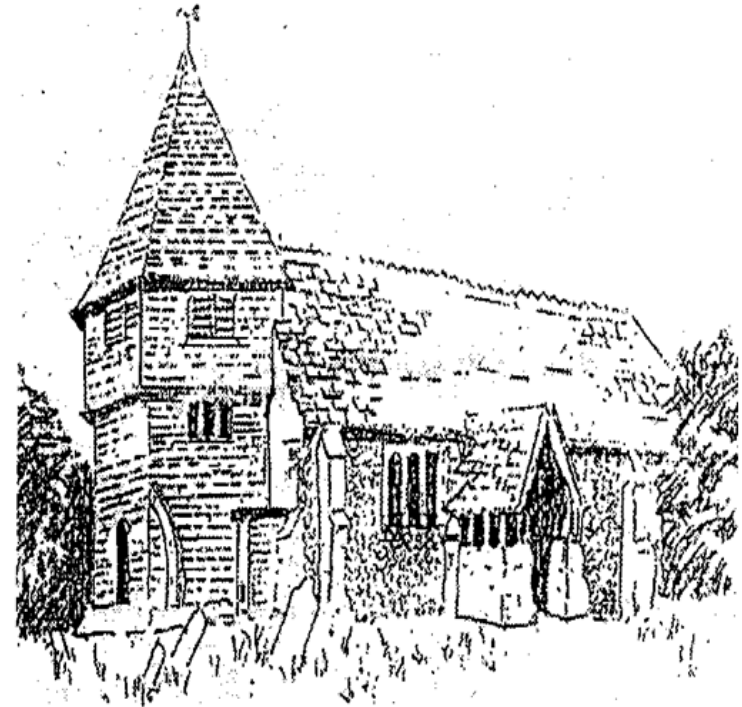


## THE VILLAGE HALL

**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 Sinclair (during pre-school session)  
on 01480 214574



**ST NICOLAS' CHURCH, HAIL WESTON**  
June 2021

## VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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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*

Life is beginning to return to something more like the life we were used to. The shops are open, we can have our hair cut and a meal out is not out of the question. Church is also open, and it is wonderful to worship together in person again. There is still the option of Zoom, however, for those who are unable to come to church and this will continue as long as there is a need. I am sure we are all looking forward to the hog roast at the Old Vicarage on June 27<sup>th</sup>, a time to meet up and have a good time with our neighbours and friends. There is also a Benefice Confirmation at Hail Weston on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June with Bishop Dagmar, the Bishop of Huntingdon.

As we step out of lockdown, I think of the people of Israel led by Moses through the desert, they didn't have a year of discomfort they had forty and it was Joshua who eventually led them into the Promised Land. Boris beware! They too did it by stages and before they entered the Promised Land they moved from their camp and stayed three days on the banks of the river Jordan. Why? Because they had been camped for many months at a place called Shittim and were accustomed to sedentary camp life. To take possession of the Promised Land they had to be ready to move and to change.

We have begun to accept the compromises in our lives, and it is quite difficult to make the changes necessary to get back to the life of business and hospitality. For us Christians we need to pray, to look forward and to re-align ourselves with God's will.

The change and the uncertainty that we have lived through these past months has taught us to become more dependent on God. The Israelites had to do that and when they didn't they suffered the consequences.

There are times, I am sure, in the last year that you have felt you were in a wilderness, there were times when you didn't feel God's presence or experience him like you once did but as we come out of lockdown or out of the wilderness hopefully you will feel God draw you closer to him and feel him alongside you as he walks with you as you take steps back to a reconstructed future.

*With love and prayers  
Nicki Bland*

## **Wanted: your views on health and care**

**What do you think about the health and care services you use? Good or bad, your views are wanted by Healthwatch.**

Healthwatch is the independent champion for health and care in Cambridgeshire. It listens to local people and shares their experiences to help improve NHS and care services.

