



A message from Rev Nicki Bland:

*Dear Friends*

In these challenging times it is wonderful to see how our communities are sticking together, supporting each other and coming up with ingenious ideas to entertain and communicate with each other.

We have so many people to be thankful for in our villages: volunteers, our doctors, nurses, pharmacists and care workers, those who work in Gilbert's butchers, Top End stores and Perry Post Office, our many pubs who are delivering take away food, those who empty our bins, who deliver our post, farm our land, teachers who are looking after children of key workers and so many more. And each of us is playing a part whether we are helping our neighbour or self-isolating, whether we are phoning or 'Zooming' or displaying a teddy bear or a rainbow.

My brother is a Paramedic in Taunton, Somerset and he said that you cannot believe the support they are getting. He is putting on weight because when he stops for petrol he is given free sandwiches and drinks, there are always cakes that kind people have made when he gets back to the station and last week in addition, the local Chinese and Indian take-aways were providing them with meals. But he said what topped it all was when they were driving through a village at 8 o'clock and as they went through everyone was clapping and cheering, which really raised their spirits and self-esteem. It is great to hear the clapping and cheering from the villages here, showing the collaborate effort of love, care and obvious appreciation of all that is being done.

In Great Staughton the jigsaws have been moved from the church to the bench at the front of the vicarage (as long as it isn't raining or windy) please do borrow them, there are plenty.

We have just celebrated Easter, the season of hope in the Christian calendar and although we were disappointed not to be in church, over 100 of us gathered on Easter Day via Zoom to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Every day, except for Sundays, we have Morning prayer at 8.30am and Evening prayer at 5.30pm, there is a service on Sunday at 10.30am and meditation at 7.00pm on Tuesdays. On Wednesday at 2.00pm we have a study group which you are welcome to join.

As from May 1<sup>st</sup> on Fridays at 10.00am we will have a Family Fun session for young people. This will vary from week to week but will have puppets, stories and singing, and may even have a Blue Peter-like craft session.

The Zoom meeting ID for all of these is 712447549 and the password is 022067.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

*With love and prayers,  
Nicki*

**News from the Churches of Great Staughton, Little Staughton  
and Hail Weston**

During the time we can't meet up, here is a way of keeping in touch with what is  
happening through our Church network.

There is now an electronic newsletter which gives a weekly update from the Staughton with Hail  
Weston Church family. If you would like to be included in its circulation please email giving  
permission to:

[elizabeth.edmunds4@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.edmunds4@gmail.com)

**Covid 19 - Hail Weston Mutual Aid**

**Hail Weston has its own Covid-19 Mutual Aid Group where we can support each  
other during these difficult times. If you need help or you would like to volunteer  
then please get in touch.**

**Possible Support Options are:**

Arranging Deliveries  
Picking up Shopping & Medication  
A friendly Phone Call  
Posting Mail  
Urgent Supplies  
Help topping up Electric or Gas key

**Phone call or text to 07513-914986**

**Email:** [marianmulcahy@btinternet.com](mailto:marianmulcahy@btinternet.com) and /or  
[martin@baughan.org.uk](mailto:martin@baughan.org.uk)

**Just call or text and we will do our best to help you (for free!)**

**Even if you're self-isolating, you're not alone**

**St Nicolas Church 100 Club 2020/21**

The winners of the April 100 Club Draw are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	Maurice Lee	£50.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	Mark Green	£25.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Reverend Nicki Bland	£10.00

Congratulations to all the winners!

Hail Weston Parochial Church Council

**THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Contact: Dawn Isaac (01480 581634)**

Hire Rates: £10 ph Hail Weston Residents £12 ph Non-Village Residents

Deposit: £20

**PRE-SCHOOL ACTIVITY GROUP** Monday-Friday 9.15am - 2.15pm term 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 Ruth. Publication deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> of each month (7.00pm)**

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