

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

4th – 18th June 2025

Services

8th June – Pentecost

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

11am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP)

3:30pm – Family Church

Wednesday 11th June – St Barnabas

11am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP)

15th June – Trinity Sunday (Father's Day)

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

11am – East Hendred – Family Communion (CW)

6pm – West Hendred – Evening Prayer (CW)

22nd June – First Sunday after Trinity

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

11am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP) with baptism

3:30pm – Family Church

Readings for 8th June

Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17

Readings for 15th June

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.

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 \(Ardington/Lockinge\)](#).

News

Benefice Vision Process

We warmly invite you to join our benefice vision process. We'll be meeting about 3 times a year for the next couple of years to discuss ways we can work better together on an agreed common purpose for the good of our church communities and our neighbours. How can we best enable growth, spiritually and numerically? Where should we share resources and what's better

left to each individual church? Those are just some of the questions we'll be tackling. All church members are welcome and PCC members are strongly encouraged to attend.

The first meeting is scheduled for 8th July at 7:30pm in West Hendred, with future meetings planned to take place across the benefice. (Please note that there aren't toilets in West Hendred.)

Quarterly Quodlibetal Questions

Next week we have our Q&A with Nikolaj and Fr Matthew. In past sessions we have tackled questions like when the first homo sapiens began to have souls, and whether churches' doctrinal statements are important. The good thing about these sessions is: you don't have to know the answers, you don't even have to ask the questions if you don't want to, but if you do, please be assured there are no stupid questions. It's a great opportunity to be curious about what others believe, including other kinds of Christians, and appreciate the nuances that exist within each church tradition. So, come along to the Wheatsheaf, East Hendred, on Wednesday 11 June from 7:30pm.

Thank You From Clock 500!

A big thank you to everyone who came to celebrate the 500th anniversary of St Augustine's clock on 26th May. It was a well-attended event with trips up the tower and games in the church, and raised over £900 for church funds.

Rotas

We're still looking for people to sign up for our upcoming rotas for the roles of sacristan, sidesperson, readers and intercessors in East Hendred, West Hendred and Ardington. If you're interested or would like to know more please email Emma through the office email (office@wantagedowns.org).

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Please remember in your prayers

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

Children and families preparing to be baptised or receive Holy Communion.

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.