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

**St Botolph’s, Eastwick**

**Sunday 3rd August – 7th Sunday after Trinity**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion, St James, High Wych

9.30am Breakfast and 10.00am Family Service, 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, Phyllis and Peter (now home).

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

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

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

**Recently Departed** -

Audrey Collins (8/7/25)

**Anniversaries of Death**

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

**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 that war will cease between Israel/Gaza

Please pray that war will cease between Ukraine/Russia.

Please pray for all those families who have recently been

affected by accidents on the roads, or by plane, or by

flooding.

Please pray for the safety of children in the summer

holidays.

Please pray for all victims of crime.

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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.

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**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 3rd August – 7th Sunday after Trinity**

**First Reading:** Hosea 11:1-11 – pg 875/878 - OT

**New Testament:** Colossians 3. 1-11 – pg 216 - NT

**Gospel:** Luke 12. 13-21 – pg 79 - NT

**Next Sunday 10th August – 8th Sunday after Trinity**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 1. 1, 10-20

**New Testament:** Hebrews 111. 1-3, 8-16

**Gospel:** Luke 12. 32-40

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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**

**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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**Coming Up in August**

**Wednesday Welcome – 6th August 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm.**

We will have a summer holiday theme, complete with ice cream and we will be hearing from Dawn Newell about discovering Roman coins. Please bring an elderly neighbour or friend who maybe feeling a little lonely at the moment.

**Date for your diary**

**Charity BBQ in Derek’s garden. Sunday 14th September – more details to follow.**

**27th September – Debbie McGowan Organ Recital at St James from 7.30 pm – see poster. Tickets are £10.00 per person to include a free drink. Please tell your friends as Debbie’s music is not to be missed.**

**4th October 2025 – Scarecrow Festival thank you party at the Rectory – save the date – more details to follow.**