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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: Bookingshwvh@gmail.com
Hire Rates: £10 ph Hail Weston Residents
£12 ph Non-Village Residents

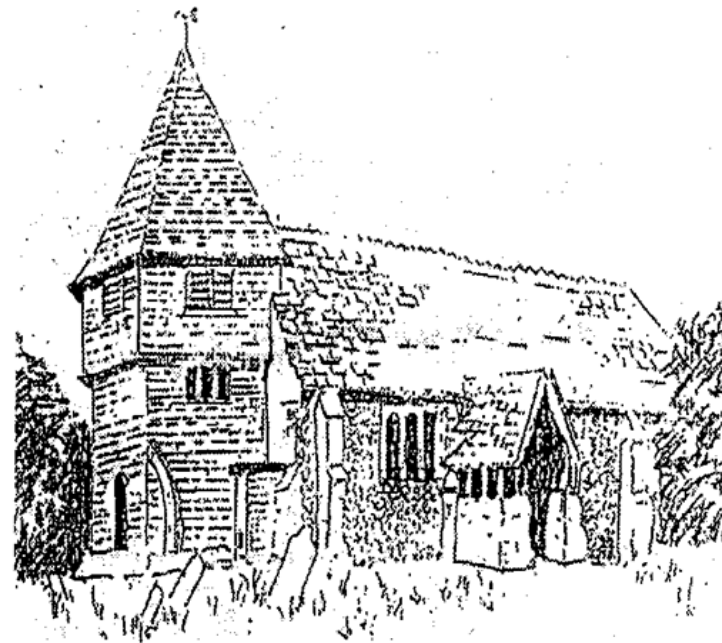
Deposit: £20

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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ST NICOLAS' CHURCH, HAIL WESTON

May 2024

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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A message from the Rev'd Nicki Bland

Dear Friends,

There may not be any of the big festivals in May like Easter and Christmas, but May is the time when we celebrate Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity.

When I was young, Ascension Day was always a big deal and in the Roman Catholic Church is a day of obligation which is a day in which Catholics must attend Mass and refrain from unnecessary work. It always falls on a Thursday and there will be a communion service in St Andrews, it is on a Thursday because it is forty days after Easter and therefore obviously changes date depending on Easter. In one sense it is the conclusion of Jesus journey which started back in Advent with God's promises, but it also completes the story of Christ's earthly ministry as he returns to glory in heaven. He had achieved everything his Father had sent him to do, has been vindicated by the resurrection and is now glorified in heaven.

The disciples were completely confused, they had witnessed the crucifixion and had experienced his resurrection but had no idea what the coming of the Holy Spirit would look like. How would they recognise him?

At Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Spirit upon the disciples, to empower them and strengthen them to go forth and preach the Gospel. This is often seen as the birthday of the church, and it is a day when we welcome the Spirit afresh in our lives as we seek to live and work in the power the Spirit gives us.

The following Sunday, Trinity we look at the core of our belief, God manifested as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

As well as these festivals we have a lot going on in our churches in the Benefice:

In Little Staughton we hope to see you on a Monday morning between 9.30 and 11.00am for a drink and a chat, with or without your dog; there is a Benefice Family Fun in St. Andrew's Church on a Friday Morning in term time, 9.00 to 10.30am and Men's breakfast in St Andrew's on the fourth Tuesday of the month. 10.30 – 12.00.

May 1st Coffee morning at St Nicolas' 10.30am;

May 5th Confirmation with Bishop Dagmar, St Mary's, St Neots 9.30am;

May 12th 3.00pm Rogation Service Agden Green;



HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP

Tuesday 7th May 7.30pm

Colin Ward from Swines Nursery Farm

at Market Deeping

Colin will talk about unusual plants and will bring a selection to buy.

**Raffle £1.00 per ticket prizes include a £20.00 garden voucher.
Tea/Coffee/Wine/biscuits available for a donation.**

Tickets for forthcoming trips can be reserved/obtained by contacting janevicky@yahoo.co.uk

June 7th (Garden Safari tickets £10), July 2nd (Lavender Fields, Bluntisham £5.00), August 6th (NGS Molesworth Garden at Brington £7:50 (includes refreshments)

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 19th May 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:

Shakespeare Groupie with speaker Liz Dive

Tuesday 14th May 7.30pm

Stranded in Gambo with speaker Craig Fisher

Tuesday 11th June 7.30pm

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 events (7.30pm) at the WI hall in Gt Staughton or those interested in the coffee mornings, please contact:

Barbara Wallis on 214582

May 18th Greater Chapter Coffee and cake 10.30 -12.00 St James, Little Paxton;
 June 16th Fathers Day BBQ St Andrews organised by STAR;
 Friday 28th June English cheese and Wine with Martin John in Vicarage Garden in aid of Hail Weston Restoration Group;
 Sunday 7th Afternoon Teas at Julia and Ian's for All Saints;
 Saturday 13th July Sponsored Organ playing event John Hitchin;
 July 23rd -25th July Church Day Camp at Grafham Water;
 27th July Cream teas St Nicolas; 3rd August Cream Teas St Nicolas;
 September 14th St Andrew's Church fete.
 So much to keep you occupied.

CHURCH SERVICES - MAY 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

Sun 5th 09.30am Confirmation Service, St Mary's St Neots

Hail Weston St. Nicolas'

Sun 12th 9.00am Parish communion
 3.00pm **Rogation Walk - Harry's Yard PE19 5DQ**
Sun 19th 3.00pm Creative Communion
Sun 26th 9.00am Parish Communion

Great Staughton St. Andrew's
Sun 5th 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
 10.30am All age Worship
Thurs 9th 7.30pm Ascension Day Communion
Sun 12th 10.30am Parish Communion
 3.00pm **Rogation Walk - Harry's Yard PE19 5DQ**
Sun 19th 10.30am **Pentecost** Parish Communion
Sun 26th 10.30am Parish Communion led by Pamela Salt

Little Staughton All Saints
Sun 5th 9.00am Parish Communion
Sun 12th 3.00pm **Rogation Walk - Harry's Yard PE19 5DQ**
Sun 19th 9.00am Parish Communion
Sun 26th 6.00pm BCP Evensong



The Mondays
Your Community Choir



Monday 29th April 7.30 - 9.30pm in Church

Monday 6th May No Meeting BH

Monday 13th May 7.30 - 9.30pm in Church

Monday 20th May No Meeting

Monday 27th May No Meeting BH

Monday 3rd June 7.30 - 9.30pm in Church

Rehearsing for our next Concert - new members welcome

For further details ring Elaine on 474542

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**THE MONDAYS 70s CONCERT POSTPONED
UNTIL SEPTEMBER**

WATCH OUT FOR THE NEW DATE

St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2024/25 Draw Year

The winners of the April draw are:

1 st prize	Ticket no 101	Christine & William Hamilton	£50
2 nd prize	Ticket no 74	Sue & Peter Nobles	£25
3 rd prize	Ticket no 50	Maggie & Glen Coiley	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!

HAIL WESTON FETE AND FUN DOG SHOW 2024

The fete and fun family dog show will be held this year

on

6th July, 1 - 5pm

at Hail Weston playing field.

Would you, or anyone you know, like to apply to have a stall at the fete?

Pitch price £10

If so, please email: treasurerhwhv@gmail.com