

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: Bookingshwwh@gmail.com
Hire Rates: £10 ph Hail Weston Residents
£12 ph Non-Village Residents
Deposit: £20

Regular weekly bookings - 1 hour minimum

Friday and Saturday evening bookings - 5 hours minimum

All other bookings - 2 hours minimum



ST NICOLAS' CHURCH, HAIL WESTON

October 2025

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Rector: In Vacancy

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If you have news, articles or events for inclusion in the next issue, please contact Ruth. Publication deadline is 15th of each month (7.00pm)

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A message from Elaine McCarthy, Churchwarden

Dear Fellow Hail Westoners,

As the Reverend Canon Nicki Bland, has now retired from being our Parish Priest, and we are officially in a Vacancy, it has fallen to me as Churchwarden, to write a piece for our newsletter, explaining what will happen next.

Firstly, Rev'd Nicki will be a very hard act to follow. We wish her every success in her new life and express our heartfelt thanks for all that she has done for St. Nicolas' Church and Hail Weston Community over the years.

The Churchwardens and LLMs of the Benefice have already had several meetings in preparation for the appointment of our new priest. It is a complex and lengthy process, to ensure that the correct person is appointed, and who will best suit our needs. We are currently finalising our Parish Profiles. We have cover for the services until the end of December so that we can continue to offer the same Church services, during the Vacancy until the end of this year.

From the Diocese Website - regarding vacancies:

'When a vicar or rector resigns or retires, it is important for everyone involved to think carefully about the future. The views of the parish, deanery and Diocese are all taken into consideration, and it is often wise for there to be a period of time between the last incumbent leaving, and a new appointment being made.

The Archdeacon's and Bishop's offices manage the vacancy process together and will decide whether a new incumbent will be appointed, or whether it would be better to put in place a priest in charge.

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HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP

Tuesday 7th October 7.30pm Village Hall

Houseplants

A talk from a representative of Notcutts

Tuesday 4th November 7.30pm Village Hall

Gardening in a Global Greenhouse

A talk by Geoff Hodge

Members £1 (Annual membership £7.00/year)

Non-Members £3

(Certain meetings/events may cost more)

Light refreshments will be available for a donation and there will be a Raffle (4-6 prizes) including a garden centre voucher (£25)

For further information about the above events please email Secretary Maggie Lakey on: tel_maggs2@225771mgl.co.uk

or telephone Chairman, Barbara Wallis on 07849 272915

An Invitation to the Women of Hail Weston from

GREAT STAUGHTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

to join them for the following event:

Tuesday 14th October

Origami Crane (a craft activity)
with Liz Dive

Tuesday 11th November

Victorian Christmas in Huntingdonshire
with Liz Davies

Ladies interested in going along to the above events (7.30pm) at the Village Hall in Great 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 19th October 3.30 - 5pm



If you don't receive emails about the cafe but would like to, please contact us at:

hailwestonneighbourhoodcafe@gmail.com to ask to be put on to the updates list.

The HW Neighbourhood Cafe Team

Services for October 2025

Please visit our website at www.swhw.co.uk to find out more about services and other activities.

All 10.30am services can be accessed via Zoom
ID: 380 915 8110 Passcode: 90Mn1s

Hail Weston - St. Nicolas'

Sun 5th	10.30am	Morning Praise
Sun 12th	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 19th	3.00pm	Creative Communion
Sun 26th	9.00am	Parish Communion
	4.00pm	Benefice Evensong at All Saints, Little Staughton

Great Staughton - St. Andrew's

Sun 5th	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.30am	All Age Worship
Sun 12th	10.30am	Harvest Festival
Sun 19th	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 26th	10.30am	Parish Communion

Little Staughton - All Saints

Sun 5th	9.00am	Harvest Festival
Sun 19th	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 26th	4.00pm	Benefice Evensong

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The PCCs compile a parish profile and appoint parish representatives, who will then meet the Archdeacon very soon. (note - then the advertisements go out. E}

Following a number of legal steps, a new vicar will then be presented to the benefice by the Patrons and be authorised by the Bishop and installed by the Archdeacon.'

As you can see it is quite a business! We need your goodwill, support, and prayers to help in this process.

With every blessing.

Elaine, Churchwarden



The Mondays Your Community Choir



Rehearsing for our Christmas Concert!

Monday 29th September 7.30 - 9.00pm in Church

Monday 6th October 7.30 - 9.00pm in Church

Monday 13th October 7.30 - 9.00pm in Church

Monday 20th October No Meeting

Monday 27th October 7.30 - 9.00pm in Church

Monday 3rd November 7.30 - 9.00pm in Church

New members welcome

Come and find your voice, in our friendly group

For further details ring Elaine on 474542

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/SUOTlTV7/CE794/facebook/>

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

St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2025/26 Draw Year

The winners of the September draw are:

1 st prize	Ticket no 12	Phil Hobbs	£50
2 nd prize	Ticket no 77	Martin Baughan	£25
3 rd prize	Ticket no 62	Myra Fairey	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!