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

**St Botolph’s, Eastwick**

**Sunday 29th June– 2nd Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am Holy Communion, 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.**

**If you would like the Zoom link please e-mail Alison or Gemma. Thank you.**

**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 and Phyllis (now is hosp).

**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** -

**Anniversaries of Death**

*(Please contact:* *christine.law2@btinternet.com* *and a name can be added) Sandra Brewis, Ann Whitbread, David Iles, Dora Rogers, Jim Belton*

**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 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.
* 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 affected by the Indian plane crash.

Please pray for the escalating unrest and fighting between Israel and Iran.

There is a vacancy on the school governing body and we are looking for a Foundation governor to fill this position. If you are interested and would like to know more about it please talk to Rev Alison Jackson or Cath Sharples.

As many of you know David Brampton is stepping down in September. He has been invaluable to the smooth running of our finances for many years. More info later about how we say ‘thank-you’. However, if any of you are interested in taking on this role can you please talk to Rev Alison Jackson or Sam Clark.

**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 29th June – 2nd Sunday after Trinity**

**First Reading:** 2 Kings 2:1-2; 6-14 – pg 356/357 - OT

**New Testament:** Galatians 5:1; 13-25 – pg 203/204 - NT

**Gospel:** Luke 9:51-62 – pg 75 - NT

**Next Sunday 6th July – 3rd Sunday after Trinity**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 66. 10-14

**New Testament:** Galatians 6. [1-6] 7-16

**Gospel:** Luke 10. 1-11, 16-20

**Benefice Contacts:**

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**Church Wardens:**

**High Wych**: Sam Clark 07717542524
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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**

**Sue Saunders Interment of Ashes at St James Church in the Memorial Garden at 10.15 am Monday 30th June 2025. Friends Welcome.**

**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.

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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:-

 **30th June, 7th July, 14th July and 21st July.**

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

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

**3rd , 10th , 17th, and 24th July.**

**Coming up in July**

**13th July 3.30 pm Harlow Singers Concert – All Aboard!**

A collection of songs celebrating travel and adventure.

Free Admission – retiring collection.

**18th July, Snooker evening, Ganges Farm -6.30 for start at 7.00 pm**

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church for this very enjoyable evening. Please invite your friends.

Cost is £10.00 per person, light supper provided. BYO drinks.

There will be a raffle.