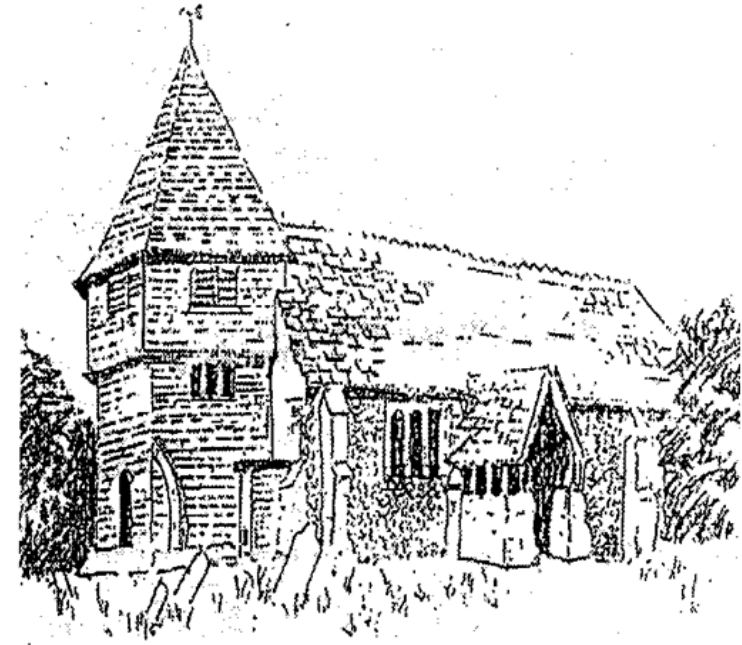
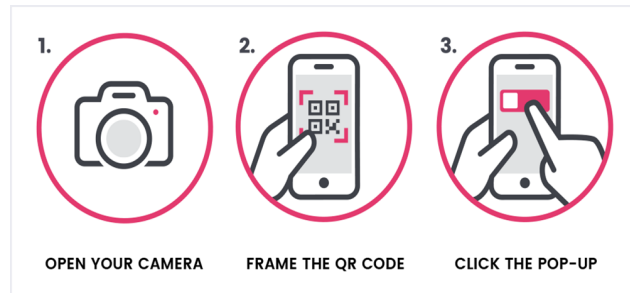


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August 2023

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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

If you have news, articles or events for inclusion in the next issue, please contact Ruth.
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A message from the Rev'd Nicki Bland

Dear Friends,

Schools, colleges and universities are closed for the summer, the days are warm and humid, summer has arrived. I hope that everyone will enjoy a relaxing summer whatever you are doing.

Last year, over the school holiday period congregations were down in number so we decided that this year we would hold Benefice services for the six weeks of summer holidays. That means that each church will have two Sunday services in their building over this period. Please look at the list of times of services to see where the service is being held each week. Also, if you need a lift, please contact me or your churchwardens and we will make sure there is someone to pick you up.

In all three churches, June was a time to celebrate. At All Saints, Little Staughton, we had a lovely evening with forties songs, Pimm's and Puddings, then Judith hosted a Pimm's Evening in aid of St Nicolas, Hail Weston, and James and Rachel hosted a Summer barbeque in Great Staughton which was enjoyed by all ages. A huge 'thank you' to all those who organised, helped, hosted and attended these events.

What a great start to the summer and our next summer activity is the Church Camp, running at Grafham Water from 25th July until 27th July. We have 36 young people attending and a host of helpers. This is enjoyed by all and is a great time for fellowship, as well as testing skills and bravery, and the theme this year is Earth, Wind and Fire.

This also marks the break for most church activities; Morning and Evening prayer, Study group and Family Fun, but the coffee morning and men's breakfast will continue. Men's Breakfast will be held in my garden if the weather is clement.

My prayer for you all over this period is to keep safe and well, and to enjoy yourselves. I also know that for many the days can be long as things have shut down for August and friends are away. Please feel free to come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with me or to ask me to come to you if that is easier.

Activities will start in September with a Church fete in the Vicarage Garden on September 16th at 2.30pm. Please put the date in your diary.

