



Neighbourhood Café

The date of the next café is
Sunday 19 April 3.30 - 5pm



If you don't receive emails about the cafe but would like to, please contact us at: hailwestonneighbourhood-cafe@gmail.com to ask to be put on to the updates list.

The HW Neighbourhood Cafe Team

HAIL WESTON VILLAGE HALL

is available for advance bookings

Further information is available on the Village Hall website:
www.hailwestonvillagehall.co.uk

Bookings: Liz Bacon
Contact: Bookingshwhv@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 15th of each month (7.00pm)

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ST NICOLAS' CHURCH, HAIL WESTON

April 2026

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Rector: In Vacancy

Churchwarden:

Mrs Elaine McCarthy Tel: 01480 474542

Village Contact for St Nicolas' Church:

Mrs Sarah Herdman Tel: 07724 512851

Services in the Benefice for April 2026

Please visit our website at www.swhw.co.uk to find out more about services and other activities.

All 10.30am services can be accessed via Zoom
ID: 380 915 8110 Passcode: 90Mn1s

Hail Weston - St. Nicolas'

Thur 2nd	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday - Benefice Lay led service
Sun 12th	10.00am	Benefice Communion
Sun 26th		No Service (Art Exhibition weekend)

Great Staughton - St. Andrew's

Fri 3rd	2.00pm	Good Friday - An hour at the Cross
Sun 5th	10.30am	All Age Communion by Extension
Sun 26th	10.30am	Parish Communion
	6.00pm	Benefice Evensong

Little Staughton - All Saints

Sun 5th	9.00am	Easter Parish Communion
Sun 19th	10.00am	Benefice Communion

A message from St Nicolas' Church Verger:

Dear Friends,

Already the daffodils are starting to fade, they came out very early this year and the sight of them has been a glorious reminder perhaps, that we live in a country where seasonal changes occur and for which we should rejoice. Yes! I know we are all fed-up with the wet weather, especially farmers whose fields are flooded or at best soggy and have been delayed in getting crops planted, but for the rest of us if we think of rain as liquid gold then we can be thankful that our climate is temperate.

The church celebrates several seasonal changes, one of which is Easter, the most important Christian festival time, and is the cornerstone of Christian faith. Easter Sunday which is the day of Resurrection, Renewal and Hope, marks the end of the 40 day Lent season.

HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP



7.30pm in the Village Hall

Tuesday 7th April

The Wildlife Trust

The management of our local nature reserves

A talk by Rebecca Neal, Communities and Education Officer for Beds, Cambs & Northants Wildlife Trust.

Tuesday 5th May

The National Gardens Scheme

A talk by Chris Damp about his involvement in NGS and the creation of his own garden in Bedford which we visited in August 2025.

Members £1.00 per meeting (annual membership £7.00/year), non-members £3.00 per meeting (certain meetings/events may cost more), light refreshments will be available for a donation and there will be a Raffle (4-6 prizes) including a garden centre voucher (£25)

Visitors always welcome

If you require any further information about the HWWGG please email Secretary Maggie Lakey on: tel_maggs2@225771mgl.co.uk

or telephone Chairman, Barbara Wallis on 07849 272915

Are you in need of transport to the hospital, doctors or other medical appointments shopping, exercise classes and social meetings?

Then

OUR COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME
run by the Volunteer Centre Huntingdonshire

is for
YOU

- Managed from our offices in Huntingdon, St Ives, St Neots and Ramsey
- Run by our own amazing volunteers who, in 2023 carried out more than 7,700 journeys, helping people get to their medical appointments and personal or social meetings
- This service is for anyone who needs to make essential journeys where no public transport exists.
- Charge of 45 pence per mile for the journey, based upon mileage travelled by the driver plus a booking fee of £2.
- Requests and more information can be made by calling your local office. St Neots is 01480 476047 or villager Chris Moon 07547636389

An Invitation to the Women of Hail Weston from
GREAT STAUGHTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

to join them for the following event:

Tuesday 14th April

'The Call of the Kingfisher' A year by the river

with speaker Nick Penny

Ladies interested in going along to the above event (7.30pm) at the Village Hall in Great Staughton or those interested in the coffee mornings and lunches please contact:

Barbara Wallis on 07849 272915

One way we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, bringing God's promise of new beginnings and eternal life, is by giving and receiving eggs - especially the *Chocolate* ones - symbolising new life. We see green blades rising from the buried grain bringing hope and joy and in the words of one of my favourite hymns at this time of year "*Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green*".

