

HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL

is available for advance bookings

Further information is available on the Village Hall website:
www.hailwestonvillagehall.co.uk

Bookings: Liz Bacon
Contact: Bookingshwwh@gmail.com
Hire Rates: £10 ph Hail Weston Residents
£12 ph Non-Village Residents
Deposit: £20

Regular weekly bookings - 1 hour minimum

Friday and Saturday evening bookings - 5 hours minimum

All other bookings - 2 hours minimum



ST NICOLAS' CHURCH, HAIL WESTON

November 2025

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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If you have news, articles or events for inclusion in the next issue, please contact Ruth. Publication deadline is 15th of each month (7.00pm)

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Dear Friends,

I feel privileged to be asked as a friend of St Nicolas' Church to contribute to this edition of the Newsletter.

The autumn colours are glorious especially when the sun is shining and the sky is blue and, I suppose, the grey days - when the wind is playing with the fallen leaves, and the rain, very much needed, makes everything soggy - may too have a certain brightness. Nevertheless, autumn is not one of my favourite seasons of the year, though I appreciate the transitioning from summer to winter.

Having turned the clocks back, the need to draw the curtains to shut out the shortening days, means time to think and ponder, hmmm! Though what better way to spend these hours than by recalling those wonderful summer days spent at the beach, or walking through woods, without a care. Autumn gives us all the chance to remember: events; people; things. The act of remembering and showing respect for someone who has died or a past event is very much part of our church life and indeed our national life. A time for reflecting; of seeing an empty chair and remembering the good times and the positive effect those who sat on those chairs made to our lives.

There are services in our churches that bring comfort to the bereaved, one of which is the Memorial Service, held each year at St Andrew's Church, Great Staughton. This year it will be on Saturday 1st November, 2025 at 4.00pm when the names of loved ones we see no longer are read out, candles are lit and placed on a large cross. The numbers attending this service attest to the need for remembrance, for all of us.

Then on Remembrance Sunday, 9th November 2025 all three churches provide a service when as a nation we remember and honour those who sacrificed their all in World Wars and other conflicts, defending our democratic freedoms and way of life.

In St Nicolas' Church at 9.00am there will be a Communion Service with a short Act of Remembrance (Ven. Archdeacon Richard Harlow will officiate). The names of the fallen from the village will be read out and a poppy wreath laid. In both All Saints, Little Staughton (ALM Glenn Coiley will conduct the service) and St Andrew's, Great Staughton (Ven. Richard Harlow will officiate) at 10.45am there will be Remembrance Day Services. On the 11th November 2025 at 10.45am a gathering in the Garden of Rest will have a short ceremony to mark the actual Day of Remembrance.

I have attended all of these services over the years and found them to be



HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP

Tuesday 4th November 7.30pm Village Hall

Gardening in a Global Greenhouse

A talk by Geoff Hodge

Members £1 (Annual membership £7.00/year)

Non-Members £3

(Certain meetings/events may cost more)

Light refreshments will be available for a donation and there will be a Raffle (4-6 prizes) including a garden centre voucher (£25)

For further information about the above events please email Secretary Maggie Lakey on: tel_maggs2@225771mgl.co.uk

or telephone Chairman, Barbara Wallis on 07849 272915



Neighbourhood Café

The date of the next café is

Sunday 16th November 3.30 - 5pm

this month supporting Man Cave in St Neots
also

Hail Weston ladies Craft Group will be coming along and setting up stall with some handmade items which would make excellent Christmas gifts.

If you don't receive emails about the cafe but would like to, please contact us at:

hailwestonneighbourhoodcafe@gmail.com to ask to be put on to the updates list.

The HW Neighbourhood Cafe Team



uplifting and an opportunity to be part of our communities, where mutual respect is strengthened by our regard for each other's dignity and feelings despite our differing backgrounds. You will be warmly welcome at any of the services, and, with thanks to the lovely flower arrangers in each church, view and take in the rich golden and red colours of the autumn floral display that will surely gladden hearts.

With love and prayers
Mary Deacon

Services for November 2025

Please visit our website at www.swhw.co.uk to find out more about services and other activities.

All 10.30am services can be accessed via Zoom
ID: 380 915 8110 Passcode: 90Mn1s

Hail Weston - St. Nicolas'

Sun 2nd	10.30am - Morning Praise
Sun 9th	9.00am - Parish Communion with Act of Remembrance
Sun 16th	3.00pm - Creative Communion
Sun 23rd	9.00am - Parish Communion
Sun 30th	4.00pm - Advent Carol Service

Great Staughton - St. Andrew's

Sat 1st	4.00pm - Memorial Service
Sun 2nd	8.00am - BCP Holy Communion
	10.30am - All Age Worship
Sun 9th	10.45am - Remembrance Day Service
Sun 16th	10.30am - Parish Communion
Sun 23rd	10.30am - Parish Communion
Sun 30th	11.00am - St. Andrew's Day Service (Benefice Communion) with Kimbolton

Little Staughton - All Saints

Sun 2nd	9.00am - Parish Communion
Sun 9th	10.45am - Remembrance Day Service
Sun 16th	9.00am - Parish Communion

An Invitation to the Women of Hail Weston from

GREAT STAUGHTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

to join them for the following event:

Tuesday 11th November

Victorian Christmas in Huntingdonshire
with Liz Davies

Ladies interested in going along to the above event (7.30pm) at the Village Hall in Great Staughton or those interested in the coffee mornings, please contact:

Barbara Wallis on 07849 272915



The Parish Act of Remembrance

11th November 2025 10.45am

at

The Garden of Rest, Hail Weston

A short ceremony of Remembrance

All Welcome

St Nicolas' Church Harvest Festival

An excellent harvest service and supper was recently held in the village hall. A delicious fish and chip supper from Queens Fish n Tikka was served.

Thanks to the generosity of those who supported the event, the Church was pleased to donate an abundance of fresh produce and £100 to St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger.

Jennifer Abell
Treasurer, St Nicolas' Church



The Mondays

Your Community Choir

Rehearsing for our Christmas Concert!

Monday 27th October 7.30 - 9.00pm in Church
Monday 3rd November 7.30 - 9.00pm in Church
Monday 10th November 7.30 - 9.00pm in Church
Monday 17th November - No Meeting
Monday 24th November 7.30 - 9.00pm in Church
Monday 1st December 7.30 - 9.00pm in Church

New members welcome

Come and find your voice, in our friendly group

For further details ring Elaine on 474542

St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2025/26 Draw Year

The winners of the October draw are:

1 st prize	Ticket no 6	Phil Hobbs	£50
2 nd prize	Ticket no 27	Val & Keith Moran	£25
3 rd prize	Ticket no 18	Julie Chandler	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!