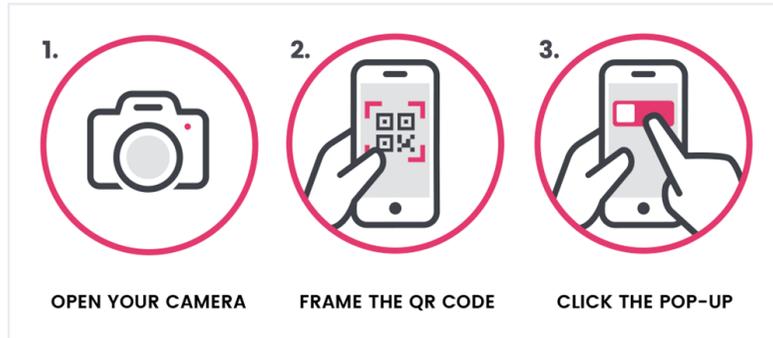


**ST NICOLAS' CHURCH
CONTACTLESS GIVING MADE EASY USING MOBILE PHONE**



THE VILLAGE HALL

Contact: Dawn Isaac (01480 581634)

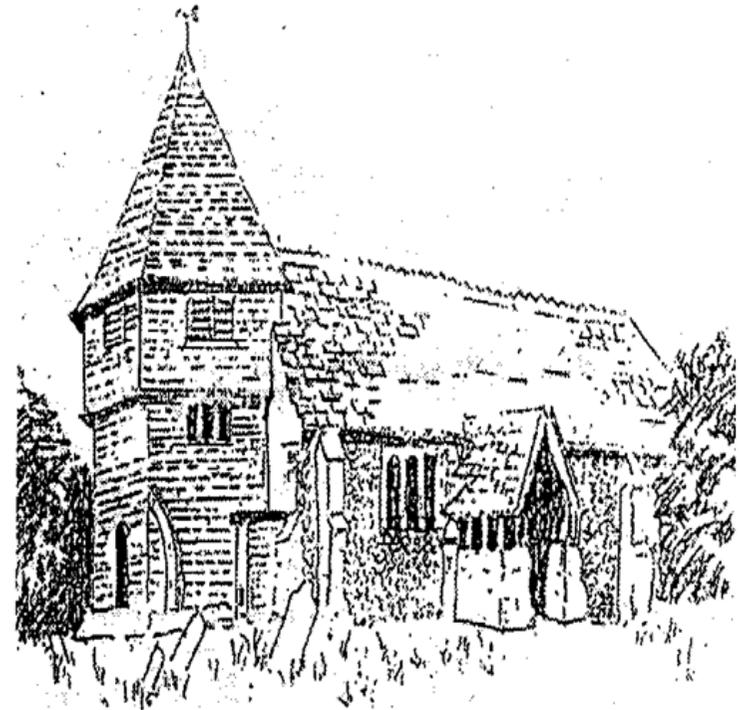
Hire Rates: £10 ph Hail Weston Residents
£12 ph Non-Village Residents

Deposit: £20

PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITY GROUP Monday-Friday 9.15am - 2.15pm term time

Contact: Sam Sinclair (during pre-school session) on 01480 214574

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**ST NICOLAS' CHURCH, HAIL WESTON
August 2021**

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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A message from Rev'd Nicki Bland.

Dear Friends

I wonder how you are feeling now that restrictions have dropped off, activities are starting again, mostly outside, and many choices which have been made for you for the past year have been handed back and the responsibility is yours?

So, what is next? What are your priorities? What do you want to see from us?

I think it is difficult to get back to normal when the pandemic is still raging all over the world and people are continuing to suffer. Also, what is normal? For us as a church being apart in person but together on 'Zoom' has challenged our idea of Church and yet the body of the Church, the faith of the Church, is the same as it has always been. The purpose of the church continues to be what it always was and it has been interesting to hear the comments some of you who are not regular church goers and yet are somewhat reassured when hearing the church bells again, seeing the wedding couples leaving the church, noticing the cars parked outside on a Sunday and by being able to pop in to the church when it is open to sit still, to remember, and to pray.

Our Churches are beautifully situated, immaculately kept and stunning historic monuments. We are always looking for ideas to raise money to keep them going and to improve facilities.

If you have any ideas for fundraising, please let me know or if you would like to be included in our newsletter please send me your email.

Please note that we are continuing to meet this month in my garden
August 10th 10.30 – 12.00 Coffee morning
August 24th 10.30 – 12.00 Men's breakfast
August 25th 2.30 – 4.00 **Family Picnic**

Have a wonderful summer break or at least enjoy the hot weather in your garden.

*With love and prayers
Nicki Bland*

HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP

**Tuesday 3rd August at 7pm
Buckden Garden visit**

The Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group will be visiting a 1 acre garden in Buckden which is part of the National Garden Scheme. The garden is unusual, quirky and consists of many garden designs, including Japanese. There is also a large selection of acers, pines and unusual shrubs.

