

THE VILLAGE HALL

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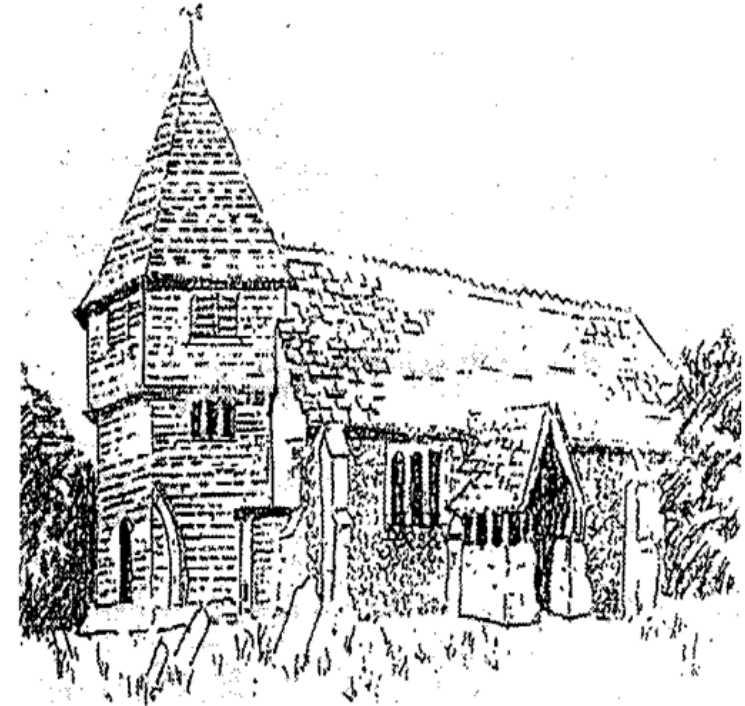
Hire Rates: £8 ph Hail Weston Residents

£10ph Non-Village Residents

Deposit: £20

PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITY GROUP Monday—Friday 9.30am - 12noon

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ST NICOLAS' CHURCH, HAIL WESTON
January 2012

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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

If you have news, articles or events for inclusion in the next issue, please contact Ruth.

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A message from Judi, your Rector:

Dear Friends,

When you read this letter we will probably be about to celebrate Christmas, but this is actually my New Year letter to you, and I can hardly believe it is my 10th 'New Year Letter' in St Nicolas' Church Village Newsletter.

Each year that passes for us is always filled with a great mixture of events in our lives, each year has its 'highs' and its 'lows' and I know for many people Christmas-time can be a very sad and lonely time. However, I hope, like me, you are able to look back and reflect on many moments in 2011 in which you can see trust, joy and hope. Trust in the reality that whatever happens in our lives, the cycle of life goes on; joy in those special moments we treasure in our hearts however small or large those moments might be; and hope for the future, for our families and friends and for the world.

Early in January, we in the Christian Church, celebrate the Epiphany – a Greek word meaning 'manifestation'. Epiphany is the day when traditionally we remember the arrival of the Magi bringing incredible gifts to the newborn child, gold for a king, frankincense for God and myrrh for one who is to die.

No one really knows where these men had travelled from, but we do know it was a very long journey and was not without its hazards. But they never gave up – on and on they journeyed following a special star, until they discovered God made manifest in that tiny human baby, born in a stable. And they stood and gazed in wonder and awe; humankind in God, God in human flesh – they looked and they believed.

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, God made manifest for us. Through him we are offered a new beginning, a clean start, not just now, at the beginning of a new year, but every time we turn to him. God has given us the greatest gift of all – his Son, that we might have new life in him.

But first, like those Magi, we have to find him, to watch for that star in our lives and to travel the road in faith keeping that star always in our sights. For when we do that, we will find God in the most unexpected places in our lives, even in the darkest and saddest places, and we too will stand in wonder and in awe and be wrapped in his love and his care. We will be offered hope, and we will have faith and be enabled to discover joy in a new beginning, another

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is now up and running in the village following a successful re-launch just over a year ago.

So far approximately 50% of residents have signed up to this new initiative - so if you haven't already done so please give your E Mail address to the lead Co-ordinator whose details you will find below and this information will be passed to the person responsible for your street:

Nigel Burdett - nigel.burdett@hotmail.co.uk

**An Invitation to the Women of Hail Weston from
Gt Staughton Women's Institute to join them for the
following events:**

10th January The Art of Dolls Houses
Speaker: Pat Burtenshaw
(re-scheduled following cancellation in
November)

14th February Trading Standards in the Community
Speaker: Paul Bass

Ladies interested in going along to the WI hall in Gt Staughton (7.30pm on
the above dates) please contact **Barbara Wallis on 214582**

opportunity to follow him, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. But if we are to try to become like him, then first we must learn to receive his love for ourselves; for then we will be able to love others because he first loved us, and that is when we discover we can indeed trust him, be filled with joy and have real hope for the future.

I thank you all for offering me your gifts of friendship, love and hospitality throughout the past year, and may I wish you all a happy, peaceful and blessed New Year, and may we travel together in 2012 holding the Light of Christ forever in our hearts and in our lives.

With love and prayers Judi

CHURCH SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS IN HAIL WESTON

Sat Dec 24th 5.00pm Christingle Service

8.00pm First Communion of Christmas

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES IN OUR GROUP CHURCHES
FOR CHRISTMAS:**

Sun Dec 18th 6.00pm Carol Service in St Andrew's Great Staughton

Sat 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

Sun Dec 25th 10.30am Family Communion in
St Andrew's Great Staughton

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2011

This year Hail Weston raised £310.73 from the street, Royal Oak and St.Nicolas' Church collections.

Thank you to all residents for an excellent response.

Also thanks to Jackie Harvey, Terry Walford and Peter Emeleus for helping with the street collection.

Dianne Lightfoot
Co-ordinator

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2012 in
ST NICOLAS CHURCH

Sun Jan 1 st	9.00am	GROUP COMMUNION
Sun Jan 8 th	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun Jan 22 nd	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun Jan 29 th	10.30am	GROUP COMMUNION

IN ST ANDREW'S GREAT STAUGHTON

Christian Fellowship

The Village Christian Fellowship will meet on Thursday 19th January,
7.30pm at 17 High Street, Hail Weston.

Readings, prayers and discussions. All welcome.

For further details about our interdenominational group, telephone 474542.

**St Andrew's & St Nicolas Churches
Bible Study and Discussion Group**

The Bible Study and Discussion Group meets once a fortnight. To try and accommodate as many people as possible we are meeting on different evenings of the week and in different venues and each evening will 'stand alone' which enables everyone the opportunity to 'come when you can'. The evenings will begin at 7.30pm and end at 9.00pm

Details of January meetings are as follows.

Weds Jan 4th 6 Town Orchard Southoe
Mon Jan 16th 10 Hawkins Close Perry
Tues Jan 31st 38 Beachampstead Rd Gt Staughton
Everyone Welcome

ST NICOLAS' CHURCH 100 CLUB - DECEMBER 2011 DRAW

Congratulations to the following winners of the Hail Weston PCC 100 Club
December Draw:

1 st Prize of £100	Ticket No 100	Pam Wilkie
2 nd Prize of £50	Ticket No 40	Maurice Lee
3 rd Prize of £30	Ticket No 29	Barbara Wallis
4 th Prize of £25	Ticket No 58	Sue Whitby

Paul Deacon
Treasurer to Hail Weston PCC