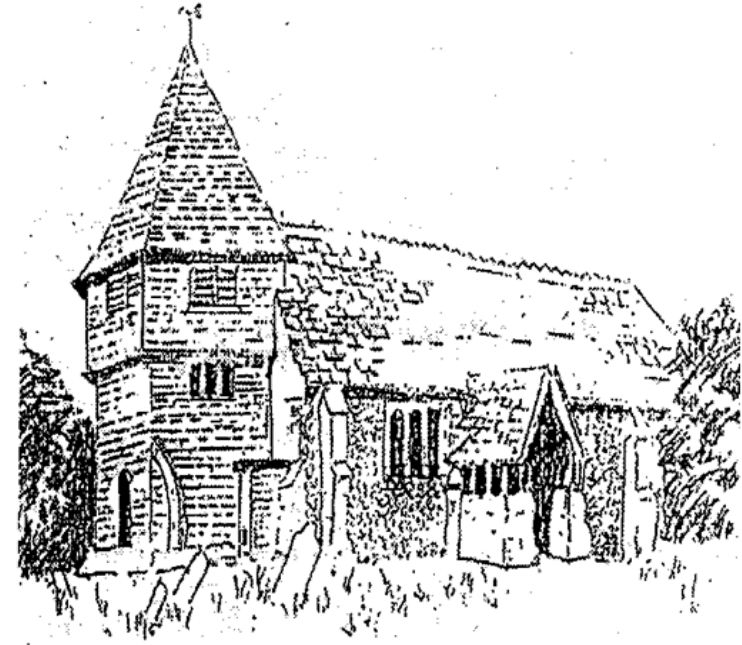
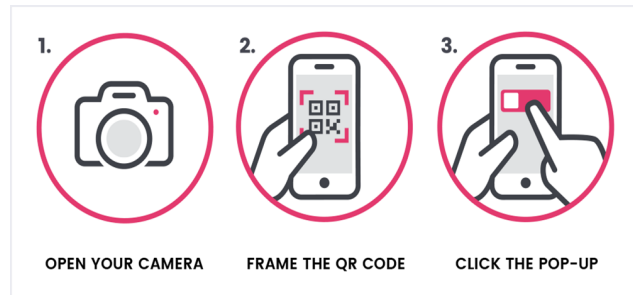


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VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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THE VILLAGE HALL
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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,

This time I have just come back from a retreat in Iona which had been planned to happen just at the start of lockdown. It was organised by Ely Diocese Cursillo and we were a group of about 20. We made our own way to the island and then stayed in the Bishop's Retreat house. The day was topped and tailed with a Eucharist at 8.00 in the chapel each morning, (one of which I led) and Compline at 8.15 pm. There were also various services in the Abbey which we were free to attend.

Iona, one of Scotland's smallest inhabited islands was first colonised in prehistoric times and became famous in the early -medieval period as the site of St Columba's monastery and from then on has drawn many pilgrims to its shores. Around 800 there were numerous Viking attacks, and this resulted in the loss of many important relics as some of the brethren left with them. However, in 1200 the monastery was transformed into an abbey for Benedictines, but they were fiercely opposed by the Columban Church, and the Irish chronicles record that Irish clerics attacked and 'pulled down' the new monastery in 1204. Despite all this the Benedictines flourished under the patronage of the Lords of the Isles until eventually falling victim to the Protestant Reformation of 1560.

In the late 1800s the Duke of Argyll started the process of restoration, and this was continued by the Iona Community in the 20th century. Interestingly today the abbey is home to a vibrant faith community and the island attracts many pilgrims. We were blessed with fantastic weather and the birdlife, flora and wildlife were just stunning, especially on the day we visited Staffa.

It certainly meets the criteria of a 'thin place' which is a place where the boundary between heaven and earth becomes more permeable. Where we encounter God in fresh ways that startle us out of our inattention, and we are often transformed by the experience.

I am finishing with the first verse and Chorus of John Bell's 'A Touching Place'
Christ is the world in which we move;
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love;
Christ's is the voice that calls us to care,
and Christ is the one who meets us here.

*To the lost Christ shows his face,
To the unloved he gives his embrace,
To those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*

With love and prayers, Nicki

HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP



4th July 7.30pm Village Hall
Our 'Good Life' at Puddle Paddock
with Sue Stephenson

An acre of land with animals and plants in abundance. The 'good life' it really is but the reality is a bit more amusing!

