

THE VILLAGE HALL

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Hire Rates: £8 ph Hail Weston Residents
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PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITY GROUP

Mon-Fri 09.30am-12noon

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DID YOU KNOW?

It is a tradition in Scotland to sing Robert Burns 'For Auld Lang Syne' immediately after midnight, and that the tune was in print more than 80 years before he published his version in 1788?

Hogmanay get-togethers continue to this day to welcome friends and strangers with warm hospitality, and a kiss to wish everyone a 'Guid New Year'.

A Hogmanay celebration is believed to clear away the old year and have a clean break, welcoming in a New Year on a happy note.

'First Footing' - the 'first foot' into the house after midnight - is said to bring good luck for the household, the first foot being male, dark and bringing with him a piece of coal, shortbread, salt, a black bun and whisky. These days it's only shortbread and whisky that's readily available.

Whatever you do for New Year, I wish you the very best of health and happiness, and.....

Should auld acquaintance be forgot

And never brought to mind?

Should auld acquaintance be forgot

And *auld lang syne*?

For auld lang syne, my dear,

For auld lang syne,

We'll tak a cup of kindness yet

For auld lang syne!

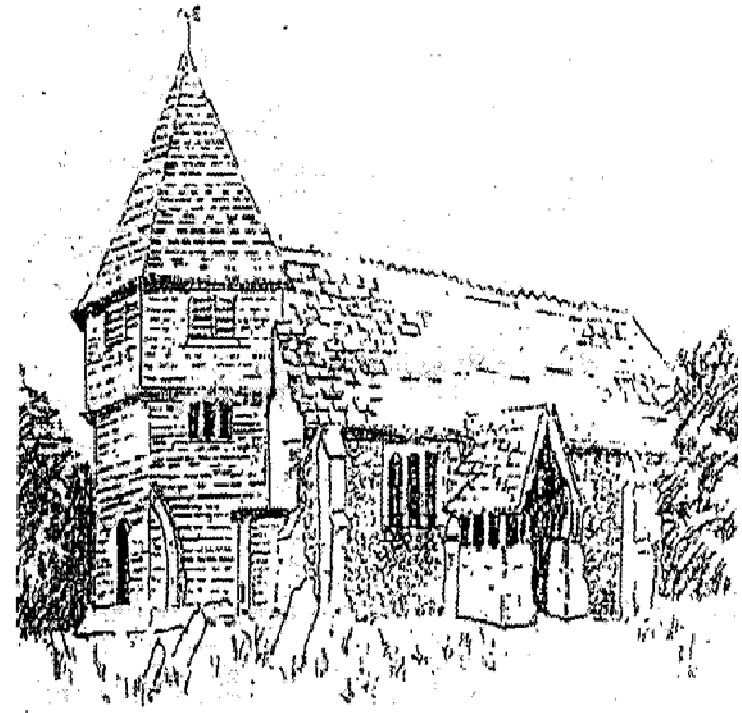
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ST NICOLAS' CHURCH HAIL WESTON JANUARY 2010 VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Arrangements for baptisms, weddings and other pastoral matters should be made direct with Reverend Judi Clarke

A message from Judi, our Rector...

Dear Friends

Back in November at the very beginning of the Church Year, we held a very special 'Songs of Praise' service in St Andrew's Church to celebrate and give thanks to all the people who help to keep St Andrew's open and running and to continue to build a lively and active community of God's People.

Throughout the year, members of the Parochial Church Council and others gathered together a list of the number of tasks and the number of people doing them, and I thought you might be interested in the following statistics:

It takes 180 people to keep St Andrew's Church open and running for us to be able to worship regularly there, and for the benefit of the Parish for quiet prayer, weddings, baptisms and funerals. These people fulfil many different tasks from washing tea towels, cleaning the church, caring for the fabric, providing the music and much more.

At the present time we have:

16 people involved with our Children's Work

52 people involved with the Annual Fete

20 people helping with refreshments on various occasions

This is just the 'tip of the iceberg' for, if you added *all* the tasks carried out by the **180** people at present involved, we would need **437** people if they all took on only one task!

