

**THE VILLAGE HALL**

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'A very well maintained front garden packed full of plants and colour

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'a beautifully cared for small front garden

Best Hanging Basket:  
51 Orchard Close  
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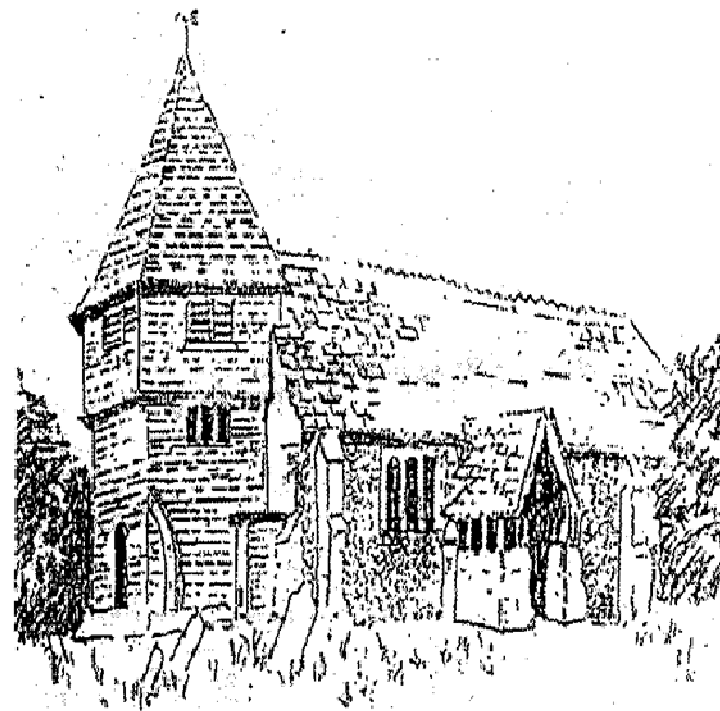
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**ST NICOLAS' CHURCH HAIL WESTON  
SEPTEMBER 2009  
VILLAGE NEWSLETTER**

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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*

I wonder if you have heard about: **BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY?**

If you haven't you may well do so over the next few weeks, but can I tell you a little about it today.

In the villages that make up our group of parishes – that is Great Staughton, Perry & Dillington, Hail Weston and Southoe, we have three very beautiful medieval church buildings. They are wonderful places, full of history and character; places of peace and quiet, places which, over the centuries have been used by Christian communities for worship, thanksgiving, celebration and mourning – but the Church is so much more than a building.

The Worldwide Christian Church consists of all Christian people – God's family - many who have no building at all to worship in, and some who are still even persecuted for their Christian belief.

Many of us are baptised into God's family – the Christian Church - as young children, some of us later in life, and our journeys take many different twists and turns. Maybe we have always attended our church regularly; there may have been times when we have joined worship just occasionally or even very rarely – or perhaps stopped going altogether. Maybe we have never really been introduced into our local Christian community and are not sure how to go about being part of the living Church. Maybe we know very little about Christianity, the Church and our local church community and would like to know more.

**BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY** is an opportunity for everyone to come and join in worship and praise to God our Father through Jesus Christ his Son and get to know our own Church community better.

If you haven't joined worship in your local church for some time, or perhaps never tried, then the Church family in your village would like to invite you all to come and see for yourselves on a day when we will be very aware of the difficulties and apprehensions that can face us if we want to come back or come for the first time. The church door is very big and imposing but there is always a warm welcome inside; we hope our service books and hymnbooks are easy to use – and we have large print ones available too. We have a 'loop system' in place to help those who

## **Time Trail 4 (from c.1700 to c.1800) contd.....**

In Hail Weston 'where two springs are known to be, of which the one is verrie sweet and fresh, the other brackish and salt; this is good for scabs and leaperie the other for dimness of sight sweet and cured painful itch and leprosy was salty and cured dimnesse of sight.

... Verrie many also doo make their reparate unto them for sundrie diseases, some returning whole, and some nothing at all amended, because their cure is without the reach and working of those waters. Never went people so fast from church, ...as they go to these wels ...discovered in this year of grace 1597' Chris Dunn also found out that it cost 5 shillings per month to use the waters at this time or sixpence for a quart to take away – a costly experience. He also records an account from 1770 noting the efficaciousness of the waters for curing disorders of the eyes and skin.

## Church History

Very little of the church fabric was altered in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, however it is recorded that there were three bells in 1709.

In 1710 John Banks and John Smith were Overseers of the Poor and Churchwardens in Hail Weston and in 1796 Richard Brittain had this post. (Local names?)

During this time the morals of parishioners were much more closely monitored than today, and the following were recorded as having been guilty of fornication:-

1703 – William Mansfield

1717- Mary Barth with Henry Crouchley

## Incumbents

1692 John Lord

1747 Peter Whaley

1748 James Pointer

1796 Robert Pointer

The Baptist Chapel was founded in Hail Weston in 1787.

