

**An Invitation to the Women of Hail Weston from
Gt Staughton Women's Institute to join them for the
following event:**

8th September Lavenham Church
with speaker Rosemary Wheeler

Ladies interested in going along to the WI hall in Gt Staughton (7.30pm
on the above dates) please contact **Barbara Wallis on 214582**

THE VILLAGE HALL

Contact: Dawn Isaac (01480 477003)

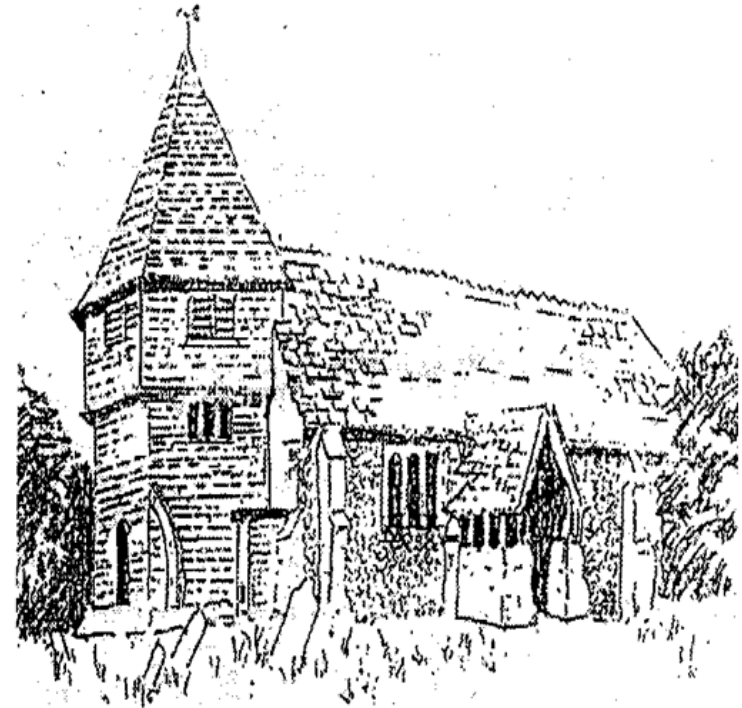
Hire Rates: £8 ph Hail Weston Residents
£10 ph Non-Village Residents

Deposit: £20

PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITY GROUP Monday - Friday 9.15am - 2.15pm term time
and Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm holiday time.

Contact: Sam Hitchen (during pre-school session)
on 01480 214574

If you have news, articles or events for inclusion in the next issue, please contact
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**ST NICOLAS' CHURCH, HAIL WESTON
August 2015**

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Rector: Reverend Judi Clarke
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Churchwarden:
Mrs Mary Deacon

Telephone: 01480 812363

Village contacts for St Nicolas' Church:

Mrs Jenny Holland (01480 475827)
Mrs Elaine McCarthy (01480 474542)

Arrangements for baptisms, weddings and other pastoral matters should be
made directly with Reverend Judi Clarke.

A message from Judi, your Rector:

Dear Friends

The weather on the morning of June 20th this year was dull and grey but this did not deter the many willing folk who continued the work begun many months before in preparing for St Andrew's Fete held once again in the beautiful gardens of The Old Vicarage and I would like to thank Mr & Mrs Edmunds for their generosity allowing us to enjoy these surroundings again.

By the time the fete was open a steady drizzle had begun and 20 minutes later the rain came in earnest! BUT this did not deter anyone as folk from near and far sheltered under many gazebos while others braved the rain – both stallholders and customers – until the rain eased and I want to thank you all for your loyalty, perseverance and hard work which once again made the day such a great success.

It is of course very important for us to raise money to keep our churches in good repair, open and active for everyone. But it is also important for us to share time together socially and I always enjoy meeting up with people and it makes me very aware of the wonderful communities I have the privilege of being part of in my ministry and as friends.

All our villages work hard in providing different social activities from many different groups including our churches where we have Cream Teas, Coffee Mornings, concerts, Bingo, quizzes and several different Christmas activities, to mention a few and we welcome everyone to come and join us.

'Hospitality' has been the theme of our Mission Action Plans for several years in all three churches as we try to fulfil Jesus second commandment that as his disciples 'we love our neighbours as ourselves' Learning to love ourselves is extremely hard as we recognise our own faults and failures, but knowing Gods deep and unconditional love for each one of us we can strive to learn to love the person God wants us to be. Friendship and hospitality is something most people want in their lives and social activities are another way in which we can share that God given love.

However we do realise it is not always easy or even possible for some people to come to events and so would like to remind everyone that it may be possible for us to come to you if you are housebound – or sometimes even a phone call can ease those times of loneliness or anxiety so please make contact with us if we can help.

I hope we will all have time to meet together at one of the many events in our villages that we all have to look forward to in the coming weeks.

With love and prayers, Judi



THE MONDAYS

The Mondays singing group will be rehearsing in church, fortnightly over the Holiday Season, on the following dates:

Monday 27th July	7.30pm
Monday 10th August	7.30pm
Monday 24th August	7.30pm
Monday 7th September	7.30pm

We welcome new people and old friends to our singing group - we sing all kinds of songs and if you like singing then come along. No experience is necessary! We are a friendly group who enjoy ourselves and go home feeling good.

If you just like singing the tune, we especially need you!
(Come and give it a go)

Tel. Elaine on 474542, or just turn up.

Hail Weston Community Led Plan Update

Now that the questionnaire data has been analysed we have a clear understanding of the communities likes, dislikes and aspirations.

