

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

7th – 21st May 2025

Services

11th May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:30am – West Hendred – Holy Communion (CW Trad)–
followed by annual meeting

11am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP)

3:30pm - East Hendred - Family Church

Wednesday 14th May – St Matthias

11am – Lockinge – Holy Communion

18th May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30am – Lockinge – Morning Prayer (BCP)

11am – East Hendred – Holy Communion (CW)

3:30pm – Family Church

6pm – West Hendred – Evening Prayer (CW)

25th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

11am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP) – followed by
annual meeting

Thursday 29th May - Ascension Day

11am - West Hendred - Holy Communion

Readings for 11th May

Acts 9:36-43, John 10:22-30.

Readings for 18th May

Acts 11:1-18, (Revelation 21:1-6), John 13:31-35.

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

The Big Spring Clean!

In preparation for Clock 500 there'll be a big spring clean at St Augustine's in East Hendred on 10th May from 10am until 12 noon. All help would be greatly appreciated!

Could you be our next Churchwarden?

We currently have vacancies for churchwardens in East Hendred, West Hendred, and Ardington. Churchwardens are elected a year at a time, so although some stay in post for several years, every year there is a chance to reflect on how you are feeling about the role and whether you would like to continue. If you're interested in becoming a Churchwarden or would like more information please contact Nikolaj: rector@wantagedowns.org.

Confirmation and Admission to Communion

As part of Family Church after Easter, we are planning to offer preparation for those who would like to receive Holy Communion for the first time. Children aged around eight years old are particularly encouraged to take part, but older children, parents, and carers who haven't been confirmed are also welcome to join, as a step towards confirmation. These sessions will take place as part of family church at 3:30pm on the following Sundays: 4-18 May and 8-29 June. Please contact Nikolaj if you would like to know more.

Clock 500!

Join us in celebrating the 500th year anniversary of East Hendred's church clock on 26th May. Between 10am and 4pm there will be tours of the tower to see the special clock chiming the bells, as well as games, crafts and refreshments available in the church!

Annual meetings

Our remaining annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM) will take place on Sunday 11th May after the 9:30am service in West Hendred and 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.

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

Please remember in your prayers

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

The departed: Tony James.

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.