With love and prayers, Nicki

HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP

**5th September
Hail Weston Village hall
7:30pm**



Hedgehogs, Suzanne Tibbits (Hartford Hedgehog Rescue)

Learn about these complex little creatures and the important work that Suzanne does to help them.

Raffle with many prizes including a £20 garden centre voucher as 1st prize.

If you require any further information about the HWWGG please contact Barbara Wallis on 214582

CHURCH SERVICES TO END OF AUGUST 2023

Please visit our 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 during the summer break there will be one service on a Sunday moving around the Benefice.

St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2022/23 Draw Year

The winners of the July draw are:

1 st prize	Ticket no 24	Jill Catling	£50
2 nd prize	Ticket no 84	Julie Ashwell	£25
3 rd prize	Ticket no 52	Carina Watson	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!

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 20th August 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

Hail Weston St. Nicolas'

**Sunday 30th July 10.30am Benefice Communion
to be held in Church on this occasion**

Sunday 27th August 10.30 am Benefice Communion

Anticipated to be held in Church however due to the ongoing works in the churchyard please check before hand as there is the possibility of last minute changes.

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

**Sun 6th 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Sun 13th 10.30am Benefice Communion**

Little Staughton All Saints

**Sun 6th 9am Benefice Communion
Sun 20th 9am Benefice Communion**

ST. NICOLAS' CHURCH

Reminder:



Currently the Church and Churchyard are closed, due to the restoration works. We apologise for any inconvenience.



The Mondays



The Mondays Choir will be rehearsing on the following dates:

Monday 31st July 7.30 - 9.00pm 17 High Street

Monday 7th August 7.30 - 9.00pm 17 High Street

Monday 14th August NO meeting

Monday 21st August 7.30 - 9.00pm Village Hall

Monday 28th August NO meeting Bank Holiday

Monday 4th September NO meeting

We will be rehearsing songs for our next concert -

Looking forward to seeing you - for further details ring Elaine on 474542



Save the date!



30th September 7.30pm
Get out your Glitz and Glam!



THE MONDAYS



present



AN ABBA EXTRAVAGANZA!



in the Village Hall



St Nicolas' Church - Remembrance Poppy Display 2023

Last year Mary Deacon was delighted that so many villagers contributed towards the lovely poppy display in the church and would like to add to the display this year. If you would like to help again, or have a go for the first time, the poppy pattern is below. Please contact Mary if you need to make arrangements for your poppies to be collected.

Mary Deacon Tel: 01480 812363

Crochet Poppy

Abbreviations:

ch chain

dc double crochet

st stitch

tr treble crochet

ss slip stitch

dtr double treble crochet

4.5mm (size 7) crochet hook

Red and black DK yarn

Using red yarn for poppy body

1. 4ch, ss to make ring
2. 1ch, 6dc into ring, close with ss
3. 2dc into each stitch, close with ss
4. 2 dc into each stitch, close with ss
5. 1 dc, 1tr, 1 dtr into 1st stitch
6. 2 dtr into next 4 sts
7. 1 dtr, 1 tr, 1 dc into next st
8. Repeat steps 5,6 and 7, 3 more times
9. Ss to close
10. 1dc into each stitch, ss to close round
11. Cut off yarn and weave in end

Using black for poppy centre

Follow steps 1 and 2

Cut off yarn and attach to the centre of poppy body. Leave loose ends at the back so we can attach poppy to netting.

Knitted Poppy

1. Using size 8 (4mm) needles and red yarn cast on 120 sts
2. Rows 1-4 knit
3. Row 5, knit 3 tog to end (40 sts)
4. Rows 6-9 knit
5. Row 10, knit 2 tog to end (20 sts)
6. Rows 11-14 knit
7. Row 15, knit 2 tog to end (10 sts)
8. Cut yarn leaving long length and thread through remaining sts. Pull round into a circle and sew up side.
9. Using black yarn cast on 16 sts then cast off.
10. Roll into a tight spiral and attach to centre of poppy. Leave loose ends at back for us to attach poppies to netting.