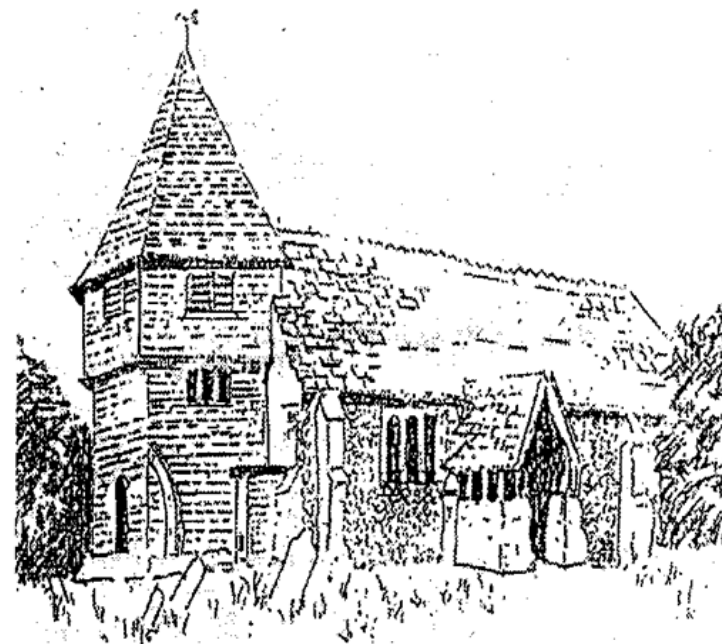


EASYFUNDRAISING

Spare a few minutes of your time when doing your on-line shopping and help raise funds for St Nicolas'.

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! Plus, join this month and we could win a £250 donation. 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, HAIL WESTON

February 2024

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Contact: Dawn Isaac
Tel: 01480 581634
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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

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A message from the Rev'd Nicki Bland

Dear Friends,

January and February are always quiet months but as the days lengthen and the signs of spring begin to show we can start to look forward to the year ahead.

In my younger days one of the things that was very important to me was Guiding, I was a Brownie, a Guide (in fact a Queen's Guide) a Ranger, a Brownie Guider and a Guider, and therefore one of the dates that I always remember is World Thinking Day, formerly Thinking Day which is celebrated by all Guides and Girl Scouts worldwide on 22nd February. Each year the day has a theme as the children are encouraged to celebrate international friendship and are made aware of the issues facing young women and girls, and this year the theme is Our World, Our Thriving Future, The Environment and Global poverty.

I think that those themes should be the concerns for all, and therefore the subject of our prayers and support as we head through the year. Services are back to the usual pattern, and I particularly invite you to join us at the 10.30 non-eucharist service on the first Sunday of the month. It is just half an hour and then we are able to enjoy refreshments and a chat. This is something I hope we can build on as the time is much more suitable for those of you who like a lie in on Sundays.

We are hoping to join with the Deanery at St Mary's in St Neots for confirmations and admittance into communion at the end of April, the day is not yet confirmed, but although classes have already started there is plenty of time for anyone, adult or young person, who would like to join us.

With love and prayers, Rev'd Nicki Bland



HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP

**Tuesday 6th February
Hail Weston Village Hall
7:30pm**

All you need to know about Mulch!
with **Chris Field** from Field (Compost) Limited

All you need to know about mulch: How mulch is made, how often should it be used and benefits of peat-free mulch.

**Tuesday 5th March
Robin Staddon from Little Paxton
Nature Reserve
An informative talk on bees at Paxton Pits**

Annual membership is £7. Entry fee per meeting is £1 for members, £3 for non-members
(with a few exceptions depending on the event)

If you require any further information about the HWWGG please email Secretary Maggie Lakey on:
tel_maggs2@225771mgl.co.uk
or telephone Chairman, Barbara Wallis on 214582

Neighbourhood Café

All are very welcome to come along to the Hail Weston Neighbourhood Cafe which is held monthly at the Village Hall.



Enjoy a piece of cake, warm drink and a friendly chat.

We also collect donations for a different charity every month and welcome suggestions for charities from neighbours.

The date of the next café is



Sunday 18th February 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

An Invitation to the Women of Hail Weston from

Great Staughton Women's Institute

to join them for the following event:

Tuesday 13th February

**Postcards of St Neots
with speaker Rodney Todman**

Monthly coffee mornings take place at the homes of members and/or lunch outings. These are open to WI members or non-members to attend. Ladies interested in going along to the above event (7.00pm) at the WI hall in Gt Staughton or those interested in the coffee mornings, please contact:

Barbara Wallis on 214582

CHURCH SERVICES February 2024

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

In addition to the services listed below; on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday there is Morning Prayer at 8.30am and Evening Prayer at 5.30pm via Zoom: ID 4184055563 Password 022067

Hail Weston St. Nicolas'

Sun 4th 10.30am Morning Worship
Sun 11th 9.00am Parish Communion
Wed 14th 10.00am Ash Wednesday Communion Service
Sun 18th 3.00pm Creative Communion
Sun 25th 9.00am Parish Communion

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 4th 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am All age Worship
Sun 11th 10.30am Parish Communion
Wed 14th 7.30pm Ash Wednesday communion service
Sun 18th 10.30am Parish Communion
Sun 25th 10.30am Parish Communion
4.00pm Benefice Evensong

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 4th 9am Parish Communion
Sun 18th 9am Parish Communion

St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2023/24 Draw Year

The winners of the January draw are:

1 st prize	Ticket no 6	Jo Boston	£50
2 nd prize	Ticket no 123	Jane Kneeshaw	£25
3 rd prize	Ticket no 28	Fiona Spavins	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!

100 Club 2024/25

A new draw year commences in April so now is the time to register your commitment as a supporter.

And why wouldn't you want to join in?!

With a **Prize fund** in excess of **£1,000pa** you could be a lucky winner. Draws take place every month throughout the draw year. So with multiple opportunities don't miss your chance to be a **WINNER!**

To register your interest and arrange payment telephone:

Jan - 215478 or Judith - 407432

HDC Registered Small Society Lottery



THE MONDAYS



Starting back: New members welcome

For further details ring Elaine on 474542

- Monday 5th February 7.30 - 9.30pm in Church
- Monday 12th February 7.30 - 9.30pm in Church
- Monday 19th February 7.30 - 9.30pm in Church
- Monday 26th February 7.30 - 9.30pm in Church
- Monday 4th March 7.30 - 9.30pm in Church

THANK YOU!!!

A huge thank you to all those who supported me in the Sponsored Music - a - Thon, and for buying my beaded angels to help raise money for the upgrade of the church electrical system.

It was great to see so many of you in church whilst I was playing - it really boosted my morale and helped me get through.

At the time of going to press, I have collected over £500 from the sponsorship donations and there is a little more to come in. The sale of the angels brought in another £201.

The Salvation Army are very grateful for the £210.68 raised at the well attended Annual Carol Sing, led by The Mondays, with the lovely Salvation Army Brass Ensemble accompanying us. A good village event.

Many, many thanks for all your generosity, and community spirit.

Elaine McCarthy