



Neighbourhood Café

The date of the next café is
Sunday 15 March 3.30 - 5pm



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.

The HW Neighbourhood Cafe Team

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: Bookingshwvh@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

March 2026

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Rector: In Vacancy

Churchwarden:

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Mrs Sarah Herdman Tel: 07724 512851

Dear Friends,

March already! The birds are singing, the daffodils and other Spring flowers are lifting our hearts, and days are lengthening - the Spring Equinox will occur on 20th March. I looked up the word Equinox and it comes from two Latin words meaning equal night!

This March we are in the Church Season of Lent until Palm Sunday on 29th March, when we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem, riding on a donkey, with crowds waving palm branches and shouting Hallelujah! Jesus entered the Holy City, not as a king on a mighty warhorse, but humbly as the Prince of Peace on a lowly beast of burden.

Before Palm Sunday, comes Mothering Sunday, also known as Refreshment Sunday - traditionally serving girls and boys, would be given the day off to visit their parents, often gathering flowers to take home, or a Simnel Cake, with marzipan through the middle.

This year we will be celebrating Mothering Sunday at our 3pm Creative Communion on 15th March, this service is for at everyone in our community - do come along!

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and each day of that week is marked with a special services daily until Good Friday on 3rd April This year.

On Monday 30th March, Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April we will hold short services of Compline (an ancient monastic service) at 7.00pm, around the Benefice.

See the Service List below for details.

On Thursday 2nd April we hold the Maundy Thursday Communion Service here in Hail Weston at 7.00pm

On Friday 3rd April in St Andrew's Church. Great Staughton at 2.00pm there is Good Friday Devotion - An Hour at the Cross

We are still awaiting news of a possible new vicar, as this month there will be yet another meeting to shortlist candidates. Please remember this in your prayers, as it is not an easy process.

The Church is now available for hire - Please contact me on 01480 474542

With very best wishes to you all, Elaine, Your Churchwarden.

Please contact me about Weddings, Baptisms or Funerals, so that I can put you in touch with the clergy who will be able to help you during the Vacancy.

Village Litter Pick



The annual village litter pick will take place from

10am - midday on Sunday 22nd March

The Parish Council will be providing litter picking tools and bags and we will be meeting outside the Royal Oak at 10am

If you can help, please do pop the date in your diary



HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP

Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**The Great Fen – 25 years of changing the landscape
A talk by a representative of the Great Fen**

The annual membership of £7 will be due

Visitors always welcome

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)

If you require any further information about the HWWWG please email Secretary Maggie Lakey on: tel_maggs2@225771mgl.co.uk

or telephone Chairman, Barbara Wallis on 07849 272915

St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2025/26 Draw Year

The winners of the February draw are:

1 st prize	Ticket no 54	Gwen Earl	£50
2 nd prize	Ticket no 79	S Osborne	£25
3 rd prize	Ticket no 106	Laura Berry	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!

Dear Supporter,

The March draw will mark the end of the current 100 Club year. Your support has been invaluable, helping us meet the minimum £1,500 per month needed to maintain an active church serving the village. With our main building dating back to 1209 AD, repairs and maintenance are frequent and costly, and insurance is high. The church relies on multiple fundraising initiatives, including the 100 Club, to cover these expenses. We hope you will renew your membership to support us again, and perhaps you could be one of our lucky monthly prize draw winners!

We appreciate renewals being received by March 31st, before the start of the new 100 Club year. Some members have set up an annual Standing Order, with the ticket price remaining at £25 per ticket. If you prefer not to set up a Standing Order, there are two other ways to pay:

1. Bank Transfer to Hail Weston PCC (£25 per ticket)

Sort Code: 30-94-47

Account Number: 02900623

Please use reference HW10026 and your name (e.g., Smith).

2. Cheque made payable to Hail Weston PCC or £25 in cash in an envelope marked 100 Club, along with your name. This can be posted through the letterbox of 20 Orchard Close, Hail Weston (Julie Dalleywater). If you would like it to be collected, please ring Julie on 07708085445 or email jmdwater@hotmail.com.

Thank you for the renewals already received; we do appreciate your continued support.

We welcome enquiries from newcomers to the village or anyone else who wishes to join the 100 Club to support our church. We hope you will continue to support us and we wish you the best of luck!

Julie Dalleywater

M: 07708085445 E: jmdwater@hotmail.com

Services in the Benefice for March 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 1st	10.30am	Morning Praise
Sun 8th	9.00am	Parish Communion
Mothering Sunday		
Sun 15th	3.00pm	Creative Communion
Sun 22nd	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 29th	4.00pm	Evensong
Mon 30th	7.00pm	Compline

Great Staughton - St. Andrew's

Sun 1st	10.30am	All Age Worship
Sun 8th	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 15th	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 22nd	10.30am	Parish Communion
Tues 31st	7.00pm	Compline

Little Staughton - All Saints

Sun 1st	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 15th	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 29th	10.00am	Palm Sunday Benefice Communion
Wed 1st April	7.00pm	Compline




The Mondays

Your Community Choir

We are having a break for March

New members welcome - there is no audition

call Elaine on 474542

St Nicolas Church Restoration Group Update

As we continue to fund-raise for Phase 3 of the restoration, we have got some exciting events coming up in the next couple of months.

The first one is **'An Evening with Christine Walkden' on 12th March at 7.30 p.m.** Many of you will remember her as The One Show gardener, also featuring in 'Christine's Garden', and the award-winning 'Glorious Gardens from above' as well as presenting from the Chelsea Flower Show, and regularly appearing on BBC Radio 4 'Gardeners Question Time'. These are only a few of the things that she gets up to, and if you feel like an entertaining evening to cast away the winter gloom, do come and join us. Tickets are now available. (Please see posters for details).

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th April, we are holding another **Art Exhibition and Auction** in the Church and Village Hall featuring work for sale by many talented local artists, plus a very special Auction on Sunday afternoon which includes a limited edition, fully documented, lithograph by Prince Charles (now King Charles III) and a scene of Hail Weston by the well-known artist, Stanley Orchard. **Entry is free and the event opens on Saturday at 11.00 a.m.**

12th November – we have a fascinating talk by Alison Dickens, the archaeologist who worked on Phases 1 and 2 of the restoration of St Nicolas. She has (quite literally) unearthed a wealth of previously unknown information about the churchyard and her 'finds' have been so extensive that she is still writing up her full report!

Do put the dates in your diary. We really look forward to seeing you.

Best wishes

Anne-Marie Hamilton, Chairman

ST NICOLAS CHURCH RESTORATION GROUP

THURSDAY, 12TH MARCH 2026,
St Nicolas Church, Hail Weston PE19 5JS

An evening with:



Christine Walkden

Gardener, Horticulturist, Lecturer, Adviser,
Broadcaster, Writer and Photographer

"Most Trusted Celebrity Gardener"

7 P.M. FOR 7.30 P.M.

**Tickets £10.00 (including a glass of wine)
available from:**

Anne-Marie Hamilton – 01480 212772
annemarie@thewoodfarm.com

Veronica Bolton – 07734 824425
veronica.bolton@outlook.com

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