

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

17<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

## Services

### Thursday 18th December

6:30pm – East Hendred – Carols by Candlelight

### 21st December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9am – West Hendred – Holy Communion

10am – East Hendred – Holy Communion

6pm – Lockinge – Carol Service

### 24th December – Christmas Eve

3pm – West Hendred – Crib Service

5pm – Ardington – Crib Service

10-11pm – Lockinge – Holy Communion ("Midnight Mass")

### 25th December – Christmas Day

9:30am – West Hendred – Holy Communion

10am – East Hendred – Holy Communion

11:15am – Ardington – Holy Communion

### 28th December – First Sunday of Christmas

9am – West Hendred – Holy Communion

10am – East Hendred – Family Service

11:15am – Ardington – Holy Communion

### 4th January - Second Sunday of Christmas

9am – West Hendred – Holy Communion

10am – East Hendred – Holy Communion

6pm – Lockinge - Evensong

### Reading for 21st December

Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25.

### Readings for 25th December

Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-14.

### Readings for 28th December

Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23.

## News

### East Hendred

Please note St Augustine's Church will not be open to the public on Boxing Day 26th December. Apologies for any inconvenience.

### West Hendred

The remaining dates for the Compline / Night Prayer are 7pm on

- Week 3 - Wednesday 17th December – O Sapientia
- Week 4 - Tuesday 23rd December

This Advent, we're holding the services as "Church at Home" on Zoom. Please contact Hugh Rees (below) for information on how to join.

### Ardington with Lockinge

Ardington & Lockinge Singers and Friends annual concert: carols, readings, brass group etc. Free entry, collection for local charities. 6:30pm Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, Ardington Church.

### Deanery Celebration Service

We invite you to attend the Deanery Celebration Service in which Archdeacon David Tyler will be coming to licence Revd Katherine Price as the new Area Dean.

The service will take place on the feast of the Baptism of Christ, Sunday 11 January 2026 at 3pm, at St John's in Grove. This will be followed by refreshments, cake contributions appreciated!

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### Please remember in your prayers

**Health and healing:** Susie Freeman, Yvonne and Sidney H, Ewan and Colin Stutt.

## Clergy

**Rector:** Nikolaj Christensen: [rector@wantedowns.org](mailto:rector@wantedowns.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: [areadean@wantedeandery.org.uk](mailto:areadean@wantedeandery.org.uk) | 01235 234001

## Church Wardens

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**Church Office:** [office@wantedowns.org](mailto:office@wantedowns.org), Open: 9am-1pm Monday, 1pm-4pm Wednesday, 9am-1pm Friday.

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