

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

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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ST NICOLAS' CHURCH, HAIL WESTON

September 2026

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Rector: In Vacancy

Churchwardens:

Christine Bresitz - thebresitz@icloud.com
and
Mary Deacon - 01480 812363

Authorised Lay Minister:

Elaine McCarthy - 01480 474542

Village Contact for St Nicolas' Church Access:

Sarah Herdman 07724 512851

A letter from Mary Deacon, Churchwarden:

Where has the last year gone? It doesn't seem possible it is a year ago that we bid Revd Nikki farewell as she retired from being our parish priest. During her last message in the Newsletter (September 2025) Nikki was confident that God's work would continue powerfully among us. We have had the privilege of welcoming several retired and non-retired clergy to lead our Communion Services and during the summer holidays when it was more difficult to find clergy we decided to rotate services round all three churches in the Benefice, and this, along with several lay-led services, has been a huge success with all three congregations travelling to each church in turn. I'm sure all would agree that God's work is continuing as per Nikki's hope.

And, to emphasize this work, the annual (15th) Cream Teas held during July and August were blessed with the good weather we have experienced so far this year, we welcomed visitors from all in the Benefice, a testament to the friendship and fellowship we share with our sister churches and villages. Over the three Saturdays an amazing £489.50 was raised - much needed funds to help keep our lovely church going. Thank you to all who came along in support. Of course, it wouldn't have happen at all if it wasn't for the tremendous amount of help. THANK YOU to the team of people who made the three events such a success: The gazebo erectors; the Village Hall for supplying gazebos and tables; those who trundled the tables and set them out with the chairs; the bunting erectors and the seven scone/ flapjack makers (thanks Harriet for the delicious cherry scones); the servers and the washer-upers! (I hope the hands that did the dishes are now not so wrinkled!) and finally those who cleared away afterwards. A tiring but great team effort.

Later this month - 27th it is the Harvest Thanksgiving service and supper so put the date in your diaries and get your tickets (we really do need to know numbers for this for catering purposes).

Unfortunately, there is no good news regarding someone to take on the roll of priest in the Benefice but be assured that all involved in the process of the appointing are being proactive, with adverts now in the Church Times as well as on the Ely Diocese Vacancies website. We continue to pray that the right person may want to come and minister in this most friendly Benefice. In the meantime please keep checking

HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP



**Tuesday 1st September 7.30pm
in the Village Hall**

Getting to Grips with Pruning

A talk by Nigel Start about using the correct techniques and timing to get the best from your trees and shrubs

Members £1.00 per meeting (annual membership £7.00/year), non-members £3.00 per meeting (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)

Visitors always welcome

Saturday 5th September

Plant Sale

at Hail Weston Village Fete

If you require any further information about the HWWGG please email Secretary Maggie Lakey on: tel_maggs2@225771mgl.co.uk or telephone Chairman, Barbara Wallis on 07849 272915



Neighbourhood Café

20th September 3.30pm

in the Village Hall



The HW Neighbourhood Cafe Team

If you don't receive emails about the cafe but would like to, please contact us at: **hailwestonneighbourhood-cafe@gmail.com** to ask to be put on to the updates list.

EASYFUNDRAISING

Would you like to join St Nicolas Hail Weston's band of Easy Fund Raising supporters?

Since commencing in 2022 the numbers of supporters has risen to 20 and together they have raised over £981. This welcome funding stream comes by supporters downloading the Easyfundraising app and then accessing their online suppliers via the app. The suppliers make the donation. Easy!

Shop with over 8,000 retailers via #easyfundraising and earn a free donation for St Nicolas' Hail Weston at the same time.

All the big names like TUI, Argos, John Lewis & Partners, Tesco and Just Eat are ready to donate. It won't cost you anything extra.

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/stnicolashailweston/RQX47L/s2s/FZ9Up2Ac/SE870/textcopy/>

the Church Noticeboard for times of services which may be very different to those we've been used to and, for Communion Services, are very much dependent on the availability of clergy. There will always be a Communion Service in at least one of the churches every Sunday.

May we remember to walk boldly in God's truth, to live with integrity and to extend His love to everyone we meet. May our lives reflect His light that others are drawn to Him and may we have the courage to be vulnerable with one another, knowing that in true fellowship we find healing and growth.

With Best Wishes
Mary

Services in the Benefice for September 2026

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 20th Sept	3.00pm	Family Service
Sun 27th Sept	9.00am	Parish Communion
	6.00pm	Harvest Evensong followed by Harvest Supper in the Village Hall

Great Staughton - St. Andrew's

Sun 6th Sept	10.00am	Benefice Communion
Sun 13th Sept	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 20th Sept	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 27th Sept	10.30am	Parish Communion

Little Staughton - All Saints

Sun 20th Sept	9.00am	Parish Communion
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**ST NICOLAS CHURCH
HAIL WESTON
HARVEST THANKSGIVING**



**SUNDAY 27th SEPT
6.00pm in church**

followed by

**Fish and Chip Supper
and a
Glass of Wine in the VILLAGE HALL**

Tickets: £15.00 available from

Jen Abell 07760 328461 Laura Berry 07557 309217

Mary Deacon 01480 812363



Hail Weston Fete 2026 is nearly here...**5th September**



...and this is our final request for help.



If you can donate a cake for the tea tent we would be very grateful.

Please drop off on **Friday 4th at the village hall between 5.30 and 6.30pm.....**or we can collect from you during the same time slot, please contact Ann 07759600647.

PLEASE NO FRESH CREAM CAKES, sorry, but we cannot store them correctly.

St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2026/27 Draw Year

The winners of the August draw are:

1 st prize	Ticket no 26	Karin Hopman	£50
2 nd prize	Ticket no 64	Paul & Faith Stevens	£25
3 rd prize	Ticket no 34	Wendy Baker	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!

The Mondays:

Your Community Choir

We will shortly be preparing for our

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

and

COMMUNITY CAROL SING

New members welcome - there is no audition

Call Elaine on 474542