We know we did not think of every person who is involved, for the list continues to grow, but it is wonderful when you consider that all of these tasks are undertaken voluntarily and reflect something very special of the love God in our community.

Each of our three Parish Churches within this group need a similar group of dedicated people to keep their Church healthy and alive, and it is often very difficult to find people willing and able to take on 'one more job.' Yet every one of us is given freely, gifts of 'Time' and 'Talents' by God; he also gives us the freedom to use these very special gifts in any way we choose. No doubt we all received many gifts from family and friends over the Christmas season, and after giving thanks, we are using those gifts to the best advantage.

Perhaps as we look into the gift of this New Year, we might consider the 'Time' and 'Talents' we have been given by God and consider offering something different back to Him in thanks to keep this community of **St Nicolas' Church** alive and healthy. If you want your Parish Church to remain alive and healthy then do not be shy – there are so many opportunities for us all to try something new; whether you would like to sing in a choir or choose something less public, what we value most is your presence with us in worship and praise – for we all

Your Mobile Library Service

This service is free to join and is open to everyone

The Cambridgeshire County Council fleet of mobile libraries carry stocks of books, videos, DVDs and audio books for children and adults (there is a £2.50 charge for a 2xweek hire of Video/DVDs).

The library stops in the village on alternate Mondays, and for January/February these dates are:

January : 11th and 25th

February: 8th and 22nd

For more information phone : 0345 04 5225

Or at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

An Invitation to the Women of Hail Weston from

GT STAUGHTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

To join them for the following events:

January 12th when the speaker is Matthew Ives on the subject of 'Soldier training at Sandhurst'

February 9th with speaker Jane Greatorex on the subject of 'Wildlife of the Falkland Islands'

Ladies interested in going along to the WI hall in Gt Staughton please contact **Barbara Wallis on 214582**

VILLAGE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The first meeting of the Christian Fellowship in 2010 will be held on

**Thursday 21st January
at
17 High Street Hail Weston
at
7.30pm**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Those villagers who have hired out the village hall have booked through Mrs Emma Fox. Emma has been booking clerk for 6 years; she has done this extremely well, and we are sincerely thankful to her. In addition, she and her husband, Alan, took on the cleaning of the village hall for some 4 to 5 years, and we are very grateful to them both.

Emma now wishes to stand down. We are, therefore, looking for someone from the village to fill one, or both of these roles.

If you feel you may be able to help, please get in touch with me as soon as possible. You will become a member of the committee.

Peter Mailer
Chairman

A Very Happy New Year to you all from the Village Hall Committee

have a place in the Family of God – and He loves and values each one of us as priceless in His sight.

Thank you again to all who already offer their ‘Time’ and ‘Talents’ – the Church would not be there without your continued support and if anyone would like to know more about ways in which to help, please contact me or any church member.

*Now, may I wish you all a very peaceful, blessed and happy New Year.
With love and prayers Judi*

CHURCH SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS IN HAIL WESTON

Thurs Dec 24th 5.00pm Christingle Service

Thurs Dec 24th 11.30pm Midnight Communion

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES IN OUR GROUP CHURCHES FOR CHRISTMAS

**Sun Dec 20th
3.00pm Christingle in St Leonard’s Southoe
6.00pm Carol Service in St Andrew’s Great Staughton**

**Thurs Dec 24th
3.00pm Christingle in St Andrew’s Great Staughton
9.00pm Christmas Communion in St Leonard’s Southoe
11.30pm Midnight Communion in St Andrew’s Great Staughton
11.30pm Midnight Communion in St Nicolas Hail Weston**

**Fri Dec 25th
10.30am Family Communion in St Andrew’s Great Staughton**

**Sun Dec 27th
10.30am GROUP COMMUNION
ST ANDREW’S CHURCH GREAT STAUGHTON**

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2010

**Sun Jan 3rd 4.00pm Family Worship
Sun Jan 10th 9.00am Parish Communion
Sun Jan 24th 9.00am Parish Communion
Sun Jan 31st 10.00am GROUP COMMUNION
ST NICOLAS HAIL WESTON**