**Welcome to the Benefice of St James, High Wych, St Mary’s, Gilston with**

**St Botolph’s, Eastwick**

**SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2025 17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Today’s Services:**

9.30am Holy Communion, St James

11.15am Harvest Service followed by Harvest Lunch, St Mary’s, Gilston

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 – pg 194**

**New Testament: Philippians 4:4-9 – pg 212/213**

**Gospel: John 6:25-35 – pg 105 NT**

**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31. 27-34**

**New Testament: 2 Timothy 3. 14-4.5**

**Gospel: Luke 18:1-8**

One service will be streamed on selected 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 live stream Messy Church or the Family Service at St Botolph’s.

**MID WEEK SERVICES**

Online Prayer meeting for the whole Benefice on Tuesday mornings at 9.30am, please join us, a prayer church is a growing church. If you would like the Zoom link please e-mail

Rev. Alison or Gemma Martin. 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.

**Remembering in our prayers:**

Claire, Stephen, Ivan, Kathy, Rae and Phyllis.

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

**Recently Departed**:

**Anniversaries of Death:**

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

Joy Dunn, Phyllis Kempthorne, John Marr, Doris Flowers, Adrain Blackaby.

**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 along with 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.
* Please pray for our new Archbishop of Canterbury,

Dame Sarah Mulally.

* 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 helping with disaster relief.
* Please pray for unrest and division in our own country, and the attack on the Manchester synagogue.
* Please pray for all recent natural disasters, earthquake in Afghanistan, flooding in Pakistan, earthquake in the Philippines.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

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