

## St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2024/25 Draw Year

The winners of the July draw are:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	Ticket no 62	Myra Fairey	£50
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	Ticket no 112	Margaret & Barry Jordan	£25
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Ticket no 75	Christine Bresitz	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!

### HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL

is available for advance bookings

Further information is available on the Village Hall website:  
[www.hailwestonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.hailwestonvillagehall.co.uk)

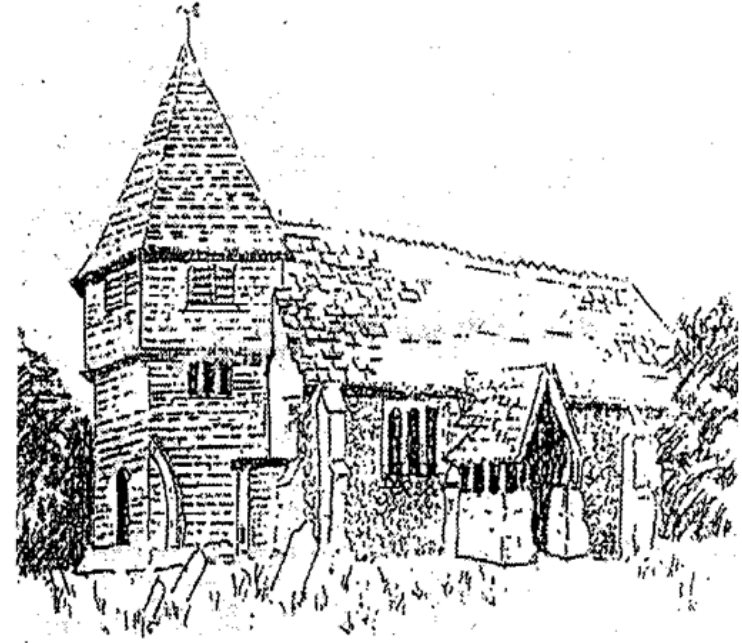
Bookings: Liz Bacon  
Contact: [Bookingshwvh@gmail.com](mailto:Bookingshwvh@gmail.com)  
Hire Rates: £10 ph Hail Weston Residents  
£12 ph Non-Village Residents  
Deposit: £20

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 15<sup>th</sup> of each month (7.00pm)  
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## ST NICOLAS' CHURCH, HAIL WESTON

August 2024

### VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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## A message from the Rev'd Nicki Bland

Dear Friends,

As someone who was the child of teachers, then became a teacher and then married a teacher I am used to having the end of July and August as holiday. We all need to change the pace of our life for a while and August seems to be the time to do it. Many families go away in August or have Grandchildren to stay and therefore congregations are small on a Sunday Morning. Last year during the school summer holidays we trialled having just one service in the Benefice on a Sunday. It worked well, so that is why we are doing the same thing again.

Each Church will have two Benefice services in their church over the Summer period and you can find out where they are by looking at the Benefice website [swhw.co.uk](http://swhw.co.uk) The first of these services is at All Saints Little Staughton at 9.00 am and the second is at St. Nicolas, Hail Weston at 10.30 am. All of the services at St Nicolas and St Andrew will be at 10.30 and those at All Saints will be held at 9.00 am. It is good to get together and each service will be followed by tea, coffee and biscuits.

On July 27<sup>th</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2.30-4.30 pm at St Nicolas there will be the annual, popular cream teas.

The afternoon tea at Little Staughton organised by Julia Harris and her team was an amazing success, the following Sunday after church at St. Andrew's the congregation was discussing how delicious it all was and how beautifully presented.

Afternoon teas, Pimms, tennis and of course this year the Olympics are synonymous with August. I hope that you find time to relax and take time out from your normal routine.

We live in a society that is always on the go and it makes us think that we also should be busy. There is always something that needs to be done and we can always find something to occupy our time. It is important to make time for ourselves, not just physically but mentally and spiritually as well. As a Christian I believe that Jesus is always there for each of us if we reach out to him. He understands what we are going through.

Matthew 11: 28-30

Come to me, all you that are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

*Continued.....*

**STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS!**  
NEW DATE FOR: Pam Wilkie's

**OPEN GARDEN PARTY**

with

Strawberries & Cream, Live Music & Raffle



**Sunday 28th July 2024**

**2pm - 4:30pm**

Entry £7.50 per person

In aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association  
Cambridgeshire branch

Pam Wilkie, The Old Post Office, 36 High Street, Hail Weston,  
St Neots. PE19 5JW

### **HAIL WESTON FETE & FUN DOG SHOW 2024**

Despite the unpredictable weather, many of you came and supported this year's fete and fun dog show on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

A big thank you to those who took the time to visit and to all the volunteers, helpers, those who loaned gazebos and those who donated goods and cakes. All contributed to make the day so enjoyable.

