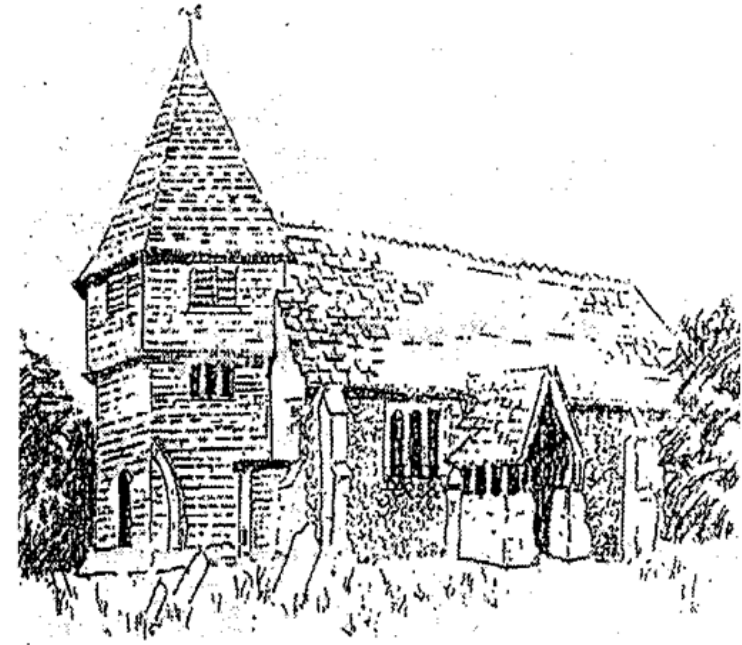


EASYFUNDRAISING

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! 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

March 2024

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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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: Bookingshwhv@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

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 the Rev'd Nicki Bland

Dear Friends,

Every year the days seem to fly by, but this year with Easter being so early, it really seems that having only just celebrated Christmas and we are now looking to Easter.

Please look at all the services we have to offer for Holy Week including the annual Egg hunt and Good Friday Walk. We are also looking at finalising numbers for camp so please get your requests in as soon as possible.

So, March begins in the middle of Lent, and it is this time of year that we often try and give up certain things or give of ourselves in some way, because Lent leading up to Easter is a penitential season and associated with repentance and forgiveness. Society tends to see temptation as an external source of provocation rather than an inner struggle of right and wrong. In Jesus' temptations we see clearly temptations that all humankind has in common. The temptation to look for an instant solution, the temptation to take control, the temptation to seek instant power. The temptation is often hidden and subtle, hitting us at our most vulnerable moments. Of course, a temptation in itself is not wrong, it is when we give way to it that the problem occurs but in Christ's strength, we can overcome it. When we fail, and we will, we Christians know that he will always be there to forgive us if we repent.

March ends with Holy Week and for those of us who attend a service each day that week we live the ups of downs of it remembering what it must have been like for those who were close to Jesus.

Then we arrive at the Easter Morning alongside those closest to him, experiencing the awe, the wonder and the disbelief of encountering that empty tomb.

Many wonder and many have doubts, not only about the resurrection of Jesus but of their own resurrection in the fulness of time. But we need to remember those words of a man in Mark's Gospel 'Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.' The disciples struggled after Jesus had been resurrected and Thomas refused to believe until he had seen Jesus for himself but their doubts were overcome as Jesus met with them, walked with them and broke bread with them, the reality of his living presence instilling a sure and certain faith in them that we know after he ascended could not be shaken.

'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe' John 20:29

With love and prayers, Rev'd Nicki Bland



HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP

Tuesday 5th March

**Robin Staddon from Little Paxton
Nature Reserve**

An informative talk on bees at Paxton Pits

Tuesday 2nd April

**Diane Jarvis will give a hanging basket
demonstration**


**Diane is a good practical gardener and has run her own
gardening business for the last 20 years.**

**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

CHURCH SERVICES - MARCH 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



*******SAVE THE DATE*******
THE MONDAYS***CONCERT & 70s SING-A-LONG*****31st MAY IN THE VILLAGE HALL*******

If you enjoyed our ABBA Extravaganza then this is for you!

Hail Weston St. Nicolas'

Sun 3rd	10.30 am	Morning Praise
Wed 6th	10.00am	Morning Prayer
Sun 10th	9.00am	Parish communion
Sun 17th	3.00pm	Creative Communion with baptism
Sun 24th	9.00am	Palm Sunday Parish Communion
Mon 25th	7.00 pm	Compline
Thurs 28th	7.00 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion
Sun 31st	9.00 am	Easter Praise

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

World Day of Prayer

Friday 1st March at 2pm St Andrew's Church - A Service for Everyone

Sun 3rd	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.30am	All-Age Worship
Sun 10th	10.30am	Parish Communion with Ingrams Choir, Kimbolton School
Sun 17th	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 24th	10.30am	Palm Sunday Parish Communion
Tues 26th	7.00pm	Compline
Fri 29th	10.00am	Good Friday walk with egg hunt and refreshments
	2.00pm	An hour at the cross—service of hymns, prayers, silence and readings.
Sunday 31st	10.30am	Easter Day All Age Benefice Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 3rd	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 17th	9.00am	Parish Communion
Wed 27th	7.00pm	Compline
Sat 30th	11.30pm	Easter Vigil with Communion and refreshments

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 17th March 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

Dear Villagers

We live in a lovely, community-minded village, and at St Nicolas Church we have been overwhelmed with the support you have given to recent fundraising events for the Church Restoration Project and the general running costs of the building. It has been wonderful to see you in church. Thank you.

Now we urgently need practical help at St Nicolas Church to ensure the smooth day to day running of this lovely Village Asset, especially as Phase Two of the Church Restoration is complete and we have our beautiful new extension with kitchen and toilet.

Can you spare 2 or 3 hours once every 2 months?

We need a few more volunteers for:

- cleaning
 - doing the flowers,
- and particularly at church, occasionally:
- setting up services
 - greeting people as you hand them books
 - doing a reading or reading the prepared prayers
 - clearing away after services
 - helping with refreshments
 - unlocking and locking the church on Wednesdays

Currently much of this is done by just a few willing people, and now we need to widen the input into our church community from the village.

Elaine McCarthy Tel. 01480 474542
Churchwarden

St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2023/24 Draw Year

The winners of the February draw are:

1st prize	Ticket no 46	Carol Clapham	£50
2nd prize	Ticket no 25	Tricia & Terry Irons	£25
3rd prize	Ticket no 33	Sarah & Andy James	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!

Litter Pick

**Sunday 24 March
10am onwards**

Equipment Provided

**Meet outside Royal Oak
Pub**



If you can spare an hour or so it is very much appreciated. If you can't make this date but can spare an hour at another time do contact clerk@hailweston.org.uk THANK YOU

Jennifer Abell, Parish Clerk/Finance Officer
Hail Weston Parish Council

St Nicolas Church 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

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