

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

17th June - 1st July 2026

Services

21st June – Third Sunday after Trinity

What does it mean that " God examines our hearts and minds"?

9am – West Hendred – Holy Communion

10am – East Hendred – Holy Communion

with offer of ministry of healing and prayer for
individuals

6pm – Lockinge – Evensong

Wednesday 24th June – St John the Baptist

11am – All Souls Chapel, Lockinge – Holy Communion

28th June – Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Why is "righteousness" relevant to today's concerns?

9am – West Hendred – Holy Communion

10am – East Hendred – Morning Service

11:15am – Ardington – Holy Communion

5th July – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9am – West Hendred – Holy Communion

10am – East Hendred – Holy Communion

followed by BBQ Breakfast (see below)

6pm – Lockinge – Evensong

Children's Church will take place during all the 10am
services above.

News

A note from Nikolaj

I've recently found an outlet for my writing as I've started a separate newsletter called *Rebuilding the Intergenerational Church*, all about the work we are doing here to bring people of all ages together. If you have friends in other small churches that are struggling to attract children and families, please spread the word. You can read this newsletter here: www.intergenerationalchurch.subscribepage.io

East Hendred

Our DofE young bell ringers are working towards the Bronze badge. On Sunday 5th July, they will not only ring before the service but will kindly serve us a Barbecue Breakfast after the 10am service. A social event that's not to be missed!

West Hendred - Summer Garden Party

Sunday 12th July – 3:30pm to c 6:30pm

This free event in aid of Holy Trinity Church will be held at Manor Farm House, kindly offered by Lys and Peter Cook. Join us for the Duck Race, Teddy Tombola, Bowls, Name the Dolphin, and the Garage Game. There will be an early evening meal (£10 for adults, £5 for children under 12, and free for under 5s), as well as a hot-dog stall (£2), hopefully an ice cream stall, and a variety of soft and alcoholic drinks available.

Ardington with Lockinge

We've been supporting Reading Gateway Church with their reimagining of St Barnabas Church into a community hub for South Reading. So far they've raised £159,000, but still have a further £123,000 to go. To find out more search 'Reading Gateway Church'.

For more news and updates sign up to our online newsletter:
www.wantedowns.org/newsletters

Please remember in your prayers

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

Readings for 21st June

Genesis 21:8-21; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39.

Readings for 28th June

Genesis 22:1-14; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42.

Clergy

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

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Church Wardens

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

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Church Office: office@wantedowns.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.