

**An Invitation to the Women of Hail Weston**  
from  
**GT STAUGHTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

**October 13** - Sue Wood of Cancer Research will explain how we can look after our health

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

**THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Contact:** Emma Fox (01480 215088)

Hire Rates: £8 ph Hail Weston Residents  
£10ph Non-Village Residents

Deposit: £20

**PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITY GROUP**

Mon-Fri 09.30am-12noon

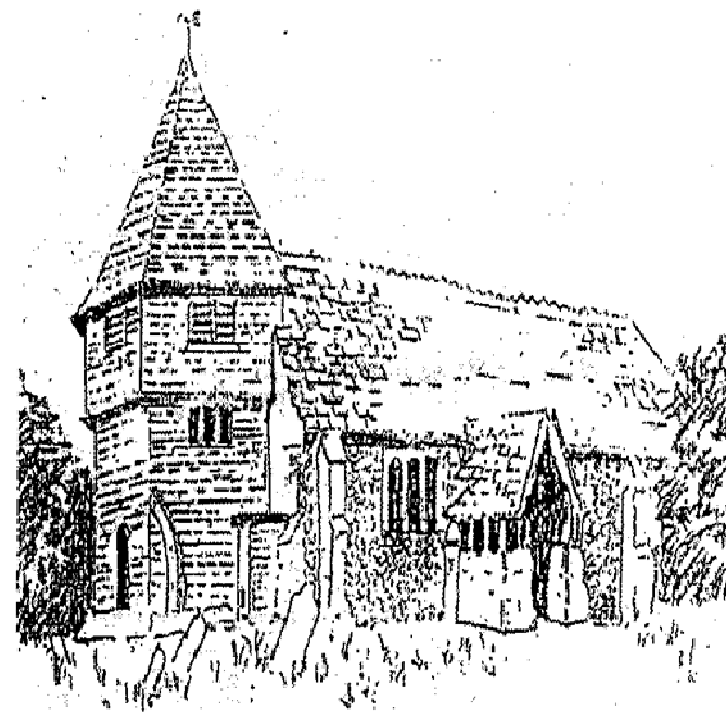
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**ST NICOLAS' CHURCH HAIL WESTON**  
**OCTOBER 2009**  
**VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**

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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*

A couple of weeks ago I was walking through a beautiful woodland area with my daughter-in-law and two of my grandchildren, Emma and Oliver.

Emma, aged two and a half, was running here, there and everywhere, but suddenly she stopped and bent down to pick something up. Running back to us she gave me a very green acorn still in its 'cup' and asked me 'what's that Grandma'.

I explained as simply as I could, how this was a seed from the big oak tree nearby and was called an acorn and how the wind must have blown this one down a little too early for it was still very green. I told her that if she came back to the woods with Mummy and Daddy in a few more weeks they would be able to find lots more acorns ripe for planting, and if they planted one in a pot, they might be able to help another big oak tree to grow.

Soon Emma had a little handful of fallen acorns, 'treasures' to take home and show Daddy – and suddenly I was looking around me with the eyes of a child once more and between us we soon discovered chestnuts and blackberries, hips and haws and our gentle walk through the trees became a voyage of discovery.

By the time we returned to the car the wind had turned cold and on our way home it began to rain but we had had a wonderful time in those woods rediscovering the wonder of nature at harvest time.

This month in our churches we will be celebrating the harvest, a festival that has surely been celebrated since human beings first planted seeds, cut heads off grain and stored them to use through times of need. Many of us will have memories of churches decorated with sheaves of corn, fresh flowers and vegetables and the wonderful harvest loaf. Today we are perhaps more likely to see tinned goods decorating the window ledges but these are only a modern way of acknowledging our dependence upon God and giving thanks for all his gifts.

This year we will once again be celebrating Harvest Thanksgiving with supper in Hail Weston Village Hall on Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm ( see separate notice) Do come and join us – tickets are available from all church members.

And, as the summer draws to a close, let us look around us with our eyes as those of a child and see afresh the wonders of God's created world in autumn.