Plant Sale Sunday 16th July 3.30pm - 5pm
at the Neighbourhood Café in the Village Hall car park
Plant donations are welcome
and can be left at Jane Buckham's house, 30 Orchard Close, Hail Weston prior to 16th July or on the day at the back of the village hall, (under the windows).

Visit to two Staploe Gardens 1st August 7pm
The gardens are opening for a private viewing for us in aid of NGS. Refreshments included—£10 per person

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

An Invitation to the Women of Hail Weston from

Great Staughton Women's Institute

to join them for the following event:

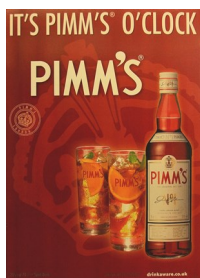
Tuesday 11th July

House of Spies with Roger Leivers

Ladies interested in going along to the above event (7.00pm) at the WI hall in Great Staughton or those interested in the coffee mornings, please contact:

Barbara Wallis on 214582

COME AND ENJOY A PIMMS!



IN THE GARDEN OF 80 HIGH STREET, HAIL WESTON

ON SATURDAY 1ST JULY 2023 AT 6.30PM

TICKETS £10 IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS

PLEASE RING 07724 512851 OR 07974 708474 FOR TICKETS

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 July 3.30 - 5pm

together with Plant Sale

courtesy of Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group

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 FOR JULY 2023

Please visit our website on www.swhw.co.uk to find out more about the services. All 10.30am services can be accessed via Zoom ID 4184055563 Password 022067

Please note that Morning and Evening prayer is held on Zoom at 8.30am and 5.30pm respectively, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Please note that during the summer break there will be one service on a Sunday moving around the Benefice.

Hail Weston St. Nicolas'

All services to be held in the **Village Hall**

Wed 5th	10.00 am	Morning Prayer followed by 10.30am Coffee
Sun 9th	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 30th	10.30am	Benefice Communion

3.00pm services for Creative Communion on the third Sunday are cancelled for the time being.

Due to the works in the churchyard please check each week to ensure you know where the service is going to be held as there is the possibility of last minute changes.

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 2nd	8.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10.30am	All Age Worship
Sun 9th	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 16th	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 23rd	10.30am	Benefice Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 2nd	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 15^h	9.00am	Parish Communion

ST. NICOLAS' CHURCH



Reminder:

Currently the Church and Churchyard are closed, due to the restoration works. We apologise for any inconvenience.

PARKING NEXT TO CHURCH DURING RESTORATION WORKS

The site was recently inspected by the **Health & Safety Executive**. Unfortunately, the inspector has decreed that all lorries have now to be unloaded in the street and everything put straight into the compound just in front of the East church window. This is particularly frustrating as one of our main intentions was to try and avoid construction vehicles parking in the road.

To minimize the inconvenience, we have agreed with the contractor that he will have a notice made up and put on the church wall in front of the compound, apologizing for the inconvenience and **requesting that people do not park in front of the compound during normal working hours during the working week**. (He will put the exact times on it). We have agreed that he will mark the area that needs to be kept clear by placing some cones in the road, along the side of the church wall. I know that he will make every effort not to use any more space than he needs to as he is very conscious of not wanting to make life difficult for the local community.

Thank you.

Anne-Marie Hamilton

Hail Weston Community Coronation Event

An enormous 'THANK YOU' to the Coronation Event Committee for their generous donation to St Nicolas' church funds. We were thrilled to receive it in these difficult times.

Rev Nicki Bland



The Mondays



The Mondays Choir will be rehearsing on the following dates:

Monday 3rd July 7.30 - 9.00pm 17 High Street

Monday 10th July 7.30 - 9.00pm 17 High Street

Monday 17th July NO meeting

Monday 24th July 7.30 - 9.00pm 17 High Street

Monday 31st July 7.30 - 9.00pm 17 High Street

We will be rehearsing songs for our next concert -

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 June draw are:

1 st prize	Ticket no 69	Lin Baker	£50
2 nd prize	Ticket no 29	Graham Wallis	£25
3 rd prize	Ticket no 12	Phil Hobbs	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!