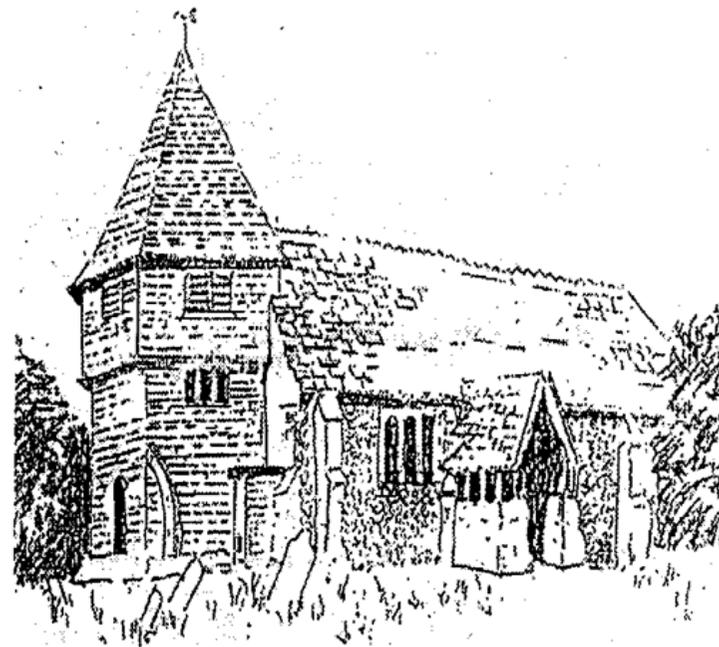
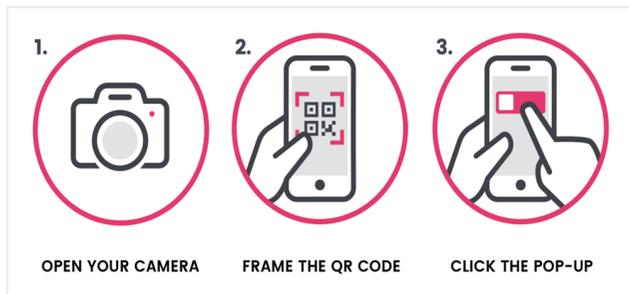


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THE VILLAGE HALL
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www.hailwestonvillagehall.co.uk

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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

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,

The Triduum maybe something that you have not heard of in the way Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are quite well understood The Triduum is the celebrating of the passion death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is celebrated in three services, Maundy Thursday with vigil, Good Friday an hour at the cross and an Easter Vigil which is held on this Holy night as the church keeps watch, celebrating the resurrection of Christ in the sacraments and awaiting his return in glory. It is the turning point, the Passover or the new covenant, which marks Christ's passage from death to life.

The first few verses of Easter 2020 by Malcolm Guite:

And where is Jesus, this strange Easter Day?
Not lost in our locked churches, anymore
Than he was sealed in that dark sepulchre
The locks are loosed; the stone is rolled away,
and he is up and risen, long before,
Alive, at large and making his strong way
Into the world he gave his life to save,
No need to seek him in an empty grave.

We begin April with Holy Week which comes quite early this year. There is plenty to join in as we join in the journey towards Easter. The week and Easter itself are far more meaningful if you follow the whole of the week's events but do feel free to attend those you can.

We start Holy Week with a BCP communion at St Andrew's and then have Palm Sunday Services at Little Staughton and Great Staughton. Please come and collect your Palm Cross. The service at Little Staughton will be a communion Service and the service at Great Staughton will be an All Age worship service. Then we journey through the week with compline on Monday at St Nicolas, Hail Weston, at Great Staughton on Tuesday and Little Staughton on Wednesday, all at 7.00 pm .

On Thursday at Hail Weston, there will be a Maundy Thursday communion and vigil and the on Good Friday, weather permitting there will be a Good Friday walk at St Andrew's for all ages with Easter Egg hunt, hot cross buns, Easter story and other activities. This is usually very popular with the children rushing to find the eggs. Then in the afternoon we have a service of readings, music, quiet meditation at 2.00pm. One hour at the cross. This is my favourite service of the week and those who attend usually make it a regular event in their diary.

HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP

Tuesday 4th April 7.30pm in the Village Hall

This month's speaker is

Neil Callam



A Year in the Garden at Horseshoe Farm

A fully illustrated talk about a year in this garden which was created from scratch and now opens under the NGS.

Cost £1 for members and £3 for non-members.
(yearly membership = £7.00)

Refreshments available

Tuesday 2nd May 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Cambridge Lavender, Danielle Bluff

All things lavender: growing, propagating, harvesting, pruning and the ancient process of how to produce essential oils.

Hail Weston Gardeners

Some of our members have been undertaking some gardening in the village. We have worked on the Garden of Rest, the War Grave and the entrance to the new cemetery. We are now concentrating on tidying up the flower beds at the Playing Field. We have given the willow tunnel a haircut and have nearly finished doing the biggest flower bed. We have just set up a WhatsApp group to make it easier to let others know when we are planning a working party. If you would like to be part of this group to help, as and when you can, then please message Barbara Wallis on 07849 272915 and you can be added. No obligation to help but as they say, "many hands make light work", and it is an enjoyable couple of hours in the fresh air and helps to make the village look well cared for.

