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

£20 Deposit:

Regular weekly bookings - 1 hour minimum

Friday and Saturday evening bookings - 5 hours minimum

All other bookings - 2 hours minimum

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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 then usual with Good Friday on the 18^{th} and Easter Day on the 20^{th} . 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 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

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:

<u>hailwestonneighbourhoodcafe@gmail.com</u> to ask to be put on to the updates list.

The HW Neighbourhood Cafe Team

CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH 2025

Please visit our new website on <u>www.swhw.co.uk</u> 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
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Little Staughton All Saints

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

St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2025/26 Draw Year

Dear Supporter

The March draw will bring to an end the current 100 Club year. Your support has been greatly appreciated and it has considerably helped us to meet the minimum £18000 pa needed to keep our Church open for worship, baptisms, weddings and funerals and meet the basic cost of maintaining the church building and graveyard. Hopefully you will renew your membership to support us again and you could be one of our lucky monthly prize draw winners.

We know that some of you have already set up a Standing Order to be paid annually and the ticket price remains at £25 per ticket. For those of you who have not set up a Standing Order and prefer not to, 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 HW10025 and your name (eg Smith).
- 2. A cheque made payable to Hail Weston PCC or £25 in cash in an envelope marked '100 Club', together with your name. This can be posted through the letterbox of 20 Orchard Close, Hail Weston (Julie Dalleywater) or 80 High Street, Hail Weston (Judith Clements). If you would like this to be collected, please ring either Julie on 07708085445 or Judith on 01480 472296.

We welcome enquiries from newcomers to the village or anybody else who wishes to join the 100 Club to support our church. With an annual prize fund in excess of £1000 you could be one of our lucky winners!

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The 100 Club 2025/26 is administered by Julie Dalleywater and assisted by Judith Clements; the registered promoter is Mary Deacon.

Date for your diary:

The **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** is on 3rd April at 7.00pm to which all invited.

This is an opportunity to hear about the church going forward and to elect Churchwardens, Treasurer and Parochial Church Committee. You will be very welcome so please come along.

Mary Deacon Verger, St Nicholas' Church

St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2024/25 Draw Year

The winners of the February draw are:

1 st prize	Ticket no 37	Brenda Hackett	£50
2 nd prize	Ticket no 75	Christine Bresitz	£25
3 rd prize	Ticket no 5	Mandy Matthews	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!

EASYFUNDRAISING

Spare a few minutes of your time when doing your on-line shopping and help raise funds for St Nicolas'. We currently have 20 supporters who, through their participation, provide a small but very welcome source of funds.

Please support St Nicolas' Hail Weston on #easyfundraising today and raise FREE donations with your everyday online shopping at Tesco, eBay, M&S, Expedia, Just Eat and many more! Once you raise your first £5, easyfundraising will double it! Sign up here: https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/stnicolashailweston/RQX47L/c2s/SUOTITV7/CE794/facebook/

Yes! this is 100% correct - donations that cost you absolutely nothing!

Barry Easom, St Nicolas' Church Treasurer