EMcC.

Sources: The National Archives, Cambridgeshire Archive Catalogue (archive.org) 'A History of the County of Huntingdon: Volume 2' ed. W. Page, G. Proby and S. Inskip Ladds. 1932. Victoria County History) Chris Dunn 'Taking the Waters' (Cambridgeshire Journal, October 2001)

#### Time Trail 4 (from c.1700 to c.1800)

More historical snippets about our village, spanning the 800 years which we are celebrating this year at St. Nicolas' Church.

#### The Manors

Henry Carter acquired the Manor in 1699, however he became bankrupt and it was sold in 1715 to Sir William Scawen. (The only Knight of this name I could trace was the Cornish Member of Parliament, who was also a governor of the Bank of England from 1697 – 1699.) He soon sold the manor to Richard Houlditch in 1720, who resold it in the same year to William Astell. He was a merchant and member of the ill fated South Sea Company (of the South Sea Bubble – the original credit crunch!), and he in turn, had to sell the manor again. It was auctioned on 6<sup>th</sup> November 1723.

By 1730 the Manor had passed into the hands of a powerful lady, Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough (a direct forebear of Princess Diana), who left it to her grandson, John Spencer, in 1744. He was created Earl Spencer in 1765. On his death in 1783 the Manor had passed to his son George John, second Earl Spencer.

As for the previous century there are many, many records to trawl through, regarding Hail Weston during this period, there is not space to record all the details here, so I have listed some of the names and occupations of folk who lived and worked in Hail Weston in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. Anyone wishing to research deeper into the wealth of records should try the excellent National Archive website and the County Records Archive at Huntingdon. Parish records for Hail Weston are available from 1644, plus a few from the late 1500s.

Probate records show the following residents of Hail Weston left wills: 1712- Dr. George Howe left premises in Hail Weston to his children. 1717 – John Cotton, yeoman. 1767 – Robert Throckmorton.

1739 – there are records of a highway in Hail Weston.

1740 – Thomas Wright was a wheelwright in the village.

1766 – mortgages related to an orchard and meadows in Hail Weston

1779 – the overseers of the Poor gave allowances (of 1 shilling per child and 1 shilling for the spouse of a militia man) to the family of Thomas King

1793 – Thomas King was discharged from the Huntingdonshire Militia, aged 41 after 18 years and 4 months service.

are a little hard of hearing – AND if you feel you would like to stay and chat for a while afterwards there is always someone to join you.

If you would like someone to meet you and come with you then please do contact any church member or me and we will arrange that.

This special day began nationally in 2004 in Greater Manchester when 160 churches in one diocese took part and around 1000 people came back to church again. Last year 37,000 in some 38 dioceses came back – this year we would like to take part and fill our churches too so we might worship and sing praises together again.

The posters say 'Come as you are'. Please come and join us at 9am on Sunday Sept 27<sup>th</sup>

*With love and prayers Judi*

#### CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPT 2009

Sun Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	Animal Thanksgiving
Sun Sept 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun Sept 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Parish Communion – <b>BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY</b>

### **ST NICOLAS CHURCH HAIL WESTON**

#### **ANIMAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE SUNDAY SEPT 6<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm**

**Our Family Worship this month will be an opportunity for us to give thanks for the animal life on our planet.**

**Do come and join us and bring your pets to share our worship and praise.**

### **LITTLE FISHES**

TUESDAY SEPT 8<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

**ANDREW'S CREW**  
Welcomes all 10 – 13 year olds

Next meeting  
**TUESDAY SEPT 8<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm at**  
**St Andrew's Church Great Staughton**

### **CHRISTIAN VILLAGE FELLOWSHIP**

Next meeting will be at 7.30pm  
On  
Thursday 10th September 2009  
At  
65 High Street Hail Weston

### **HELP PLEASE!**

We now have three thriving Children's Groups attached  
to our churches:

Little Fishes for Pre-School age children  
Children's Group for Primary School children  
and  
Andrew's Crew for 10 – 13year olds

We would like to start looking at a group for older young  
people, but do need more help with leadership for the  
existing groups first.

If you feel you could offer even a very small portion of  
your time to any of these groups then please contact;

**Revd Judi Clarke: 01480861215**

Thank You

### **TAKE A LOOK AT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE**

- Notice on legislation on 'dog fouling' at:  
<http://www.hailweston.org.uk/html/notices.html>
- Letter from Cambs County Council & Cambs NHS—  
volunteers needed for potential Antiviral Collection Cen-  
tres link is: [http://www.hailweston.org.uk/html/  
swine\\_flu.html](http://www.hailweston.org.uk/html/swine_flu.html)
- There is now a web page for the Time Trails to be found at  
[http://www.hailweston.org.uk/html/time\\_trails.html](http://www.hailweston.org.uk/html/time_trails.html)

Hail Weston Parish Council