**With love and prayers Judi**

## **CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCT 2009**

Sun Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	Family Worship
Sun Oct 11 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Harvest Thanksgiving and supper in Village Hall <b>(N.B No morning service on this day)</b>
Sun Sept 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Parish Communion

## **VILLAGE FETE & DOG SHOW** **Saturday 12th September**

The Village Fete and the Companion Dog Show was a resounding success, and many thanks go to all those people who put so much effort into the event.

Alison Mount, the judge for the dog show, worked really hard for four hours none stop to get all the classes judged, and there were over 60 entries. One 'novelty class' with 21 entries, was the best yet. Our own Parish Clerk, Sheila Penton, walked off with the best in show cup with her dog 'Deano', a bearded collie.

The Fete Sports Day for parents and children was a new event which was very well supported. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Daw and Reuben Isaac for organising the games.

The Children's Fancy Dress was well supported with 8 entries and was won by Archie Minney who made his own costume, which was brilliant - he came dressed as a robot.

Fit-Haven from Buckden demonstrated the many benefits of Nordic walking but, unfortunately, this was not very well supported by the adults!

A special 'thank you' to our sponsors, Nigel Smith and Jane from Paddie Paws, for your generosity which helped towards our fund raising.

Bus rides to Staughton and back certainly added a new dimension to the afternoon. The open air bus looked absolutely beautiful—thank you Paul.

Do look at Frances Kay's website to see all the pictures which were taken at the fete—go to [www.franceskayphotoevents.co.uk](http://www.franceskayphotoevents.co.uk)

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee I send sincere thanks to everyone for supporting the fete—thank you.

**Peter Mailer**  
**Chairman**

**The Parishes of St Andrew's Great  
Staughton, St Nicolas Hail Weston  
&**

**St Leonard's Southoe**



We would like to invite you to

**A Memorial Service  
to be held at 4.00pm on  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009  
at St Andrew's Church, Great Staughton**



This service is an opportunity to take time to reflect and to give thanks for the lives of those who are no longer with us. During the service those who have died in the parishes of Great Staughton, Hail Weston and Southoe and for whom the parochial clergy have conducted a funeral service in the last six years, will be named and if you would like anyone else named then please contact:

*Revd Judi Clarke (01480 861215)*

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING AND SUPPER**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm**

**HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Tickets available from church members  
Everyone welcome**

**ANDREW'S CREW**

**Welcomes all 10 – 13 year olds**

**Next meeting**

**TUESDAY Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm at  
St Andrew's Vicarage Great Staughton**

**LITTLE FISHES**

**TUESDAY Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 2pm - 3pm at**

**St Andrew's Church, Great Staughton**

**Come and join us and have fun listening to stories;  
making music; singing songs and much more**

We welcome all ages from birth to Primary School with a grown-up

**The Christian Village Fellowship** meets monthly to explore the Word of God and to discuss and pray for local and wider issues.

We are a friendly ecumenical group welcoming new members.

We meet every **3rd Thursday** of the month at different members' houses.

The next meeting is

**THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER**  
**at 7.30pm**  
**3 Crown Close**

do come and join us

Future dates are **19th November** and **17th December** (mince pies and carols) - venues TBA.

Elaine McCarthy

Due to time constraints there is no 'Time Trail' this month, but will resume in November.

Elaine McCarthy

**A VERY BIG THANKYOU.....**



Cancer Research UK were delighted with the very generous donations of clothing, toys and bric'c-à-brac that they collected from their Donation Station at the Fete on Saturday 12 September.

At a rough guess, this great stock will be worth between **£1,500 and £2,000** of sales in local shops.

Liz Bacon

Come and join **KATHY** and be part of the  
'World's Biggest Coffee Morning'  
In aid of  
MacMillan Cancer Support

**Friday 25 September**  
**Between 9am and 1pm**  
**32 Orchard Close**

Pop in for a quick coffee/tea or smoothie, something to eat and the chance to chat