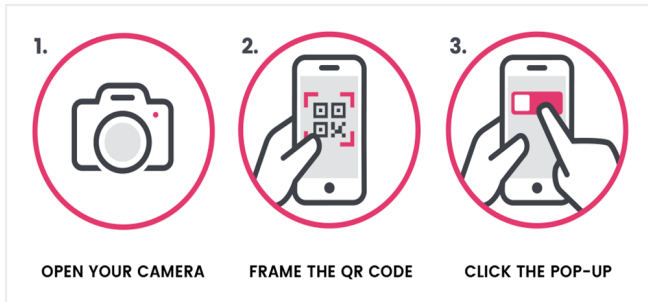


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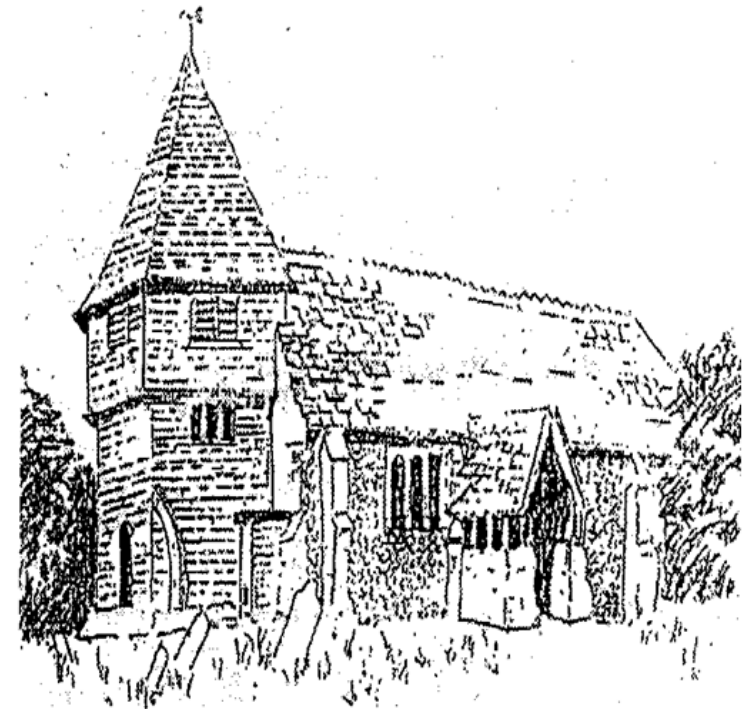
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THE VILLAGE HALL

Contact: Dawn Isaac (01480 581634)
Hire Rates: £10 ph Hail Weston Residents
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VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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A message from Rev'd Nicki Bland.

Dear Friends

I have just come back from the most beautiful of walks. The fields were frozen over and glistened in the sun. The moon was still visible, and the sky was such a fantastic pink, orange and clear blue.

Each and every one of us needs to play our part to reduce our carbon foot-prints and in doing so to preserve our countryside for our children and grand-children.

It may be something that we as Christians might link to our Lenten activities next month. Christians have always believed that we are stewards of the earth and this is linked to our understanding of the Genesis stories where it is set out that we have responsibility for the natural created world. There are Christian initiatives like Green Sunday and A Rocha but I think everything starts with each individual doing a little.

I have been talking about this with friends and we were discussing what we were doing and the need to share our experiences. I think most of us are much more aware of how we dispose of our waste, we use plastic bags far less, we try and buy food that is not packaged in containers that can't be recycled. I am trying to have certain days in the week when I don't eat meat, I buy toilet rolls that are 100% recycled, eco sheets for my washing machine and I know other people that are using bars of shampoo and washing up soap.

Thinking about our world and the life it supports I would like to give you advance notice of a Benefice PET SERVICE that we will be holding at St Andrew's Great Staughton at 10.30 on March 6th. Hopefully it will be held outside if the weather is clement and you are invited to bring your pets to the service, the more the merrier, where we will give thanks for them. The Service will be led by Glenn and Maggie Coiley and I certainly will be bringing Bella my cockapoo.

The world is charged with the grandeur of God,
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod:
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell:
The soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.
And for all this nature is never spent.

From God's Grandeur by Gerard Manley Hopkins

*With love and prayers
Rev. Nicki Bland*



Volunteers wanted

Volunteers are needed to join the team that ensures the church is open to the public. Presently this is Wednesday and Sunday each week.

The commitment will depend on numbers coming forward. Ideally we would be looking for a team member to unlock and lock the church, morning and afternoon, one week in eight.

