

HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL

is available for advance bookings:

Further information is available on the Village Hall website:
www.hailwestonvillagehall.co.uk

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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



ST NICOLAS' CHURCH, HAIL WESTON

October 2023

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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A message from the Rev'd Nicki Bland

Dear Friends,

I can't believe how quickly the year is progressing. We have already Celebrated Harvest and are looking forward to the opening of the Church with its new facilities. We don't have a date for that yet but are hoping it will be either the end of October or the beginning of November.

I can't thank the refurbishment group enough for what they have already achieved, and I hope that as a village you will benefit from their hard work for many years to come.

The graveyard is now open and you can once again tend the graves of your loved ones. A huge thank -you for your patience. I was as surprised as you were when I came back from my holiday and found that the churchyard was closed. I can't thank the Garden Angels enough for their work on restoring the churchyard to good order along with Gary our grass cutter. I also need to thank the Parish Council for their generosity in allowing us to use the cemetery as a passageway.

As I don't live in the village it is exciting to see the progress every time I pass. Services in the Village Hall have had a different feel but have gone smoothly. We have had some services in the church, and I need to thank the band of ladies headed by Elaine who have cleaned it for these occasions.

George Carey was once involved in a church rebuilding programme in Durham. 'One day' he says, 'I went to the front door to find a big bulky envelope on the mat. It was £400 from an old-age pensioner who had been left some money. There was also a note. 'A thanksgiving for the church which has meant so much to me. This is given that others may share the faith that has helped me,'"

We are hoping that when the church is finished, it will be used for many community events, both religious and secular but my prayer is that you will also find it a place of serenity and love.

With love and prayers, Rev'd Nicki Bland



HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP

**3rd October
Hail Weston Village hall
7:30pm**

Paxton Nature Reserve, Matt Hall
Ranger Matt will give a talk about the nature reserve.

7th November
Christmas Wreaths and Decorations
with Heather Northeast.

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

An Invitation to the Women of Hail Weston from

Gt Staughton Women's Institute

to join them for the following event:

Tuesday 14th November

Merry Makers Singing Group

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

EASYFUNDRAISING

Would you like to join St Nicolas Hail Weston's band of Easy Fund Raising supporters?

Over the past 18 months with just 13 on the supporters team we have raised over £220 and at no cost to the supporters. This very welcome income stream comes by supporters downloading the easyfundraising app and then accessing their online suppliers via easyfundraising. The suppliers make the donation. Easy!

My Thanks to the lucky 13 for raising donations for **St Nicolas' Hail Weston** with #easyfundraising! So why don't you join the team, it's easy to sign up and completely FREE. 8,100 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - and remember it's at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today. <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/stnicolashailweston/RQX47L/at/TSX8RX7z/RTND2/facebook/>

Barry Easom -Treasurer HW Parochial Church Council

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 15th 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

CHURCH SERVICES OCTOBER 2023

Please visit our 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 1st	10.30am	Morning Service
Sun 8th	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 15th	3.00pm	Creative Communion
Sun 22nd	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 29th	10.30am	Benefice Communion

(When works close the church services will be held in the Village Hall)

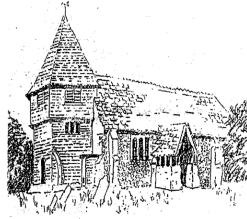
Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 1st	8.00am	BCP Communion
	10.30am	Harvest Festival
Sun 8th	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 15th	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 22nd	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sat 28th	4.00pm	Memorial Service
Sun 29th	6.00pm	Benefice Evensong

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 1st	9.00am	Harvest Festival
Sun 8th	12.30pm	Harvest Lunch
Sun 15th	9.00am	Parish Communion

ST. NICOLAS' CHURCH



Following a meeting with the contractor at the end of August, we are now able to re-open St Nicolas churchyard to members of the public who either wish to carry out work in the churchyard or to visit the graves of loved ones. The contractor has requested that people remain **outside** the Harris Fencing for safety, but, as most of the excavations are now complete, he is happy to permit the re-opening of the churchyard again. There is still a trench arch to be dug, but that will take place within the safety of the Harris fencing. Visitors are also asked to take care when deliveries of materials occur for the church restoration but, once again, these will be less frequent now than in the past.

Anne-Marie Hamilton
Chairman, St Nicolas Church Restoration Group

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE AND SUPPER

Many thanks to those who joined together at the Village Hall on Saturday 23rd September to celebrate the harvest.

A service of thanksgiving was followed by a Fish & Chip Supper including a little suitable liquid refreshment, providing for a very enjoyable community evening.

As a result of the generous support on the night, St Nicolas' Church was able to provide a £121 cash donation plus items of fresh food to the Sue Ryder, St John's Hospice at Moggerhanger with other packaged items going to the local food bank.

HW Parochial Church Council



The Mondays



The Mondays Choir will be rehearsing for our Christmas Concert!

Monday 2nd October 7.30 - 9.00pm Village Hall
Monday 9th October 7.30 - 9.00pm Village Hall
Monday 16th October 7.30 - 9.00pm No Meeting
Monday 23rd October 7.30 - 9.00pm Village Hall
Monday 30th October 7.30 - 9.00pm Venue TBC
Monday 6th November 7.30 - 9.00pm Venue TBC

New Members Welcome - we're starting new songs.

Looking forward to seeing you.
For further details ring Elaine on 474542

St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2022/23 Draw Year

The winners of the September draw are:

1 st prize	Ticket no 44	Rebecca Rowley-Smith	£50
2 nd prize	Ticket no 81	Rev Judi Clarke	£25
3 rd prize	Ticket no 15	Rita & Bill Neal	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!