We are delighted the fete was so successful considering the weather, competition from other local events and, of course, England's Euros match played at 5pm. We were still able to raise nearly £1000.

Proceeds from the fete will be distributed as grants to the following:

Hail Weston Fishing Club - to assist them in organising a fishing trip to encourage local children to enjoy fishing.

Hail Weston Neighbourhood Café - to enable them to update existing equipment and crockery.

Hail Weston Garden Angels - to allow them to purchase essential tools for their continuing maintenance of the village's green spaces.

St Nicolas Church - for help in day to day running costs.

Village Hall Management Committee - towards the cost of a new floor in the village hall.

We hope to see you all again in 2026!

The Village Hall Management Committee

## St Nicolas Church Restoration Group

We have a lot of 'Thank Yous' to make this month.

First of all, I would very much like to thank Rev Nicki Bland for hosting our very successful Martin John Concert and Wine and English Cheeses evening on 28<sup>th</sup> June in her garden at Great Staughton. We had a wonderful time - the weather was perfect, the wine and English cheeses delicious, and Martin John had us all singing along by the end of the evening. Thank you to everyone who came to support us or generously sent a donation and enabled us to raise £543.02.

On 6<sup>th</sup> July, we were delighted to have a stall at the Village Fete. Whilst this time, fund-raising was not our primary objective, we were still delighted to raise £55 during the afternoon, as well as have the opportunity to meet everyone and discuss our plans for Phase 3 of the restoration – heating and lighting for St Nicolas - which is now becoming urgent as the oil-fired boiler is obsolete and we are unsure how much longer it will last. We were, therefore, very touched and absolutely delighted to receive a surprise donation after the fete from the Hail Weston Sewing & Craft Group who very generously donated £300 that they raised at the Fete on their stall.

I would like to say a special 'Thank You' to Phil Lewis who, with the help of Tony Bolton, is clearing a huge mound of soil for us and redistributing it in the churchyard to make it a safer place to walk and last, but not least, my thanks go, once again, to The Garden Angels and all their volunteers, who are continuing to work very hard in the churchyard to bring it back to its former glory.

Thank you to everyone for your kindness. The restoration of St Nicolas Church was never going to be a 'quick fix', but your ongoing support means a huge amount to the Restoration Group and gives us the heart to keep going. In the end, we will not only have a lovely old village church which will be there for future generations but will also have a building which is suitable for everyone to use and enjoy now for a wide variety of social events, when it is not needed for church services.

Anne-Marie Hamilton  
Chair, St Nicolas Church Restoration Group

For those of you who usually come to the Harvest service and Fish and Chip supper at Hail Weston, I have been asked to give you advanced notice that it will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall.

*With love and prayers*  
Nicki Bland

## CHURCH SERVICES - August 2024

Please visit our new website on [www.swhw.co.uk](http://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 4th Aug	10.30am	Benefice Communion
Sun 1st Sept	10.30am	Benefice Communion

### Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 4th Aug	8.00am	Book of Common Prayer
Sun 11th Aug	10.30am	Benefice Communion
Sun 25th Aug	10.30am	Benefice Communion

### Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 28th July	9.00am	Benefice Communion
Sun 18th Aug	9.00am	Benefice Communion

## St Nicolas Church Cream Teas

**Saturdays**  
**27th July and 3rd August**

Cream Teas will be held from  
2.30pm to 4.30pm.

Please come along and enjoy!



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Rehearsing for our next Concert - new members welcome

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 7.30 - 9.00pm in Church  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 7.30 - 9.00pm in Church **PLANNING** update  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 7.30 - 9.00pm in Church  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August No Meeting**  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August No Meeting BH**

For further details ring Elaine on 474542

### Churchyard Makeover

A very big thank you to all the villagers who came along and helped on 20 July as part of the churchyard working party. Everyone worked really hard and it was a great community event. The churchyard now looks fantastic and well cared for. The Garden Angels will continue their work there, as well as other areas in the village.

P.S Come along and see the churchyard for yourself and enjoy a Cream Tea on Saturday 27 July and Saturday 3 August - 2.30pm until 4.30pm.

Barbara Wallis  
Chair, Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group

### 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 18 August 3.30 - 5pm**



# Anthems Nite

**Sing along with the Mondays**

**Saturday 21 September**

**Village Hall**

**7.30pm**

*Tickets £9 including 70's snacks*

**All profits to St Neots Food Bank**