Any queries about the Wildlife and Gardening Group please contact Barbara Wallis on 07849 272915

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 16th April at 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 events:

Tuesday 11th April

Talk on the Beautiful South
with speaker Chris Smith

Tuesday 9th May

A talk on the life of Peggy Spencer MBE, a British Professional Dancer
with speaker Sue Jakeman

Ladies interested in going along to the above event (7.30pm) at the WI hall in Great Staughton or those interested in the coffee mornings, please contact:

Barbara Wallis on 214582

On Saturday , at 11.30 in the evening we have the Easter Vigil at All Saints. This is another special service with the Easter fire, the blessing of the Easter Candles and something alcoholic at the end to celebrate Easter.

On Easter Day itself, we have two All Age Communion Services, One at St Nicolas, Hail Weston at 9.00 am and one at St Andrew's Great Staughton at 10.30am.

With love and prayers, Nicki

CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL 2023

Please visit our website at www.swhw.co.uk to find out more about the services and activities with these churches.

All 10.30am services are shared via Zoom on meeting ID: 418 4055 563 and meeting passcode: 022067.

Morning and Evening Prayer is shared via Zoom (on Zoom details above) on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8.30am and 5.30pm respectively. On Monday there is Evening Prayer only.

Hail Weston St. Nicolas'

Mon 3rd	7.00pm	Compline
Thu 6th	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday
Sun 9th	9.00am	All Age Communion (Easter Day)
Sun 16th	3.00pm	Creative Communion
Sun 23rd	9.00am	Parish Communion

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 2nd	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion (Palm Sunday)
	10.30am	All Age Worship
Tue 4th	7.00pm	Compline
Fri 7th	2.00pm	Hour at the Cross (Good Friday)
Sun 9th	10.30am	All Age Communion (Easter Day)
Sun 16th	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 23rd	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 30th	10.30am	Benefice Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 2nd	9.00am	Parish Communion (Palm Sunday)
Wed 5th	7.00pm	Compline
Sat 8th	11.30pm	Easter Vigil
Sun 16th	9.00am	Parish Communion

ST. NICOLAS' CHURCH NEEDS YOU

Can you spare a couple of hours every other month?

If so, then we could do with some community volunteers to help with cleaning, flower arranging and helping out at services, to keep this lovely historic church running efficiently.

Thanks to those who have already registered interest. I will be in touch shortly.

All offers of help are welcome, especially at services and with church opening.

Please contact Elaine on 01480 474542 or go through the Church Website <https://swhw.co.uk> and use the contact link.

Looking forward to welcoming you to our friendly team.



The Mondays



The Mondays Choir will be rehearsing on the following dates:

- Monday 3rd April NO Meeting - holiday - note change.
- Monday 10th April NO Meeting - Bank holiday
- Monday 17th April NO Meeting
- Monday 24th April 7.30 - 9.00pm In Church
- Monday 1st May 7.30 - 9.00pm In Church

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME - IF YOU CAN SING ALONG TO FAVOURITE MUSIC THEN THE MONDAYS ARE FOR YOU COME & JOIN OUR FRIENDLY GROUP

We will be rehearsing some new songs for our next concert - all music/ words provided.

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

St Nicolas Church Restoration Fund WE'VE DONE IT!

I am thrilled to tell you that we have now got all the funding that we need to begin Phase Two of the Restoration Project. We are in the process of completing funding contracts and further details of who our funders are, will be provided once everything is signed and sealed.

Phase 2 includes the removal, restoration and re-erection of the current south porch over the north door, the building of a small extension on the footprint of the former south porch, which will house a disabled toilet and small kitchen, and the reinstatement of the paths around the church. We are hoping to have everything in place so that we can make a start on the project before the bat breeding season which happens at the beginning of May.

We could not have reached this point without all your help, support and enthusiasm as this has weighed heavily with our funders when they were considering our grant applications. My heartfelt thanks to you all.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Art Exhibition on 29th and 30th April, which will include the auction of several water colour paintings of local scenes in and around Hail Weston, on the afternoon of Sunday, 30th April. Hopefully this will be the beginning of fundraising for Phase 3, which is the renewal of heating and lighting in the church.

Anne-Marie Hamilton, Chairman
St Nicolas Church Restoration Group

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

You are invited to attend **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** which will be held at **7.30pm on Wednesday 29th March, at St Nicolas Church, Hail Weston.** Everyone who is on the Church Electoral Roll may attend and take part in the proceedings. A number of Parishioners have shown interest in the church: helping out with church cleaning; flower arranging; brass cleaning; keeping the churchyard tidy etc. The APCM gives you the opportunity to find out who is on the Parochial Church Council (PCC), listen to annual reports about what has been happening over the past year and what is in the pipeline for the coming year. Should you wish to be added to the Church Electoral Roll, forms will be available on the night.

St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2022/23 Draw Year

The winners of the March draw are:

1 st prize	Ticket no 28	Fiona Spavins	£50
2 nd prize	Ticket no 45	Kirsten Oldfield	£25
3 rd prize	Ticket no 49	Eve & Reg Weeks	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!