

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
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ST NICOLAS' CHURCH, HAIL WESTON

March 2025

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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A message from the Rev'd Canon Nicki Bland

Dear Friends,

Spring is on its way; it is lovely to be able to go out for an early morning walk with my dog in daylight. The snowdrops, aconites, bird song and other signs of spring give us hope in these difficult times.

We have turned from Christmas and Epiphany and are now looking towards Easter even though we have the Lenten period to go through. Please look out for information about Lent lunches and their venues.

We have a range of services in March starting with a favourite which is The Pet Service. This is on March 2nd at St Andrews, Great Staughton, and pets of all shapes and sizes are welcome, along with their owners.

On Ash Wednesday, the day after pancake day, we have two services available as we start Lent, 10.00 am. at St Nicolas, Hail Weston and 7.30 pm at St Andrews, Great Staughton. These will be communion services with the Imposition of Ashes.

The service that I would particularly like to invite you to, is our Benefice Service on Mothering Sunday at 10.30.am, breakfast is served from 10.00am. Before Covid we had prepared a wonderful all singing, all dancing service for Mothering Sunday which ended up having to be a service on Zoom. We would like to invite you, this year, to our Mothering Sunday Service which will have everything for young and old alike, band, organ, puppets, bells and after the Service, Simnel cake, coffee and tea. Mothering Sunday is always held on the fourth Sunday in Lent and so, like Easter, the date is not set. It is part of the church calendar, unlike Father's Day, because it was originally a day to give thanks to the Virgin Mary. It was also a time when people were given time off to visit their Mothers and their Mother Church, the main Church or Cathedral near their family home.

We then look forward to Holy Week in April, which comes much later than usual with Good Friday on the 18th and Easter Day on the 20th. Other dates for your diary are:

March 22nd when a Fashion show will be held at Little Staughton Village Hall at 7pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50 and include a glass of fizz and nibbles. There is no bar so you need to bring your own drinks. Tickets are available from Mary Hopperton on 07876467151.

The next historical guided tour of St Andrews Church, which has an amazing history, is on March 15th, proceeds go towards the STAR project which is to make the church a community friendly space. Tickets for this are £6.00 and afterwards there are teas and coffees served.

*With love and prayers
Nicki Bland*



HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP

Tuesday 4th March 7.30pm

at the Village Hall

Lawn Care - A talk by Ian Waters on Lawn Care.

Tuesday 1st April 7.30pm

at the Village Hall

Let's Talk Rubbish - a talk by Heidi Field from Waste Minimalization Department at Huntingdonshire District Council. This will be open to all Hail Weston residents

At all Village Hall meetings there will be a Raffle to include a £25 garden centre voucher as first prize.

Refreshments available.

Non-members are very welcome.
Entrance fee is £3.00 - Members £1.00

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



The Mondays:

Your Community Choir

The Mondays are taking a break again this month, so there are no rehearsals.

We have spaces and welcome new members, no experience necessary, so if you would like to join us when we start rehearsing again, please ring Elaine on 474542

CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH 2025

Please visit our new website on www.swhw.co.uk to find out more about the Services.

In addition to the services listed below; on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday there is Morning Prayer at 8.30am and Evening Prayer at 5.30pm via Zoom: ID 4184055563 Password 022067

Hail Weston St Nicolas'

Wed 5th	10.00am	Ash Wednesday Communion with Imposition of Ashes
Sun 9th	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 16th	3.00pm	Creative Communion
Sun 23rd	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 30th	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Benefice Communion at St. Andrew's, Great Staughton

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 2nd	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.30am	Pet Service
Wed 5th	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Communion with Imposition of Ashes
Sun 9th	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 16th	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 23rd	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 30th	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Benefice Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 2nd	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 16th	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 30th	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Benefice Communion at St Andrew's, Great Staughton

An Invitation to the Women of Hail Weston from

GREAT STAUGHTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

to join them for the following event

8th April

Hypnotherapy - how I fell into it and why it works
with speaker Christina Myers

Monthly coffee mornings take place at the homes of members and/or lunch outings. These are open to WI members or non-members to attend.

Ladies interested in going along to the above event (7.30pm) at the WI hall in Gt Staughton or those interested in the coffee mornings, please contact:

Barbara Wallis on 07849 272915

Neighbourhood Café

The date of the next café is

Sunday 16 March 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

