

ST NICOLAS' CHURCH, HAIL WESTON
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VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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A message from Revd Nicki Bland:

Dear Friends

I have been looking back at my newsletter for September 2019. It was full of all the fun we had had at Summer Camp and also contained a diary of upcoming events. A year later, life is not so predictable, and it is difficult for me to know at this stage what we will be able to do in September, therefore I sadly cannot publish a list of services yet. My hope is that we will continue to be allowed to have services in our Churches but also, we will continue to stream in some form, for those who still prefer to stay at home.

On Saturday 5th September, weather permitting, we will have a family picnic in St Andrew's churchyard, Great Staughton, with puppets and scavenger hunt, hopefully our Family Fun families will attend. Also, on the third Sunday of the month at 3.00pm at St. Nicolas', Hail Weston we will resume Creative Communion, of course with a difference, this is an interactive service for people of all ages, and with children taking the lead.

If you would like to be prepared for Confirmation, please let me know, as classes will start in September at a time that suits those who want to attend.

Can you also contact me if you would be interested in a group for those who want to find out about Christianity and the Church? We propose to have a small group meet at the Vicarage but then others can join with 'Zoom'. This will give an opportunity for those who have children at home and can't get out in the evening, to be able to join us.

These are still difficult and uncertain times, but throughout everything it is good to know that we are not alone, we are all in this together, and I hold each and every one of you in my prayers Morning and Evening, as I pray for these villages and those of us who live in the Benefice.

In the words of Minnie Louise Haskin 1875-1957:

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God that shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way.'

So I went forth and, finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone east.

*With love and prayers,
Revd Nicki Bland*

At the time of publication, services during September are under review.

ZOOM SERVICES: ZOOM ID 712447549 PASSWORD 022067

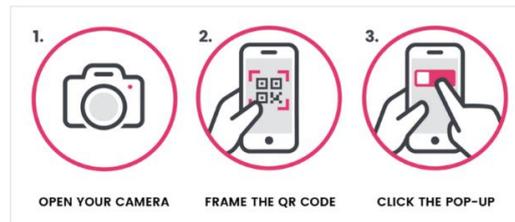
There will be an 8am Zoom service on Sunday 6th September.

IN CHURCH SERVICES: Please wear a mask to Church and observe the social distancing marked out

Sunday 20th September, 3pm St Nicolas' Hail Weston will be holding Creative Communion service in church.

St Nicolas' Parochial Church Council Hail Weston – Fundraising

The past few months of lockdown have resulted in a substantial reduction in fundraising opportunities for the church. The church community has worked tirelessly to bring regular acts of fellowship direct into parishioners' homes through online services. Unfortunately, as we start the last third of the calendar year, we still face a major reduction in the number of in-church services and little opportunity to hold fundraising events. These activities are essential to enable Hail Weston to have both an active church community and keep our much loved 800 year old building and churchyard in reasonable repair. Technology is available though, and details below provide an opportunity for you to make contactless donations using your mobile phone camera or computer tablet. If your phone/tablet is not set up to read QR codes follow the instructions below to download the Tap & Scan application.



On the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store download an app called Tap&Scan. It's provided by (Thyngs) and its logo is orange. (Using this app you can scan QR codes without getting adverts which is handy).



Tap & Scan

Using your mobile device, phone or tablet camera, scan the QR code and then follow the onscreen directions.

You will get options for amounts to donate, just tap the amount.

Next you get a choice of method of payment. 'Donate' takes you to Google Pay option, alternatively choose 'card payment' and then complete payment details as requested.

You will finally have an option to add Gift Aid if you are a UK tax payer completing this element enables the church to claim an additional 25% on your donation from HMRC.

When the process is complete you will receive an email confirmation.

If the above is not for you but you would like to support the St Nicolas' church community by making regular *Planned Giving* donations by standing order direct from your bank account please contact Barry Easom, PCC Treasurer, on 01480 217034, email beasom@beasom.plus.com or any PCC member . All conversations and transactions will be confidential and subject to General Data Protection regulations.

St Nicolas Church 100 Club 2020/21

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

1st prize	Anne-Marie Hamilton	£50.00
2nd prize	Ron Bishop	£25.00
3rd prize	Jenny Holland	£10.00

Congratulations to all the winners!

Hail Weston Parochial Church Council

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 and /or
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

**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 Staughtons with Hail Weston Church family. If you would like to be included in its circulation please email giving permission to:
elizabeth.edmunds4@gmail.com

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 15th of each month (7.00pm)

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