

WEST HENDRED

September 2026 NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for next Newsletter
25 September 2026**

IMPORTANT! Please can we ask that, if you know of any neighbours who may not have access to the internet, you print a copy off for them and pop it through their door. Thank you.

Parish Council Minutes

To find the most recent and past Parish Council meeting minutes please follow the link below:

<https://www.westhendred.org/parish-council/meeting-minutes/>

Church News

On Sunday 9th August it was announced that after four years looking after the churches here in these villages, I will be moving back to Oxford to be vicar of All Saints Headington. Thank you to all those who have sent kind messages of appreciation. And thank you to all who have supported me and my family over the last few years in countless ways. We have had a wonderful time here and will be for ever grateful for it.

I have said it before, but it can't be said often enough: our volunteers are what truly keeps the church running. Aside from our volunteers, I am also grateful that while you wait for the next rector to arrive, the church here will be supported by Revd John Durant our associate vicar, Emma Hawkins our administrator, Katherine Price the area dean of Wantage, and the archdeacons and bishop from the Diocese of Oxford. They will all help make sure that all the good things we have achieved in the last four years will keep going.

Rectors come and go, but as I said when I announced my upcoming move, with a quote from the Bible: 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever' (Hebrews 13:8).

Thank you to everyone who joined our summer services roaming around the local churches. It was great to be able to gather even more people together for some joyful celebrations. From 6th September we are back to having the 9am service every Sunday in West Hendred. Harvest Thanksgiving this year will be on

Sunday 27th September. The 9am service will continue at least until my leaving service on 25th October (time and venue to be confirmed).

Children's Church is also starting up again on 6th September at 10am in East Hendred for families from across the area and it is hoped that this will continue throughout the vacancy period.

Nikolaj Christensen, Rector
<https://wantagedowns.org>

Hymns and Pimms 6-7pm 28 August St Augustine's, East Hendred

Do you have a favourite hymn? Now is your chance to choose to sing it – See attachment at the end of the newsletter, send in your requests (details on the QR code) and get your tickets to come along and sing in Michael Evans' memory.

Raising money to support music as part of church life across our benefice.

Cricket fixtures in Ardington

Villagers may like to know that cricket is very much alive at the Ardington Sports Club, with the ground being used almost every Saturday for matches in the Cherwell Cricket League, either by East & West Hendred CC 3rd XI or Challow & Childrey CC 3rd XI. Additionally there are several social games being held and the ground is also used by Oxfordshire County U12 Girls for a couple of matches during the school holidays.

There is one fixture of the season left, Saturday 05-Sep E&W Hendred CC 3rd XI v Abingdon 4 12:30.

Holy Trinity West Hendred Oxford Historic Churches Ride and Stride 12th September

Do you enjoy cycling? Or walking? Horse-riding? Or have an unusual form of transport – like a vintage tractor? Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust is an organisation that makes grants to churches across the county for

everything from essential repairs to projects such as improved heating. This year's event is on Saturday 12th September – money raised will be divided equally between The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and Holy Trinity Church. Last year's sponsorships final total raised was £818; Holy Trinity Church received half i.e. £409. We also received £96 in direct donations. OHCT are being very helpful with our efforts as we endeavour to get our Lay Rector and Patron, Corpus Christi College, to pay for the Chancel Roof re-tile, a big repair. OHCT have provided grants for quite a number of major repairs to our church building. All the information you need is at <https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/> Sponsorship forms are in Holy Trinity Church for you to take away. Please join us, either by Riding or Striding yourself, or sponsoring us. More details will be available from Hugh Rees on 01235-833174 and OHCT's website on www.ohct.org.uk

West Hendred Village Hall hosts the QI Quiz and Supper

Come and join us for the QI Quiz and Supper on Saturday 3rd October to win glory and prizes!

Doors open at 7pm. Quiz starts at 7.30pm.

You can book individually and we will find you a team, or in pairs, or tables of up to 8 people.

Cost including supper £20 per person. Ages 11-15 yrs old welcome at £10 per head.

Pay Bar available.

Please email sarahlloyd@qi.com to book. You will be given a link to make your payment in order to confirm the booking.

Please let us know when you book if you'd like a vegetarian meal.

The deadline for items for next month's newsletter is 25th September. Please email to newsletter@westhendred.net

West Hendred and Ginge Village Hall News

All hall bookings should be made online via the hall website: www.westhendred.net Enquiries should be made via email to villagehallbookings@westhendred.net

Events at the Hall

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Matwork Pilates - Fridays in the Hall

Is anyone interested in a Matwork Pilates course in the Autumn term run by a Women's Health Physio?

I have a couple of spaces left. Here are the details below:

Term time Fridays in West Hendred Village Hall.

1) 10:30-11:30 (1hr)- female only

Or

2) 12:40-1:25 (45minutes) - mixed gender

Start date: 11th Sept, End date: 11th December

Note: there are no classes on 23rd and 30th October over half term.

Total number of classes 12

Cost: 12 X £11 = £132

Text or email me if you would like to find out more. Emma Marsh

Emma@womensphysiotherapy.co.uk

<https://www.womensphysiotherapy.co.uk/about>

Dog training classes at West Hendred Village Hall

Class times:

Tuesdays and Fridays 18:30-19:30 training foundations

Mondays 6.30-7.30 graded classes

Tuesdays and Fridays 17.15-18.15 graded classes.

Graded classes are suitable for dogs who have completed their training foundations.

Suitable for puppies and dogs (of all ages) once fully vaccinated.

Bespoke training classes to tackle all of your training issues. We work on recall, loose lead walking and much, much more.

Come and train your dog with us, make new friends and have fun.

Please message Kriss on 07809 283700 or email admin@krissyscanines.co.uk to book.

Springline Singers Thursdays 7.30-9.30pm

Springline Singers, your community choir, welcomes anyone who loves to sing.

We sing a range of music from pop to folk, spirituals to classical.

Come and join us at West Hendred Village Hall on Thursdays at 7:30-9:30pm.

Yoga at West Hendred Village Hall

Gentle / Chair Yoga

Tuesdays 10 – 11 am (on Zoom)

Wednesdays 10 – 11am

Hatha Yoga

Wednesdays 4.30 – 5.45pm

Thursdays 9.30 – 10.45 am

Please contact me for further information on 01235 863647 or linda@soderstrom.myzen.co.uk

Not sure if yoga is for you? Contact me and arrange for a free trial lesson.

Linda Davey – British Wheel of Yoga Teacher and Yoga Therapist / Yoga in Healthcare Alliance



Hymns & Pimms

A celebration in memory of Michael Evans

Friday 28 August 2026

6-7pm

St Augustine's, East Hendred

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS OUR
NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR - KEEPING MICHAEL'S
JOY OF MUSIC ALIVE IN THE VILLAGE

Everyone welcome

Tickets £5 per adult

(includes first glass of Pimms)

Children free

Some of Michael's favourites &
some chosen by you.



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Email: membership@oxfordbachchoir.org

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OXFORD
BACH CHOIR

2026-2027 Season

Conductor Benjamin Nicholas

- ▶ **Saturday 5th December 7.30pm**
Bach: *Mass in B Minor*
With Instruments of Time and Truth
Sheldonian Theatre
- ▶ **Saturday 19th December 7.30pm**
Carols for All
Sheldonian Theatre
- ▶ **Sunday 14th March 5pm**
Brahms: *Requiem*
With Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
Oxford Town Hall
- ▶ **Sunday 20th June 5pm**
Rachmaninov: *Vespers*
Sheldonian Theatre

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