

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

22nd October – 5th November 2025

Services

26th October – Last Sunday after Trinity (Bible Sunday)

9am – West Hendred – Holy Communion

10am – East Hendred – Halloween Family Service

11:15am – Ardington – Holy Communion

2nd November – All Saints' Sunday

9am – West Hendred – Holy Communion

10am – East Hendred – Holy Communion

6pm – Lockinge – Evensong

4th November – First Tuesday of November

10am – Lockinge (All Saints) – Holy Communion

9th November – Remembrance Sunday

9am – West Hendred – Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance

10am – East Hendred – Service of Remembrance followed by procession to the War Memorial

10:50am – Ardington – Service of Remembrance

Readings for 26th October

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14.

Readings for 2nd November

Daniel 7:1-3;15-18; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31.

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Halloween Family Service, St Augustine's East Hendred

Join us at 10am on Sunday 26th October for a special Halloween family service with the theme: not afraid of the dark. (Costumes optional!)

Pray-ers In The Bible

You are warmly invited to join us for some informal discussions on several bible characters and their prayers. It takes place on Thursday nights at The Barn Chapel Sq. East Hendred at 7:30pm November 13th, 20th, 27th and December 4th. All are welcome! For more information email the Benefice office or the Associate Vicar or phone 01235234001.

All Saints Service

On All Saints Sunday (2nd November) we'll be remembering our loved ones who have died, praising God for their lives of service and their faith, and praying that we would follow their good examples. If you would like us to include the name of a loved one who is now departed please get in touch with Emma (office@wantagedowns.org), before 29th October, specifying which service you'd like the name to be read at (9am West Hendred, 10am East Hendred, or 6pm Lockinge).

Ardington and Lockinge Collections

This quarter, October-December 2025, we are raising funds for The Children's Society. Collections received at church services are split between the local church and the PCC's chosen charity, in order to help those less fortunate than us. Nominations are also welcomed for next quarter's charity

East Hendred – Carols by Candlelight

The Carols by Candlelight service will take place on the evening of Thursday 18 December at St Augustine's, 6.30pm. Rehearsals will be every Monday evening from 24th November, starting at 5.30pm for one hour. Please contact Rosie if you would like to take part: rguinding@gmail.com / 07734426149.

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Please remember in your prayers

Health and healing: Yvonne and Sidney H, Ewan and Colin Stutt, Louise E.

The departed: Rita Bint, Janet Quinn, Taffy Harford.

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: 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.