

The Benefice of Wantage Downs East Hendred, West Hendred, and Ardington with Lockinge

15th-29th July 2026

Services

19th July – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

10:30am – East Hendred – Holy Communion

How can we cope when life seems to be getting worse?

26th July – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10:30am – Lockinge – Holy Communion

What is the temple for and why should we worship God?

2nd August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

10:30am – West Hendred – Holy Communion

Would you like God to speak to you?

We welcome all ages to these services. Children's activities are available in children's corners.

If you need help attending our summer services, or if you are able to offer a lift, please get in touch with Nikolaj on rector@wantagedowns.org or 01235 634940.

Supporting charities

Thank you to everyone who donated to our charity collection last Sunday, raising £122 for St Mungos from across the benefice. St Mungos work to support those experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including influencing policy makers to make positive change.

Ardington and Lockinge Singers – Summer Concert!

Join us at 6:30pm on Sunday 19th July at Ardington House for a wonderful evening of music. Free entry, donations welcome.

Hymns and Pimms

6-7pm Friday 28th August 2026, St Augustine's, East Hendred.

Join us for a celebration in memory of Michael Evans. All funds will go towards our new music director – keeping Michael's joy of music alive in the village. Tickets are £5 per adult (includes a first glass of Pimms). Children free.

St Augustine's Fundraiser – Auction of Favours

The auction of favours is returning to St Augustine's, 12 noon on 17th July 2026. Save the date!

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Please remember in your prayers

Health and healing: Sidney H, Ewan Stutt, Colin Stutt.

Readings for 19th July

1 Kings 2:1-12; Mark 6:53-56.

Readings for 26th July

1 Kings 3:5-12; Matthew 12:31-33,44-52.

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Summer Services

Our summer services start this Sunday with our first 10:30am Holy Communion service for the benefice taking place at St Augustine's, East Hendred. Do come along to hear the start of our sermon series on the Book of Kings, preached by John Durant, as well as to share some refreshments after the service with new faces from across the benefice.

Clergy

Rector: Nikolaj Christensen: rector@wantagedowns.org | 01235 634940 | Usual working days: Sunday–Friday. NB! Emails sent after 3pm on a Friday may not be seen until Monday.

Associate Vicar: John Durant: associatevicar@wantagedowns.org | 01235 234001

Church Wardens

Ardington: Patrice Vogt: Patrice_vogt@yahoo.fr **Lockinge:** Thomas Loyd: tloyd@lockinge-estate.co.uk; Liz Townsend: liztownsend@qi.com

East Hendred: Jill Cook: churchwardeneh@gmail.com **West Hendred:** Hugh Rees: hugh@citidata.co.uk

Church Office: office@wantagedowns.org, Open: 9am-1pm Monday, 1pm-4pm Wednesday, 9am-1pm Friday.

This newsletter is sent out fortnightly. Material for inclusion should reach our administrator (email above) by 9am Monday.