

ST NICOLAS' CHURCH, HAIL WESTON
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VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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A message from Revd Nicki Bland:

Dear Friends

As I am writing this in the middle of September, the sun is shining, there is a gentle breeze and I can hear woodpecker drilling into my lawn, it is hard to believe sometimes that we are in the middle of a pandemic, and yet when I turn on the television reality strikes home.

We are so fortunate, my ninety-year-old Aunt is less so, she lives in Little Lever on the outskirts of Bolton, she told me at the time that it had the highest number of cases of Covid in Great Britain. To begin with she was on the shielding list and so didn't go out for three months. She was all excitement when her neighbours said they would take her out in June, only to be told that they were still in Lockdown, and they have continued to be in lockdown ever since. She has no television, no internet and is very deaf, but her main worry is that she won't be able to buy us any Christmas presents!

I think looking at someone like her helps us to put the inconveniences that we are experiencing at this time, into perspective.

After an enjoyable coffee morning in my back garden, with the appropriate Covid restrictions, we were looking forward to a breakfast at the same venue under the same restrictions, but obviously with the new rules it couldn't go ahead, and so we wait with anticipation for the lifting of the meeting in sixes restriction. Church services are happening, although less frequently, so please look at the rota because we would love to see you. There is, of course, mask wearing and hand sanitizing and one way traffic for communion - just the bread, but as we meet, we can give thanks that we are in a country where we are allowed to meet and worship freely, and we can do so knowing that wherever we are and however we may feel, Jesus is there in the midst of us.

*With love and prayers,
Revd Nicki Bland*

CHURCH SERVICES

Services for October 2020 - Subject to change!

Zoom ID 712447549

Password 022067

Zoom

On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays- 8.30 am Morning Prayer 5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sun 4th 8.00am - BCP Holy Communion

9.00 am - Parish Communion led by Great Staughton

Sun 11th 10.30am Benefice Harvest Festival,

Sun 18th 9.00am - Parish Communion led by Great Staughton

Sun 25th 9.00 am - Parish Communion led by Little Staughton

(Please note Sunday 1st November, All Saints' Day, there will not be a morning service in Hail Weston)

Hail Weston St. Nicolas

Sun 4th 10.30am - Parish Communion

Wed 7th 10.00am - Morning Prayer

Sun 18th 3.00pm - Creative Communion

Great Staughton St. Andrew's

Sun 25th 10.30am - Parish Communion

Little Staughton All Saints

Sun 18th 10.30am Parish Communion

St Nicolas' Parochial Church Council Hail Weston – Fundraising

We are all so aware of the limitations that Covid has brought to our lives. As a direct result of the restrictions fundraising for the cost of the Ministry together with upkeep of our church and grounds has been severely limited yet expenses still continue. Each year we need to raise in the region of £18000 in order to meet our commitments in full.

Anyone wishing to provide financial support can do so by cheque made out to “Hail Weston PCC”

These can be deposited in the donation box situated just inside the church to the right-hand side as you enter. (The church is open on Wednesdays and Sundays)

Cheques can also be handed to a PCC member or sent to Barry Easom, PCC Treasurer, 6 Barker Close, Hail Weston, PE19 5GG.(tel: 01480 217034 email: beasom@beasom.plus.com)

You can also contact Barry If you would like to make regular donations by standing order.

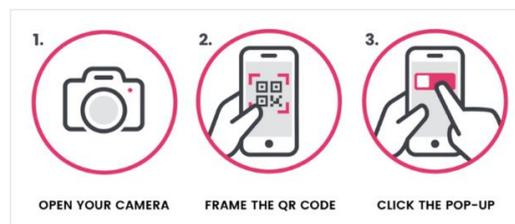
All conversations and transactions will be confidential and subject to General Data Protection regulations.

We are all being forced into a cashless society so technology is increasingly in use therefore donations can be made via the Tap & Scan application on smart phones and other internet connected devices.

On the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store download the Tap&Scan app. 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



You will 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.

St Nicolas Church Restoration Group

Like many other organisations, our fund-raising activities have, sadly, been somewhat curtailed during the Coronavirus pandemic, and at the moment, are unlikely to be resurrected in the near future. Until lockdown, the Restoration Group had been moving quite quickly towards the next phase of the restoration for St Nicolas, so it is disappointing and rather frustrating to find everything temporarily suspended.

In early January, we made an application for a big grant towards the cost of the first tranche of work that we hope to carry out. A decision should have been made in May by the funders, but this has been postponed now until October. We are anxiously keeping our fingers crossed that this will be successful.

We still need to fund-raise, and with the latest restrictions which came in on 14th September, perhaps we can help you and St Nicolas Church, to the benefit of both parties? Whilst we are all limited to meeting up with only 6 people at a time in our homes or gardens, other family members and friends still greatly appreciate some form of contact. We have some quality notelets available with a very pretty picture of the church on the front (from an original watercolour by Pat Turner), which cost £5 for a pack of 5 cards. Why not buy a couple of packs of cards to keep by you, so that you can send them to others who might appreciate receiving some post?

Please contact either Barry Jordan at barry.jordan1@btinternet.com (Tel: 01480 212289) or Anne-Marie Hamilton at annemarie@thewoodfarm.com (Tel: 01480 212772). We will be very happy to help.



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The 5 notelets are 6"x4", printed on quality, hammer effect card and blank inside. Each pack includes envelopes.

St Nicolas Church 100 Club 2020/21

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

1st prize	Ticket no. 61	Cindy Couzens	£50.00
2nd prize	Ticket no. 97	Jan Matthews	£25.00
3rd prize	Ticket no. 14	Richard Winser	£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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