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

**St Botolph’s, Eastwick**

**Sunday 17th August – 9th Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am Holy Communion, St James, High Wych

Welcome to our churches of St James High Wych, St Mary’s, Gilston and St Botolph’s, Eastwick. Whoever you are, wherever you’ve come from, you are Welcome! If this is your first visit, please introduce yourselves to Rev Alison Jackson and stay for coffee after the service to meet others.

One service will be streamed most Sundays. 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, Rae, Phyllis (now in care home) 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*](mailto:christine.law2@btinternet.com) *and a name can be added: Roy Endersbee, Phylis Gibson, Sonia Wentworth-Stanley, Revd David Wright.*

**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 all war torn countries - for resolution and diplomacy.

Please pray for all those families who have recently been

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

flooding or storms.

Please pray for all those helping with disaster relief.

Please pray for the safety of children in the summer

holidays.

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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](mailto:ali@alexgeller.com)

Eastwick & Gilston Parish Magazine Editor:   
Christine Law – 01279 411646 [christine.law2@btinternet.com](mailto:christine.law2@btinternet.com)

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

**This Sunday 17th August – 9th Sunday after Trinity**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 5. 1-7 – pg 661 - OT

**New Testament:** Hebrews 11. 29-12.2 – pg 242 - NT

**Gospel:** Luke 12. 49.56 – pg 80/81 - NT

**Next Sunday 24th August – 10th Sunday after Trinity**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 58. 9b-end

**New Testament:** Hebrews 12. 18-end

**Gospel:** Luke 13. 10-17

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**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 September**

**Dates for your diary**

The Scarecrow Festival in the village of High Wych this year is Sat and Sunday 6th and 7th September. This is an action packed, fun filled weekend, if you would like to be involved in anyway please speak to Janet, Sam, Kate or Alison. We know at the moment we have gaps in manning the Jimmy’s toddler tent, and we always need help putting up the marquees on Friday evening 5th September.

There will be a short service of blessing for the Scarecrow Festival in St James on Friday 5th September at 7.00 pm

**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.

**Coming Up in October**

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

**25th Oct – Quiz Night at G and E Village Hall** – more details to follow.