It is welcome news that 94% of respondents to the questionnaire feel safe walking in the parish and a common theme for all age groups was that we have a friendly, supportive community. All positive for going forward.

The questionnaire team have now developed a working document setting out all of the data so that each of the subject teams can start to develop the Community Action Plan. This is undoubtedly a considerable, time consuming task which will take the rest of the summer.

All being well the Action Group hope to be in a position to publish the Plan before Christmas. However, it is intended that the data collected will be acted upon straight away. For example, the Parish Council will use the data to provide community guidance on future actions; the Village Hall Committee now have a guide to the community's aspirations for the hall; likewise the PCC and the pub society.

All of you who entered the prize draw will have to wait until we publish the CLP before the winners are revealed. Five of you will have a little extra for Christmas!

Barry Easom
HWCLP Action Group Chairman

HAIL WESTON BOOK CLUB

Did you know that we have a Hail Weston Book club/ Reading group?

We meet approximately every 6-8 weeks and have so far read a real mixture of books. It is a friendly and very informal group.

Everyone is welcome.

We next meet at 7.30 pm on Thursday 13th August at 2 Crown Close.

We are currently reading a book by Tess Gerritson called - "Keeping the Dead".

We then meet Thursday 1st October.

For further information please contact me via email:-

carolclapham0@gmail.com



Dates for Your Diary:

**Cream Teas in the Churchyard
on Saturday
25th July and 1st August
2.30 - 4.30pm**



**Don't forget our Gift Day is also on
25th July from 11am - 5.00pm (in church).**

Future Dates:

**Sat 3rd Oct St Nicolas Harvest Festival 6.00pm
in church followed by Supper in
the Village Hall**
Fri 6th Nov Church Quiz Night

CHURCH SERVICES AUGUST 2015

ST NICOLAS HAIL WESTON

Sun July 26 th	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun Aug 2 nd	4.00pm	Family Worship
Weds Aug 5 th	10.00am	Coffee in church
Sun Aug 9 th	9.00am	Parish Communion
Weds Aug 19 th	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Sun Aug 23 rd	9.00am	Parish Co munion
Sun Aug 30 th	10.30am	GROUP COMMUNION

ST ANDREW'S GREAT STAUGHTON

Sun Aug 2 nd	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Family Worship
Sun Aug 9 th	10.30am	Parish Communion
Weds Aug 12 th	5.30pm	Evening Prayer
Sun Aug 16 th	10.30am	Parish Communion
		NO 'Pray and Play' for the children this month
Sun Aug 23 rd	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun Aug 30 th	10.30am	GROUP COMMUNION AT HAIL WESTON

ALL SAINTS LITTLE STAUGHTON

Sun Aug 2 nd	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun Aug 16 th	9.00am	Parish Communion

Correction!

Apologies from Revd Judi for any confusion caused last month over the name of our new benefice of churches. We will now be known as:

The Benefice of
'The Staughtons with Hail Weston'

From our Registers

WEDDINGS

We celebrate the commitment in love of the following:

***James Andrew Bate and
Rebecca Mary Herdman***

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

After some years as secretary to St Nicolas Parochial Church Council Mrs Elaine McCarthy would like to stand down from this role so we are looking for someone who would be willing to take on the voluntary post. The group meets five times each year and has an Annual Meeting usually in April.

If you feel that you have the necessary skills and enthusiasm to take on this role and would like to know more about it first then please contact our Church Warden Mrs Mary Deacon 01480 812363; Rector Rev Judi Clarke 01480 861215 or Mrs Elaine McCarthy 01480 474542

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After 6 years as Treasurer to Hail Weston PCC Paul Deacon is standing down at the end of the year.

Hail Weston PCC is looking for someone who would be willing to take on this worthwhile role. Whilst being non-paid, it is a varied and responsible post.

St Nicolas Church is a focal point of the village and it is hoped that plans, that are in the pipeline to enable the church building to become a more inclusive place, mean that there may be challenging and rewarding times ahead for the PCC and the new treasurer.

If you feel that you have the necessary skills and enthusiasm to take on this role then please contact the PCC Secretary, Elaine McCarthy.

Please feel free to contact me for any specific information relating to the role.  
Paul Deacon  
Treasurer Hail Weston PCC

## CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Village Christian Fellowship will not be meeting in August. We will be exploring the Bible, pray, discussing what matters in our world and enjoying refreshments and good company again in September. New members very welcome. Tel. 474542

## St Nicolas Church 100 Club July Draw

Congratulations to the following winners of the Hail Weston PCC 100 Club draw for July 2015:

|              |     |               |                  |
|--------------|-----|---------------|------------------|
| First Prize  | £50 | Ticket No 95  | Roger Cunnington |
| Second Prize | £25 | Ticket No 78  | Mr Mitchell      |
| Third Prize  | £10 | Ticket No 101 | Bill Wetzel      |

The draw was made on 30th June 2015 in the Perry Post Office by Wendy Noon.

Paul Deacon  
Treasurer Hail Weston PCC

## Come and visit your church

Revd Judi Clarke will be unable to be in church on Monday August 17<sup>th</sup> due to unforeseen circumstances and apologises for any inconvenience caused.

## JUDITH CLEMENTS HOSTS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PIMMS NIGHT

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July Judith Clements opened her house to host another Pimms Night to raise funds for St Nicolas Church.

The lovely surroundings and fair weather ensured a good night was had by all and £582 was raised for church.

Thanks must go to Judith, Dick, Elaine, Sarah and Kevin for all their hard work in ensuring that the night went smoothly. Big thanks must also go to everyone who supported the event raising such a magnificent sum of money.

Paul Deacon  
Treasurer, Hail Weston PCC