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Yes! This is 100% correct - donations that cost you absolutely nothing!! The perfect Christmas present - that warm feeling you get by giving and it costs absolutely nothing.....PERFECT!

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: Bookingshwh@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

December 2024

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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A message from the Rev'd Canon Nicki Bland

Dear Friends,

I often use rosemary at baptisms and confirmations to sprinkle water over those around, it is also an ancient symbol of remembrance and is used at funerals and Remembrance Sunday.

I have a large rosemary bush in my front garden which I use for these occasions, but I also use it when cooking. Many think that rosemary is named after Mary, partly because of the stories I am going to tell you but it's real name 'Rosmarinus officinalis' means 'Rose of the Sea Shore'.

One story tells how Mary washed Jesus' clothes and put them on the bushes to dry. When she collected the washing, little blue flowers to match her gown, appeared all over the bushes.

Another story which is less well known says that when it was time for Mary and Joseph to leave the stable in Bethlehem, the Bible tells us that Joseph had a dream and, in that dream, God told him not to go back home the way they came but go through Egypt. Herod was trying to capture Jesus. Joseph was very afraid, and he and Mary set off on the long journey trying to keep out of sight of the Herod's soldiers. Mary was very tired and begged Joseph to stop. Joseph wasn't keen because he thought the soldiers might catch up with them. But Mary pleaded and, eventually, they stopped. She got down from her donkey and as she walked towards the big rosemary bushes at the side of the road to find some shade, they opened their branches so Mary could walk through them easily. Well away from the road Mary sat down, and the bushes closed around her. Not even Joseph could see her. They were all able to rest safe in the knowledge that if Herod's soldiers appeared there would be no woman and child with the donkey. They were safe. Joseph relaxed, for as long as there were rosemary bushes, Mary and Joseph would be safe.

There are many myths around the story of the birth of Jesus but the two accounts in the Gospels are short and to the point.

We love to celebrate the birth of Christ and you will see from the table of services and, in the card you receive through your door, the services we have for you do just that this Christmas.

We love seeing you at this festive time. In addition, we have four Advent Tuesday afternoons of fellowship in different places in the Benefice where there will be a short act of worship, a look at part of the Advent story and then refreshments. hopefully some mince pies and a cup of tea or coffee. If you are interested, please look on the website. You don't have to come to them all.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and hoping to see you for at least one of our services.



HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP

**Tuesday 3rd December 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Christmas Social - Quiz plus cheese ploughman's along
with Tea/Coffee and Wine**

**Please contact Secretary or Chairman (details below) if
you would like to attend the Christmas Social**

January - No meeting

Non-members are very welcome,
entrance fee is £3.00 - Members £1.00

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 07849 272915

St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2024/25 Draw Year

The winners of the November draw are:

1 st prize	Ticket no 122	Dereen & Paul Butler	£50
2 nd prize	Ticket no 1	Nick Farnden	£25
3 rd prize	Ticket no 42	Pam Flint	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!

Neighbourhood Café

All are very welcome to come along to the Hail Weston Neighbourhood Cafe which is held monthly at the Village Hall. We also collect donations for a different charity every month and welcome suggestions for charities from neighbours.

Enjoy a piece of cake, warm drink and a friendly chat.



The date of the next café is

Sunday 15th December 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 event on 14th January

Monologues

with Alex Turner

Monthly coffee mornings also 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 07849 272915

CHURCH SERVICES - December 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

Hail Weston St Nicolas'

Sun 1st	10.30am	Benefice Advent Carol Service at All Saints, Little Staughton
Sun 8th	9.00am	Parish Communion
Sun 22nd	9.00am	Parish Communion
Tue 24th	5.00pm	Christingle
Wed 25th	10.30am	All Age Communion at St. Andrew's, Great Staughton
Sun 29th	10.30am	Benefice Communion at St. Andrew's, Great Staughton

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 1st	8.00am 10.30am	BCP Holy Communion Benefice Advent Carol Service at All Saints, Little Staughton
Sun 8th	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 15th	10.30am	Parish Communion
Sun 22nd	10.30am	Parish Communion
	6.00pm	Benefice Carol Service
Tue 24th	3.00pm 11.30pm	Christingle Midnight Mass
Wed 25th	10.30am	All Age Communion
Sun 29th	10.30am	Benefice Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 1st	10.30am	Benefice Advent Carol Service
Sun 15th	9.00am	Parish Communion
Tue 24th	4.00pm	Christmas Nativity Service
Wed 25th	10.30am	All Age Communion at St. Andrew's, Great Staughton
Sun 29th	10.30am	Benefice Communion at St. Andrew's, Great Staughton

ADVENT AFTERNOONS
TUESDAYS 2.30pm - 3.30pm

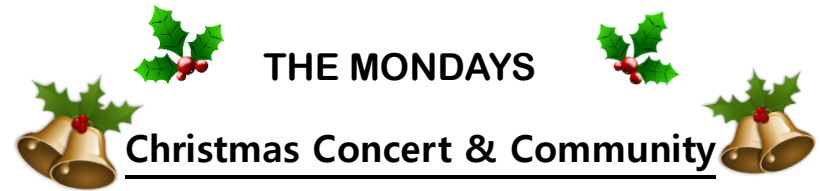


Meeting 1 26th November
held at the home of Glenn & Maggie,
Tree Top Cottage, 30 West Perry. PE28 0BX

Meeting 2 3rd December
held at the home of Jane & Michael,
Drake's Lodge, Green End, Little Staughton MK44 2BU

Meeting 3 10th December
held at the home of Julia & Ian,
Rectory Farm, Green End, Little Staughton MK44 2TA

Meeting 4 17th December
held at St Nicolas' Church, Hail Weston



THE MONDAYS

Christmas Concert & Community

Carol Sing

with Puppets!



Monday 16th December
at 7.30pm in

St. Nicolas' Church, Hail Weston

Adults - £8.00 (includes mulled wine/soft drink)

Children under 16 - £2.00 (includes a free drink)

Mince pies during the interval!

For Tickets tel 474542/07967 241113
or ask The Mondays

In aid of Church Funds



The MONDAYS:
Your Community Choir



Come and find your voice, in our friendly group

Rehearsing for our Christmas Concert

New members welcome

Monday 25th November 7.30 - 9.00pm in Church

Monday 2nd December No Meeting

Monday 9th December 7.30 - 9.00pm in Church

Monday 16th December Concert 7.30 start in Church

Carol Sing – 19th December 7.00pm on Orchard Close Green!



THE MONDAYS

singing group will be leading



CAROL SINGING

on the Green in Orchard Close
Hail Weston

At 7.00pm on Thursday 19th December

We will be collecting for
The 3 Pillars – Feeding the Homeless Trust
For further details, telephone 474542