

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

3rd-17th June 2026

Services

7th June – First Sunday after Trinity

9am – West Hendred – Holy Communion

10am – East Hendred – Family Communion

6pm – Lockinge – Evensong

14th June – Second Sunday after Trinity

9am – West Hendred – Holy Communion

10am – East Hendred – Morning service

11:15am – Ardington – Holy Communion

21st June – Third Sunday after Trinity

9am – West Hendred – Holy Communion

10am – East Hendred – Holy Communion

6pm – Lockinge – Evensong

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

Readings for 7th June

Hosea 5:15–6:6 or Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 9:9-13,18-26.

Readings for 14th June

Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 9:35-10:8.

News

Summer Services

Between 19th July – 30th August we'll be having one 10:30am service per week for the whole benefice. This is an exciting opportunity to attend some of the churches in the benefice you might not usually visit, meet new people, and follow a sermon series on the Books of Kings.

East Hendred

Looking forward to seeing you at the Family Communion service this coming Sunday. After the service, enjoy the Open Gardens including our own churchyard, in support of the village museum.

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.

If you would like to run a stall, or have your own ideas for stalls, please do say. Can you offer items for the Cake Stall? We'll be putting up the marquee and beer tent from 6pm on Thursday 9th July. We'd be very grateful for donations towards the tombola and items can be dropped off with Hugh and Annabel at Mill Farm House – the thatched house on Mill Lane. Tins, bottles, toiletries, candles, unused gifts etc. or anything else you can think of, all welcome. If you are able to help in any way please do get in touch by contacting Hugh Rees on hugh@citidata.co.uk.

Ardington with Lockinge

This quarter, half of our collections at services is shared with a local church that's working to reopen its doors: St Barnabas in South Reading.

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Please remember in your prayers

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

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.

Associate Vicar: John Durant: associatevicar@wantedowns.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@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.
