

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

19th March – 9th April 2025

Services

Every Thursday of Lent

6:30pm - West Hendred - Compline

23rd March – Third Sunday of Lent

9:30am – West Hendred – Holy Communion (CW Trad)

11am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP)

3:30pm - East Hendred - Family Church

Tuesday 25th March – Annunciation Day

11am – All Souls Chapel, Lockinge – Annunciation Holy Communion

30th March – Mothering Sunday

9:30am – Lockinge – Holy Communion (BCP)

11am – East Hendred – Holy Communion (CW) with Sunday school

6th April – Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:30am – West Hendred – Morning Prayer (CW)

11am – East Hendred – Holy Communion (CW)

6pm – Lockinge – Evensong (BCP)

13th April – Palm Sunday

9:30am – West Hendred – Holy Communion (CW Trad)

11am – East Hendred – All Age Service, starting at the War Memorial

Readings for 23rd March

Isaiah 55:1-9; Luke 13:1-9.

Readings for 30th March

2 Corinthians 1:3-7; Luke 2:33-35.

Readings for 6th April

Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8.

If you don't have a bible to hand, just click one of the following links and enter the reference in the search bar:

[NRSV \(Hendreds\)](#) | [KJV \(Ardington/Lockinge\)](#).

Please remember in your prayers

Health and healing: Betty B, Yvonne and Sidney H, Ewan and Colin Stutt.

The Departed: Trevor Bacon, Gillie Mitchell and Martin Realey.

News

Churchyard Clearing

On Saturday April 5th between 10am and noon (weather permitting) there will be a group working in the St Augustine's churchyard to cut back and trim weeds and shrubs, as well as sow an area with wildflowers. All willing adults welcome. Please bring gardening tools. Refreshments provided.

New Sermon Podcasts

If you've missed a service or would like to listen to it again, we have started uploading weekly sermons from the benefice to the new Wantage Downs website (www.wantagedowns.org). You can listen to them there or subscribe in a podcasting app on your phone or other device.

Gathering in Christ

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month in St. Mary's rooms, East Hendred, and leading duties are shared by about three of us who regularly attend. Coffee/tea/biscuits are served for all from 7.20pm. and we aim to start at 7.30 pm.

For current study/prayers we are using Matthew's gospel and we are on Chapter 18 (next month on Tuesday 1st April.)

I send a reminder about a week in advance by email and attach a copy from the NRSV which is the version we always use. Usual practice is to deal with one chapter at a time. I would be happy to send that to any interested people.

Geoff Bailey, gjbshoes@gmail.com

Annual meetings

The annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for each parish will take place on the following dates:

East Hendred: Sunday 4th May after the 11am service

West Hendred: Sunday 11th May after the 9:30am service

Ardington with Lockinge: Sunday 25th May after the 11am service in Ardington

Come along to hear about the work of the church in the past year, to support and thank our volunteers, and to elect new officers.

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: areadean@wantagedeanery.org.uk | 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: Suzanne Fairlie: sanfairlie@hotmail.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.