### **The kinds of things you can tell us about...**

- Covid vaccinations - how did it go?
- Who's doing a great job? Your local dentist, pharmacist or district nurse?
- Visits to the GP - are video consultations working well or are you struggling to see your local doctor?
- Hospital waiting lists - we know many people are waiting for treatment and procedures. Tell us what would help you while you wait.
- Home care services
- Care homes
- Using the NHS 111 First service

### **Get in touch**

Give your feedback at

<https://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/share-your-views>

(Not online? You can also call 0330 355 1285 or text: 0752 0635 176)

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR JUNE 2021

All 10.30 am services can be accessed via Zoom

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### Hail Weston Community Led Plan 2021

Now that we are emerging from lockdown, we will shortly be launching the questionnaire for the new vision for the village following the highly successful inaugural Community Led Plan launched in 2016. This is YOUR opportunity to have your say about what you think about the village and how you think it could be improved in future.

In the next few weeks you will have the opportunity to complete an online survey that will look at all aspects of village life. The survey is open to all, irrespective of age, and it is important that everyone engages with the survey so we can have the best possible understanding of the views of Hail Weston residents.

We are actively encouraging everyone to complete the survey online in order to help the environment. However, it will be possible to have a paper version of the questionnaire if you are less comfortable with the online version. To encourage participation there will be a prize draw which you can choose to enter for the chance of winning a £100 prize.

In the next few weeks every household will receive information telling you how you can complete the survey.

We look forward to hearing your views!

### Hail Weston St. Nicolas'

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>** 10.00 am – Morning Prayer followed by 10.30am  
Coffee in the churchyard if the weather is good

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup>** 9.00am - Parish Communion

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup>** 3.00pm - Creative Communion

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup>** 9.00am - Parish Communion

### Great Staughton St. Andrew's

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup>** 8.00am - BCP Holy Communion  
10.30am - All Age Worship

**Sun 13<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am - Parish Communion

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am - Parish Communion

**Sun 27<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am - Parish Communion

### Little Staughton All Saints

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup>** 9.00am - Parish Communion

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup>** 9.00am - Parish Communion

## St Nicolas' Church 100 Club 2021/22 Draw Year

### The winners of the May draw are:

<b>1<sup>st</sup> prize</b>	Ticket no 27	<b>Val &amp; Keith Moran</b>	<b>£50.00</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> prize</b>	Ticket no 67	<b>Ann Clark</b>	<b>£25.00</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> prize</b>	Ticket no 111	<b>Claire &amp; Ian Hodge</b>	<b>£10.00</b>

**Congratulations to all the winners!**

## Hail Weston Playing Field Improvements

Playing field improvements works are to be undertaken and are scheduled to last 3 weeks.

The Installation of replacement equipment and some additional adult equipment is due to start on 11 June and is expected to be finished by 30 June. The playing field is expected to remain open throughout but will be subject to some items of equipment being unavailable.

This refurbishment is part-funded by the Hail Weston Parish Council and Huntingdon District Council.

Thank you in advance for your support and patience.

HWPC

For further details please email Phil Martin on [philhwpc@gmail.com](mailto:philhwpc@gmail.com)

## Hail Weston Neighbourhood Café in the Village Hall



The Hail Weston Neighbourhood Café is planning (current guidelines permitting) to reopen in July!

We are excited that we will be joined on this occasion by Hail Weston Wildlife and Gardening Group for its annual Plant Sale.

The committee have agreed that going forward, we will open on the 3rd Sunday each month as follows:

18 July  
15 August  
19 September  
17 October  
21 November  
19 December

To join our mailing list please email:

[hailwestonneighbourhoodcafe@gmail.com](mailto:hailwestonneighbourhoodcafe@gmail.com)

## HAIL WESTON WILDLIFE AND GARDENING GROUP Plant Sale

The Plant Sale will be held at the Neighbourhood Café on Sunday July 18 at the Village Hall. We will be very glad of donations of plants – divided perennials, shrub cuttings, any other plants that you would like to share. Maybe you will even have spare produce from your garden or allotment that you could donate. Details next month about where and when to deliver your donations.

More news to follow about planned Group events but another date for your diary is our visit to Gaynes Lodge Farm on July 6.

