**The Benefice of St James, High Wych, St Mary’s, Gilston &**

**St Botolph’s, Eastwick**

**Sunday 18th May – 5th Sunday of Easter**

9.30am Holy Communion, St James, High Wych

11.00am St James PCC – APCM, St James, High Wych

4.00pm – 6.00pm Messy Church, St James, High Wych

One service will be streamed each Sunday. The services can be found on Facebook under Gilston & Eastwick Churches and/or St James the Great, High Wych.

*We will no longer be streaming the Family Service on the first Sunday of the month at St James nor will we livestream Messy Church or the Family Service at St Botolph’s.*

**MID WEEK SERVICES**

**Online Prayer meeting for the whole Benefice on Tuesday mornings at 9.30 am, please join us, a praying church is a growing church.**

**Prayer for Growth**

God of mission send your Holy Spirit to give vision in our planning, wisdom in our actions and power in our witness. Help our churches grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you and service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Please pray for those who are ill and those who care for them:**

Claire, Stephen, Ivan, Kathy, Val, Rae, Jeanette, Paul and Phyllis.

**And for the long-term sick:-**

Claire, Doreen, Malcolm, Wendy, Daphne, John and Kim, Millie, Jean, Mavis, Dan & Thomas.

*(The surnames have been removed to protect people under DBS best practise)*

**Recently Departed** - Pauline Feekery.

**Anniversaries of Death**

*(Please contact:* *christine.law2@btinternet.com* *and a name can be added)*

*Doreen Gayford, Hazel Davey, Rita Fellows.*

**For prayer this week**

* Alison Jackson our Priest in Charge and all of our ministry team, Judith our Reader, our Mission Enabler Rosemary Davis and all of our PCC members.
* Bishop’s Alan’s final service on 18th May, Bishop Richard, who is acting Bishop of St Albans now and Bishop Jane. Our Archdeacons, Janet, Dave and Charles and the whole process for appointing a new Bishop which is ongoing with all first consultations having happened.
* Parish of Bishop’s Stortford. St Michael. Parish Priest Derwyn Williams. Lay Minister Rob Kincke. Ass. Clergy Derek Hinge & June Knight..
* Our Compassion child – Elodia. She lives in Burkino Faso.

Please pray for a renewed Israel/Gaza ceasefire

Please pray for the peace talks about Ukraine/Russia.

Please pray for all those suffering from the earthquake in Myanmar. Please pray that people will give generously for this crisis, and that aid gets to those that need help.

Please remember the young people who come to Jim’s café. We pray that they will grow on their journey of faith with you Jesus.

**Please pray for all our young people taking SAT’s, GCSE’s, mocks and A levels over the next few weeks.**

**PARISH MAGAZINES**

**A big thank you to all who deliver our parish magazines**

If you would like to have an article printed in either of our Parish Magazines please contact:-

‘The Link’ for High Wych. Editor: Ali Geller - 01279 723677 or e-mail at: ali@alexgeller.com

Eastwick & Gilston Parish Magazine Editor:
Christine Law – 01279 411646 christine.law2@btinternet.com

**Copy deadlines for both magazines are the 14th of the month**

**This Sunday 18th May – 5th Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading:** Acts 11. 1-18 – pg 139 - NT

**New Testament:** Revelation 21. 1-6 – pg 280 NT

**Gospel:** John 13. 31-35 – pg 116 - NT

**Next Sunday 25th May – 6th Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading:** Acts 16. 9-15

**New Testament:** Revelation 21. 10, 22-22.5

**Gospel:** John 14. 23-29

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Janet Bellingham 01279 724247

**Gilston with Eastwick**: Michael Shaw 01279 726792

There is a vacancy for churchwarden

**Safeguarding Officer**:

**High Wych:** Cath Sharples 01279 600996

**Gilston with Eastwick:** Position vacant. Cath Sharples in interim

**Mission Enabler:** Rosemary Davis 01279 419763

**High Wych PCC Secretary**: Gemma Martin

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**Gilston with Eastwick PCC Secretary:** Christine Law

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**Forthcoming events for your diary**

**Online prayer sessions**

Tuesday mornings at 9.30 am. If you would like to join us for prayer please ask Rev Alison Jackson for the Zoom meeting details. Thank you.

**Coming Up in May**

Our new bible Study group will continue with the Alpha studies beyond the first 6 weeks and we hope many of you will join us.

The dates for your diary are:-

**19th May, 2nd June, 9th June, 23rd June, 30th June, 7th July, 14th July and 21st July.**

**Venue – The Rectory, 1 Dovedale, High Wych at 7.30 pm**

**31st May** – Christian Aid Big Breakfast – 9.00 am – 12 noon – Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall – min donation £5 – cash only.

**31st May** – Community Dog Walk from St Mary’s, Gilston at 2.30pm.

**31st May** - 4.00pm we have a **Village Cream Tea** event at St Mary’s, Gilston. Price £3.00 per person.

**Coming up in June**

**Confirmation preparation – 7.30 pm at the Rectory**

5th June (not 12thor 19th)26th June, 3rd , 10th , 17th, and 24th July.

Can you let me know if you are coming as I need to order books.