



Neighbourhood Café

The date of the next café is
Sunday 20th July 3.30 - 5pm



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

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

July 2025

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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A message from the Rev'd Canon Nicki Bland

Dear Friends,

As we enter the heart of summer, the longer days and abundant sunshine remind us of God's incredible gift of light. Just as the sun illuminates our physical world, God's presence brings spiritual light into our lives, dispelling darkness and guiding our paths.

The apostle John reminds us of a profound truth in his first letter: "This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." (1 John 1:5-7)

These words speak to God's perfect holiness, truth, and love. When we choose to walk in this light, we experience something beautiful: genuine fellowship with one another and the cleansing power of Christ's sacrifice. Walking in God's light means more than just believing; it means living authentically according to His truth. It means being honest about our struggles, extending grace to others, and choosing love over judgment. When we do this, our relationships with fellow believers become deeper and more meaningful.

This month, let's challenge ourselves to step more fully into God's light. Where are the areas in our lives where we might be walking in shadows? What relationships need the healing touch of honest fellowship? How can we be bearers of God's light to those around us who are struggling in darkness? Remember, walking in the light doesn't mean we're perfect - it means we're willing to be transparent before God and others, trusting in His grace to transform us day by day.

We have wonderful reasons to celebrate this month! Congratulations to Sophia from Hail Weston who was confirmed at Ely Cathedral on Father's Day, June 15th. What a wonderful way to celebrate both Father's Day and this important step in her faith journey.

It was lovely to see so many people at the Pathfinders service, with people joining us from all over the country. What a beautiful testament to the way God brings His people together from near and far.

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Pam Wilkie's

OPEN GARDEN PARTY

with

Strawberries & Cream, Live Music & Raffle

Sunday 27th July 2025

2pm - 4pm

Entry £8 per person



**In aid of the
Motor Neurone Disease Association
Cambridgeshire branch**

Pam Wilkie
The Old Post Office, 36 High Street
Hail Weston, St Neots. PE19 5JW

An Invitation to the Women of Hail Weston from
GREAT STAUGHTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
to join them for the following event:
Tuesday 8th July
Behind Closed Doors
Work of the Independent Monitoring Board
at Littlehey Prison
with speaker Geoff Watts
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



HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP

Visit to Peterborough Elton Hall Gardens

Tuesday 8th July 1.30pm
Garden cost £9.50 per person

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

or telephone Chairman, Barbara Wallis on 07849 272915



The Mondays: **Your Community Choir** **New members welcome**



We're singing for fun this term, with a view to sharing our singing with folk in care homes.

Come and find your voice, in our friendly group

Monday 30th June 7.30 - 9.00pm in Church

Monday 7th July 7.30 - 9.00pm in Church

Monday 14th July 7.30 - 9.00pm in Church

Monday 21st July No Meeting

Monday 28th July 7.30 - 9.00pm in Church

For further details ring Elaine on 474542

CHURCH SERVICES - JULY 2025

During the School Holidays there will be a single Benefice Communion service, each Sunday at 10.00am, rotating around each church, which all are welcome to attend. If you would like a lift to any service, please contact your churchwarden(s) in the first instance.

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: 418 405 5563

Passcode: 022 067

Hail Weston St Nicolas'

Wed 3rd	10.00am	Morning Prayer
Sun 6th	10.30am	Morning Praise
Sun 13th	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 20th	3.00pm	Creative Communion
Sun 27th	10.00am	Benefice Communion

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 6th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.30am	All Age Worship
Sun 13th	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 20th	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 27th	10.00am	Benefice Communion at St. Nicolas, Hail Weston

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 6th	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 20th	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 27th	10.00am	Benefice Communion at St. Nicolas, Hail Weston

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Looking ahead, we have several exciting events planned. Day Camp at Grafham Water will run from July 29th to 31st, providing a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and outdoor activities by the water. For those who enjoy a traditional treat, Cream Teas will be served at St Nicolas, Hail Weston on Saturday, July 19th and again on Saturday, August 2nd. Come join us for delicious cream teas and great company!

On Saturday, July 26th, Little Staughton will host Prome and Puds, an evening of music and desserts. Please check our website for more details about this special event.

Our Summer Benefice Services will begin on Sunday, July 27th with the service at Hail Weston. All summer services will start at 10:00am, so please check the website for the full summer schedule. We're delighted to share that the Alpha Course continues to be well attended every Thursday at 6:30pm at the Vicarage. It's wonderful to see people exploring faith together in such a welcoming environment.

As we spend time together in fellowship this month, may we remember to walk boldly in God's truth, to live with integrity, and to extend His love to everyone we meet. Let our lives reflect His light so brightly that others are drawn to Him, and may we have the courage to be vulnerable with one another, knowing that in authentic fellowship, we find healing and growth.

Heavenly Father, thank You for being our light in a world that often feels dark and uncertain. Help us to walk boldly in Your truth, to live with integrity, and to extend Your love to everyone we meet. May our lives reflect Your light so brightly that others are drawn to You. Give us courage to be vulnerable with one another, knowing that in authentic fellowship, we find healing and growth. In Jesus' name, Amen.

May this month be filled with God's blessings, deeper connections, and the joy that comes from walking in His marvelous light.

*Love and prayers,
Nicki Bland*

St Nicolas Church Cream Teas in the churchyard

**Saturdays: 19th July, 2nd
& 9th August**

Cream Teas will be held from 2pm to 4pm.



Many thanks to the Garden Angels team who spent the morning of Friday 20th June giving the churchyard a spruce up for the summer. Over a dozen people gave their time, energy and expertise and didn't they do well? The churchyard is looking exceptionally well cared for!

Elaine McCarthy, Churchwarden

St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2025/26 Draw Year

The winners of the June draw are:

1 st prize	Ticket no 8	Bill Parker	£50
2 nd prize	Ticket no 13	Jo & Tony Bennett	£25
3 rd prize	Ticket no 117	Jane Buckham	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!