Easter though is a time for thanking God for giving us his only Son Jesus Christ and there will be many services in the 3 churches of the Benefice where we can give thanks for the sacrifice Jesus made to bring us closer to God. Hoping to see you at these services, see opposite page for times etc..

As we all look forward to the beautiful blooms of May, a happy and blessed Eastertime to all from St Nicolas' Church.

The Future of the Church Village Newsletter

After some 16 years of editing it, and after over 30 years of printing it Ruth Easom and Judith Clements, have both decided that October is the time to hand over these tasks of producing the Village Newsletter to others.

The Village Newsletter has been a great way for people to know what goes on in and around the village and is delivered by many volunteers to each household and many are also delivered to the surrounding villages, hence village events are so well supported.

It would be a shame if the sterling work done by Ruth and Judith over these many years, for which grateful thanks to them, is allowed to be lost. It has been suggested that news items could be put out electronically, however not everyone has access to this technology. If anyone feels they could take up the challenge of editing and/or printing the Village Newsletter, from October, please let Ruth or Judith know.

I'm sure that between now and October Ruth and Judith will be thanked many times for their years of dedication, but in the meantime
A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO YOU BOTH

Mary Deacon

St Nicolas Church Restoration Group

Invitation

On Saturday, 25th April and Sunday 26th April 2026, we are holding our second **Art Exhibition and Auction** in St Nicolas Church and also in the Village Hall at Hail Weston, from 11am. to 4pm on Saturday and 10am to 3.15pm on Sunday where there will be a wonderful opportunity to purchase a wide range of original artworks, prints and cards by some very talented local artists.

The weekend will conclude with an Auction of six original paintings, including one very special limited edition lithograph by HRH The Prince of Wales (now King Charles III) which comes with full provenance, and one of Hail Weston by Stanley Orchart amongst them - all of which have been very generously donated by the following: Mrs Val Matthews (on behalf of the late Terry Matthews), Christine Walkden, and Norman and June Hamilton. The Auction will take place at 3.30pm in the Church on Sunday and will be conducted by Andrew Wager, senior auctioneer at Bletsoes, Thrapston.

Entry to the Exhibition is free. We look forward to seeing you.

Urgent Advice sought

Do you use a hearing aid? If so, we would be very glad of your help. We need to know what support you need to enable you to use your hearing aid effectively and would be glad if you could either phone Anne-Marie Hamilton on 01480 212772 or email her anne-marie@thewoodfarm.com to help us to ensure that we provide you with the best and appropriate system in the church building which is currently undergoing Phase 3 of the restoration project. Thank you.

- 1. I need a hearing induction loop system to enable me to use my hearing aid effectively in the church building**
- 2. I need a Bluetooth system to enable me to use my hearing aid effectively in the church building**

AN EARLY RESPONSE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFULLY

RECEIVED. Thank you.

Anne-Marie Hamilton, Chairman

St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2025/26 Draw Year

The winners of the March draw are:

1 st prize	Ticket no 83	Janet Perrett	£50
2 nd prize	Ticket no 48	Barbara Wallis	£25
3 rd prize	Ticket no 118	Ants & Angie Mardlin	£10

Congratulations to all the winners!

St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2026/27 Draw Year

Dear Supporter,

The St Nicolas' Church 100 Club new draw year commences in April but it isn't too late to renew your membership or join. With an annual prize fund in excess of £1000 you could be one of our lucky winners!

We know that some of you have already set up a Standing Order to be paid annually and the ticket price remains at £25 per ticket. For those of you who have not set up a Standing Order and prefer not to, there are two other ways to pay:

1. Bank Transfer to Hail Weston PCC (£25 per ticket)
Sort Code: 30-94-47
Account Number: 02900623
Please use reference HW10026 and your name (e.g., Smith).
2. Cheque made payable to Hail Weston PCC or £25 in cash in an envelope marked 100 Club, along with your name. This can be posted through the letterbox of 20 Orchard Close, Hail Weston (Julie Dalley-water). If you would like it to be collected, please ring Julie on 07708085445 or email jmdwater@hotmail.com.

We welcome enquiries from newcomers to the village or anyone else who wishes to join the 100 Club to support our church.

We hope you will once again, support us and we wish you the best of luck!