

## **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



## **ST NICOLAS' CHURCH, HAIL WESTON**

### **January 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

**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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Dear Friends,

A new year - what will 2026 bring?

As I write this I am reminded of the words of O little Town of Bethlehem, which you may have sung over the Christmas season:

*The hopes and fears of all the years -*

Each new year is a time of hope and a time of reviewing the last year too. Some of us make resolutions, to change how we behave or our eating habits; trying to improve our wellbeing and make changes to our lives for the better.

Although we cannot predict what will happen, we do have some things coming up at Church:

The festival of the Epiphany is on 6th January, celebrating the coming of the Wise Men to visit the infant Jesus, bringing presents of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

To celebrate this there will be an **Epiphany Party at St Andrew's Church on the 10th of January from 10am - 12noon**

It's open to all the family.. toddlers, Primary school age, and there are activities and roles for older children, teenagers and of course parents too! There will be activities relating to the Three Wise Men and their gifts, cake and puppets. Fun for all!

If you want to bring your family, please let me know, tel. 474542

**On Sunday 11th January, at 3pm, here in Hail Weston, the annual Plough Service will be held followed light refreshments** - a special service celebrating our farming community and God's good earth that sustains us. It's always held in January and the plough is blessed, with the soil, seed and water. Do come and join us in church.

Wishing you every happiness for the coming year.

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is God's gift to you - that is why it is called **The Present!**

Make good use of it.

Elaine, your Churchwarden.

Please contact me about Weddings, Baptisms or Funerals, so that I can put you in touch with the clergy who will be able to help you, during the Vacancy.



## **HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP**

There is no meeting in January

**Tuesday 3rd February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**The Happy Brewer - can you use flowers and vegetables from your garden to make wine?**

**with speaker Stephen Black**

The annual membership of £7 will be due.

Visitors always welcome.

If you require any further information about the HWWGG please email Secretary Maggie Lakey on:  
[tel\\_maggs2@225771mgl.co.uk](mailto:tel_maggs2@225771mgl.co.uk)

or telephone Chairman, Barbara Wallis on  
07849 272915

An Invitation to the Women of Hail Weston from

## **GREAT STAUGHTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

to join them for the following events:

**Tuesday 13th January - Games Night**

**Tuesday 10th February - 'Rip & Burn'**  
Layered fabric textile pictures  
with speaker Lee Harris

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**



### **Neighbourhood Café**

**The next café will be  
Sunday 18th January 3.30 - 5pm**



**The café takes place in the Village Hall**

If you don't receive emails about the cafe but would like to, please contact us at: [hailwestonneighbourhoodcafe@gmail.com](mailto:hailwestonneighbourhoodcafe@gmail.com) to ask to be put on to the updates list.

The HW Neighbourhood Cafe Team

## **Services in the Benefice for January 2026**

Please visit our website at [www.swhw.co.uk](http://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'**

4th January	10.30am	Morning Praise
11th January	3.00pm	Plough Sunday
18th January	3.00pm	Creative Communion
25th January	9.00am	Parish Communion

### **Great Staughton - St. Andrew's**

4th January	10.30am	All Age Worship
11th January	10.30am	Parish Communion
18th January	10.30am	Parish Communion
25th January	10.30am	Parish Communion and 4.00pm Evensong

### **Little Staughton - All Saints**

4th January	9.00am	Parish Communion
18th January	9.00am	Parish Communion

## An Update from St Nicolas Restoration Group

I apologize for not being in contact recently, but there has been a great deal of work going on behind the scenes to get Phase 3 of the restoration work on St Nicolas underway.

All our plans have now been finalized and approved by the DAC in Ely. This has opened the way for us to formally apply for a faculty from The Chancellor in London, and we are now waiting to hear from him.

As many of you are already aware, our intention is to put a new, easy-to-use heating system into the church which will provide almost instant heat, is economical and can be easily controlled, improve the lighting and completely rewire the main body of the church as the current wiring is over 60 years old. In addition, we plan to install a new hearing induction loop and a new audio system, too, which will ensure that everyone can hear whatever is going on in the church, whether it is a service or a community event. We will also be putting in wiring so that, in the longer term, we will be able to show films in the church too, although we will have to fundraise further before we can purchase the projection equipment needed to do this.

Can I remind you that the church is available for use by anyone in the community when it is not needed for services. Some groups are already using it as it is a great venue. For further information/bookings, please contact the church warden, Elaine McCarthy on 01480 474542.

Finally, on behalf of St Nicols Church Restoration Group, I would like to thank you all very much for your ongoing support for the restoration work of our lovely medieval church, and wish you a very Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you at our planned events in 2026, including a weekend Art Exhibition on the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Anne-Marie Hamilton  
Chairman

## St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2025/26 Draw Year

### The winners of the December draw are:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	Ticket no 67	Ann Clark	£50
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	Ticket no 2	Rosemary Huckle	£25
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	Ticket no 96	John Folbigg	£10

**Congratulations to all the winners!**



After all our Christmas concerts, we are having January off! So there will be no meetings this month.

### New members welcome

Come and find your voice, in our friendly group

**For further details ring Elaine on 474542**

## Hail Weston Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025

The Poppy Appeal co-ordinator, Barry Harness, has reported a grand total of **£783.83** was raised from collections in the village: House to house £440.02, St Nicolas' Church £34.11; and the Royal Oak £309.70 (a wonderful increase on last year, helped considerably by the sponsored Pub Quiz).

Thank you to villagers for the generous donations.

