

Public Access Statement

“We resolve to provide a community asset by making our Church building an accessible and safe place for members of the community to own and use, regardless of their faith position. We see our church space as a resource for the community.”

St Nicolas Church is open to all, and we welcome everyone to our church building. Our Church has been a well-used community asset since it was built in 1209. Apart from the use as a place of worship and church-related activities, the church building provides a community space for local community groups and for private hire.

Apart from when a church service is taking place, the Church is available for community use from Monday-Saturday 9-5, and also in the evenings. It is also available on Sundays apart from services. Exceptions include key religious festivals e.g Christmas/Easter, and marriages, baptisms and funeral which are pre-booked.

If any member of the public wishes to view the Church or use it for private prayer, outside the normal opening times (currently Wednesdays and Sundays every week), arrangements can be made with the Church Warden whose telephone contact number is displayed on the Noticeboard outside the front entrance of the church.

Disabled access is now available via the north door entrance, and the Church is fitted with an induction loop system for the benefit of hearing aid users. A public address system is used for all services. Plans have been prepared for Disabled Toilet facilities to be installed as soon as finance is available.

There is no car park attached to the church, but there are usually parking spaces available on the High Street, beside the church wall.

Information regarding booking enquiries is available on our Benefice website under the St Nicolas Church page. <https://swhw.co.uk> There is a contact form on the website.

Church Letting

Any application to use the Church facility for Community Groups or private family events must be made in writing to the Vicar and is subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Letting Policy, a copy of which is available from the Church Warden. The Church retains the right to refuse such applications if, for example, it is a political party with extremist views, or its use would not be appropriate in a place of worship.

The Hail Weston Parochial Church Council will continue to monitor this policy and adjust it in the light of circumstances and in consultation with regular user groups.

Signed  Dated: 16th November 2022