The cost is £4 per person. For more information and to book please email the Secretary at hwwgg@yahoo.com

**Tuesday 7th September 7.15 for 7.30pm
Garden Re-Design with speaker Andrew Sankey**

For more information and to book please email the Secretary at hwwgg@yahoo.com

Plant Sale 18 July - Many thanks to all who supported the plant sale on Sunday 18th July by donating plants and produce, purchasing plants (or both!) and making it a very successful event.



**Hail Weston Neighbourhood Café
Village Hall
Sunday 15th August**



Café open 3.30pm to 5.30pm - drop in at any time

The Hail Weston Neighbourhood Cafe will be open on
Sunday 15th August

If you have any queries or would like to join our mailing
list please email:
hailwestonneighbourhoodcafe@gmail.com

We would also welcome suggestions on which local
charities to support.

The Neighbourhood Café team would like to thank
everyone who supported the re-opening of the café on
Sunday 18th July: the team who worked so hard; those
who provided the gorgeous selection of cakes and every-
one who came and enjoyed the refreshments. It was a
happy occasion with superb weather and £160 was raised
for the St Nicolas Church Restoration Fund.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2021

Please visit our new website on www.swhw.co.uk to find out
more about the services.

All 10.30am services can be accessed via Zoom:
ID 4184055563
Password 022067

Please note that there will be no Morning and Evening prayer
during August.

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

Wed 4th	10.00 am	Morning Prayer followed by 10.30am Coffee in the churchyard if the weather is good
Sun 8th	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 15th	3.00pm	Creative Communion
Sun 22nd	9.00am	Parish Communion

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 1st	8.00am 10.30am	BCP Holy Communion All Age Worship with Songs of Praise - Outside, weather permitting
Sun 8th	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 15th	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 22nd	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 29th	10.30am	Benefice Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 1st	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 15th	9.00am	Parish Communion

St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2021/22 Draw Year

The winners of the July draw are:

1 st prize	Ticket no 112	Margaret & Barry Jordan	£50.00
2 nd prize	Ticket no 90	Lizzie Spear	£25.00
3 rd prize	Ticket no 37	Brenda Hackett	£10.00

Congratulations to all the winners!



CREAM TEAS IN THE CHURCHYARD

**St Nicolas' Church
Hail Weston**

**Saturdays 31st July, 7th and 14th August
2.30pm - 4.30pm**

Come along to St Nicolas' Church and enjoy a scone with jam and cream and tea or coffee.

Suggested donation of £3.50 for church funds.

Arrangements can be made, if you are not able to attend in person, for home delivery of a scone, jam and cream.

Defibrillator units in the village

I just wanted to pass on our experiences with the defibrillator unit last month to everyone.

We are so lucky to have these life saving devices available to us. It's easy to take them for granted but it is one thing to know they exist and another to use them in an emergency situation.

In June we had to call 999 as we had a relative collapse in our house. We connected with emergency services who asked if we had access to a defibrillator. Whilst one of us carried out CPR under instruction, I said I would run to the village hall to get the unit. What I didn't know was that a code was needed to get in the outer casing which should have been given to me by the dispatch operator over the phone. So I had to run back home to get the code. I'm very thankful to our neighbour (thank you Dom) for taking the baton from me and running the second leg! It turned out that we did not need to use the defibrillator in this instance as CPR was effective and the ambulance arrived to take over.

However, same relative; following week and another collapse. We immediately called 999 and began CPR. This time I didn't wait for the operator but ran for the defibrillator, already knowing the code. This is a high stress situation that you cannot really prepare for but there are instructions and illustrations and the emergency operator will assist you. As I opened the pads the machine was telling me that they had passed their expiry date - I would have used them anyway - but as I did so the paramedics had arrived and told me to move aside. They were able to resuscitate at our house before transferring our patient to Hinchingsbrooke Hospital. They also took the HW defibrillator away with them to reset and restock it.

Here's a good article from the British Heart Foundation you can refer to if you wish: <https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators/how-to-use-a-defibrillator>

So in short;

- **Make sure you have the code to access the outer casing** if you need to use the village defibrillators
- **Stay calm and breathe**
- If you aren't home based when you need to use one, you should locate the nearest one online using a mobile phone or the 999 operator should be able to advise you. Somewhat shockingly, there is no centralised, national database of defibrillators in the UK.

Try to educate yourself on the procedures for CPR either online or by taking a class.

The village defibrillators are located at the Village Hall and on the old telephone box at the top of the village.

Thanks for reading.
Ann McCutcheon

Hail Weston Parish Council have added:

We are sorry to hear of the recent situation. It is distressing and an extremely high pressured event. The codes for the defibrillators (both) are known and held with NHS England. The PC registered both at the time of installation.

The codes will always be issued by the emergency call handler and/or response team.

As a result of a resident contacting the PC and NHS England who informed the defibrillator had been used, all items in both were replaced and ongoing monthly checks are carried out by the PC to verify and check the electricity supply, battery date and that each defibrillator has two sets of pads.

It would be greatly appreciated, once the emergency has passed, if the AED device is used/removed residents contact the number on the defibrillator case so that used items can be replenished without delay. This will ensure that at all times the defibrillators are ready for use.

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