St Edward's Church Hall expire on the 15th of December. A permit costs £10, and they are issued only to those who attend church regularly or are users of the church hall. To pick up a new one please visit Ruth in the church office. ***Please note on Friday 27th the office will be closing at 12 noon due to annual leave.***



Book & Jumble Sale!

The next Book & Jumble Sale will be at 9.30am on Tuesday 24th November. Please bring your **quality** Jumble to the Church Hall on Monday 25th at 2.00pm. 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!

There will be a Foodbank presence at the Christmas Cheer event on 28th November. If anyone can help even if it's for just half an hour or so on the day between 3pm and 7pm then please get in touch with Richard Stroud. Foodbank tabards will be provided and it is always great fun.

12 Days of Christmas

Foodbank is asking for your help in the run-up to Christmas. Simply put one of these items into a bag or box each day and then when you have them all, drop them off at one of the collection points listed below by **Friday 11th December**. Thank you so much for your support.

Jam/Preserve	Sponge Pudding	Tinned Fruit	Tinned Vegetables/ Potatoes
Tinned Tomatoes	Shampoo/ Deodorant	Long Life Juice or UHT Milk	Biscuits
Coffee, Tea or Hot Chocolate	Mashed Potato	Soup (meat or vegetable)	Ketchup/Mayo

Drop Off Points: Castle Donington Community Hub, 101 Bondgate, DE74 2NR
Castle Donington Foodbank, St Anne's Lane ***(Thursday mornings only)***
The Co-op, Borough Street, DE74 2LA, or Starbucks, Studbrook Business Park, DE74 2ZB

Please pray for:

- all in our churches who work so hard so that there is opportunity for people to come and connect with God;
- peace and reconciliation in a divided world.

Diary for Monday 23rd to Sunday 29th November 2026

The Church Office will be open from **10.00am to 3.00pm** on Tuesday and **10.00am to 12.00noon** on Friday.

Tuesday		
Morning Prayer	9.00am	St Edward's Church
Book & Jumble Sale	9.30am	St Edward's Hall
Wednesday		
Morning Worship	10.00am	St Edward's Hall
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
Saturday		
Christmas Cheer & Market	3.00pm – 7.00pm	Borough Street
Festival of the Nativity	3.00pm – 7.00pm	St Edward's Church
Sunday		
Benefice Holy Communion	10.30am	St Nicholas' Church
Festival of the Nativity	1.00pm – 4.00pm	St Edward's Church

Advent & Christmas dates for your diary

13th December:	4pm **Carols in the Pub** at the Castle Inn
24th December:	3pm **Crib Service** in St Edward's Church
	6pm **Carols in the Marketplace** with the Salvation Army Band
	8pm **Christmas Communion and Carols** in St Nicholas' Church
	11.30pm **Midnight Mass by Candlelight** in St Edward's Church
25th December:	10am **Christmas Communion** in St Edward's Church

Using money raised by National Lottery players, The National Lottery Heritage Fund supports projects that connect people and communities with the UK's heritage. Reimagining St Edward's: the historic heart of Castle Donington, is made possible with The National Lottery Heritage Fund. Thanks to National Lottery players, we have been able to arrange for our heating installation to begin in December, and for consultants to prepare reports to help us to look to future repairs and improvements to the church. This will help sustain the building for future generations.