To volunteer, or for further information, please contact the Church Warden, Elaine on 01480 474542

An Invitation to the Women of Hail Weston from

Gt Staughton Women's Institute

to join them for the following events:

Tuesday 8th February

Talk on Wildlife Photography with speaker Alan Goodyear

Tuesday 8th March

Magic of the Mind with speaker David Bale

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



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 for the next café is
Sunday 20th February at 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 café held on 16th January raised £140 for the Village Hall

The HW Neighbourhood Cafe Team

HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP

at the Village Hall

1st February

Animal Experience with speaker Mitch Price

An hour's talk and hands on with a variety of animals including owls, meerkat, pygmy hedgehog, sugar glider and chinchilla.

(Children over 8 yrs welcome)

Plus Raffle

1st March

Nature Friendly Farming with speaker Martin Lines

Martin farms in Cambs and has a passion for the preservation of the countryside. He champions a way of sustainable farming, is part of the Nature Friendly Farming Network and is chair of a UK steering group.

Events cost £3 for non-members and £1 for members

For more information please email the Secretary at hwwgg@yahoo.com

CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2022

Please visit our new 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.

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

Wed 2nd 10.00am **Presentation of Christ** Communion followed by 10.30am – Coffee

Sun 13th 9.00am Parish communion

Sun 20th 3.00pm Creative Communion

Sun 27th 9.00am Parish Communion

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 6th 8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am All age Worship

Sun 13th 10.30am Parish Communion

Sun 20th 10.30am Parish Communion

Sun 27th 10.30am Parish Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 6th 9.00am Parish Communion

Sun 20th 9.00am Parish Communion

Sun 27th 3.00pm Funday Sunday

St Nicolas Church Restoration Group Update

St Nicolas Church Restoration Group held an amazing fund-raising event on 11th December - "An Evening with Alex Turner and Friends."

It was a bit of an experiment because we held it on Zoom, as Covid infections were rising again, and we did not want to put anyone at risk, just before Christmas. The evening was arranged and compered by Alex Turner, from St Andrew's Church, Great Staughton and, thanks to all the excellent performers who took part, the audience enjoyed a wide variety of music, readings, poetry, singing, and puppetry, with a terrific vein of humour running throughout the evening.

On behalf of the Restoration Group, I would like to thank everyone who took part – the performers who provided first-class entertainment, in spite of the difficulties of performing from home on Zoom, the audience who joined us for the evening, the very generous supporters who made donations, and the Rev. Nicki Bland, who hosted the whole event for us. It was a memorable and extremely enjoyable evening, and we were thrilled to find that it raised £360 for the Restoration project. Thank you all very much indeed.

And talking of the Restoration Project, I am thrilled to tell you that at long last, after numerous setbacks, work on Phase 1 of the Restoration will begin on Monday, 24th January. The first phase will be to provide much-needed disabled access. The North Door is likely to be out of action for about six weeks, but the life of the church will continue, and access will be by the South Door, whilst the work is going on. It is really exciting to see our dreams begin to come true. There is a long way to go to complete the whole project, but it is a start!

Thank you for your ongoing support, and a very Happy New Year to you all from the St Nicolas Church Restoration Group.

With best wishes
Anne-Marie Hamilton
Chairman

The Mondays



The Mondays will be resuming rehearsals from 31st January at 7.30pm - 9.00pm in St Nicolas Church, Hail Weston.

Monday 31st January 7.30 - 9.00pm

Monday 7th February 7.30 - 9.00pm

Monday 14th February 7.30 - 9.00pm

No Meeting Monday 21st February.

Monday 28th February 7.30 - 9.00pm

Monday 7th March 7.30 - 9.00pm

Special Event Saturday 12th March

Monday 14th March 7.30 - 9.00pm

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 and reviving some of our old repertoire - all music/words provided.

Look forwards to seeing you - for further details ring Elaine on 474542

St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2021/22 Draw Year

The winners of the December draw are:

1 st prize	Ticket no 54	Gwen Earl	£50
2 nd prize	Ticket no 55	Karen McGlashan	£25
3 rd prize	Ticket no 9	Chris & Gordon Halsall	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!

2022/23 Draw Year

With a prize fund in excess of £1000 a new 100 Club year starts in April.

For your chance to be among the lucky winners ensure you register your membership by the 1st of April. Tickets cost £25.

Payment can be made by cheque (made out to 'Hail Weston PCC') or cash by envelope with your name, address and email details to
80 High St.

Alternatively, bank transfer to 'Hail Weston PCC', sort code: 30-94-47
Account number: 02900623 with reference 'HW100 name'.

Look out for further details.