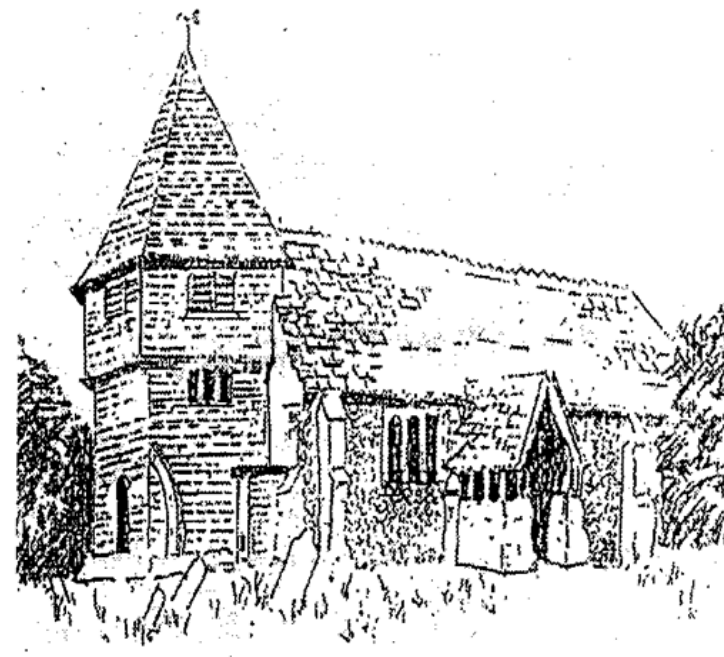
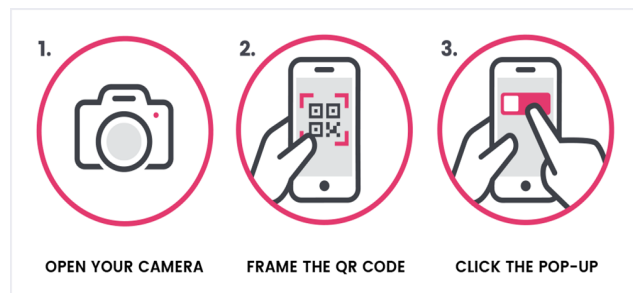


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## ST NICOLAS' CHURCH, HAIL WESTON

March 2023

## VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

**Contact:** Dawn Isaac  
**Tel:** 01480 581634  
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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,*

We can already see the spring flowers beginning to emerge from their winter sleep and the birds are singing their distinctive songs. This gives us hope in a very troubled world. Christians also find hope in the belief that God is alongside them in the good times and the bad.

In the church's calendar this year the whole of March is Lent, the time when there are no flowers in church as we remember the time that Christ spent in the wilderness where he went without food for forty days and where he was tempted as he began his ministry to use spectacular ways to impress on others who he was.

Unlike all of us he did not give way to temptation and chose to live a life of sacrifice and love.

It was important that he went through everything we go through so that he could understand what it is like to be human, to be tempted and to suffer. In time of hardship for those in Turkey, Syria, Ukraine, Afghanistan and Yemen it would make sense this year to go without this lent, in order to support the many people who are really suffering in so many ways.

So, as we give thanks for all we have, let us not forget those who have lost everything.

*With love and prayers, Nicki*

## HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP Tuesday 7th March 7.30pm in the Village Hall

This month's speaker is

**Russell Attwood**

### **No Dig Gardening**

**Learning about 'no-dig' principles to aid the environment,  
condition of your soil and cut down on weeding!**

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

Tea/Coffee/glass of wine/biscuits will be available at the  
meeting for a voluntary donation.



## 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 March at 3.30 - 5pm**

If you don't receive emails about the cafe but would like to, please con-  
tact us at:

**[hailwestonneighbourhoodcafe@gmail.com](mailto:hailwestonneighbourhoodcafe@gmail.com)** to ask to be put on to the  
updates list.

The HW Neighbourhood Cafe Team

## Community Litter Pick

**Sunday 12 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 let [clerk@hailweston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hailweston.org.uk) know. THANK YOU

### St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2022/23 Draw Year

The winners of the February draw are:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	Ticket no 51	Elaine McCarthy	£50
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	Ticket no 12	Phil Hobbs	£25
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Ticket no 3	David Clark	£10

**Congratulations to all the winners!**



### Hail Weston Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2022

The total raised in the village from collection boxes was £350.71 plus an additional £60 for the wreaths laid in the village.

Thank you to all who supported this worthy cause.

Barry Harness, Co-ordinator

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH 2023

Please visit our website at [www.swhw.co.uk](http://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

<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Parish Communion
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b>	3.00pm	Creative Communion (Mothering Sunday)
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Parish Communion

### Great Staughton St. Andrew's

<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.30am	Pet Service
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Parish Communion
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Parish Communion (Mothering Sunday)
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30am	Parish Communion

### Little Staughton All Saints

<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Parish Communion
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b>	9.00am	Parish Communion (Mothering Sunday)

## 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.

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 6th March 7.30 - 9.00pm in Church  
Monday 13th March 7.30 - 9.00pm In Church  
Monday 20th March **NO Meeting**  
Monday 27th March 7.30 - 9.00pm In Church  
Monday 3rd April 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 and singing some of our old repertoire - all music/words provided.

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

## St Nicolas Church Restoration Group

### A special weekend date for your diary

On Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April, St Nicolas Church Restoration Group will be hosting their first **Art Exhibition** in the church and village hall in Hail Weston. Local artists are invited to exhibit their pictures for sale before the end of March. Full details of how to do this, and the terms and conditions, will be available at the end of January by emailing Anne-Marie Hamilton ([annemarie@thewoodfarm.com](mailto:annemarie@thewoodfarm.com)).

The highlight of the weekend will take place on the afternoon of Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> of April, when we will be holding a charity auction giving you the rare opportunity of purchasing a framed watercolour painting by the locally renowned artist, Derek Abel (1925 – 2008). We have seven paintings on offer, depicting local scenes in and around Hail Weston, and also a large, framed map of the County of Huntingdon from an actual survey made in the year 1829, and published by C and J Greenwood in 1831.

All the items that are being auctioned have been very generously donated to the Restoration Group to raise funds for St Nicolas Church by Simon and Martin Adlam on behalf of their late brother, Nicolas Adlam's estate. (Those of you who have lived locally, or in the village, for many years will know that the Adlam family lived at The Walnuts, Hail Weston for many years, and that the name lives on in St Neots today as Bernard Adlam founded Adlams Opticians in Brook Street, and Adlam's Solicitors are still in the High Street).

The highlight of this art weekend is that the Auction will be conducted by the well-known valuer, David Fletcher (of TV *Flog It* fame).

This is an opportunity not to be missed. Refreshments will be served in the village hall over the weekend, and we look forward to seeing you.

Anne-Marie Hamilton  
Chairman