

St Thomas à Becket, Ramsey e-Bulletin 6 September 2026



Dear Friends,

Have you noticed anything different around Ramsey in the last week? The grass is turning green again! After a very dry summer, we finally have some meaningful rain bringing life to our landscape again. I can't imagine how difficult it must be for the farming community with changing weather patterns and the unpredictable nature of a changing climate. We should certainly keep all who farm in our prayers. But it is at least refreshing to see the colour green returning slowly...

We are in the second week of our Creationtide series exploring the ways in which we encounter God through the natural world. We are spending the following five weeks running up to Harvest exploring themes like climate, water, human beings and creativity, and of course Harvest Festival.

I began last week talking about Jesus' command to 'look' and 'consider' in Matthew chapter 6. Two greek words 'Emballo' - meaning (literally) to throw yourself into something (like putting yourself in someone else's shoes), and 'Katamathete' which means 'contemplation'. It's about using our imaginations, thinking carefully and slowly, and seeing with our eyes and our hearts, seeing God in the beauty of the earth.

In so doing, we see God's care of the world, how he holds everything in His hands, which in turn serves to increase our faith.

However, it is just as easy to see the damage humanity has done. And this week will explore both the challenges of a changing world, and how we are rooted in the hope that the earth really is the Lord's.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Three other brief notes:

1. Congratulations to all who helped make the Flower Festival happen. The displays were stunning, the refreshments delicious, and

the music provided a wonderful accompaniment to the festival.

Special thanks to Rachel Thompson for bringing it all together.

2. A note on reordering - the PCC are taking their time to thoroughly digest the written feedback from the Sunday at the end of July, and to make a plan that best serves the church. This isn't a straightforward process. Communication is one of our priorities, so please be assured that we will share further information once it is available. As always, we're very open to hearing your questions and views. Email reordering@ramseysandupwood.org
3. For those who found it a little noisier last week (our blue tee'd volunteers are having a well-earned break!), my sermon notes are attached for you. As the summer holidays come to a close, do pray for those going back to school, and for our volunteers starting up Sunday Fun again!

[Aug 30 Sermon](#)

Joe

Sunday Services:

Sunday 6 September

10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday Fun

5.30pm Evensong

Sunday 13 September

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Worship Together

Sunday 20 September

10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday Fun

5.30pm Evensong

Sunday 27 September

10.30am Worship Together

Readings for Sunday 30 August:

To be chosen from:

Psalm 8

Genesis 1

John 1: 1 – 3

CANCELLED – unfortunately due to slow ticket sales, Jazz on the Green has had to be cancelled for this Sunday. Please spread the word.

Becket Flower Group - Flower Festival 2026 - a huge thank you to all those who helped to organise this year's Flower Festival and also to those who helped in any way. Watch this space for a more-detailed update in next week's Bulletin!

Heritage Day: Sunday 13 September: once again we will be offering hospitality during Heritage Sunday. Please sign up at the back of church if you are able to help with refreshments, welcoming or even baking a cake. A reminder to let Jackie have any photos of church life from the 1960s or earlier. They can be sent by email or Jackie can scan them in.

Flower Demonstration: Tuesday 15 September in church. A demonstration of sustainable locally grown flowers by Chloe of Willow and Wreath and Amy of Acorn Flower Farm. Refreshments and raffle. Tickets £10 available from any committee member or flowers@ramseysandupwood.org.

Becket Seniors Lunch: Our next lunch will be on Wednesday 16th September. We invite you to arrive at 12.15 for a chat before eating at 12.30. Please sign up at the back of church or contact Val Molloy: 01487 710583 by **Sunday 13th August** at the latest. Followed by Holy Communion at **1.45pm**. Open to all. ***At this meeting, we will be asking members to fill in a new contact form. As part of our work to keep you safe, we will be asking for emergency contact details. Please bring these with you so that you can fill out the form.***

Concert for Uganda: Saturday 26th September 7.30pm. A concert by Nene Voices "Around the World in Song" in aid of FNKD. Tickets available on the door.

Clergy days off: as a general rule, Joe's day off is a Saturday.

Regular Activities:

- Mondays:** Toddlers 9.30am – 10.30am
3 in 1 (primary-aged) 3.30pm – 5pm (Scout Hut)
- Tuesdays:** Bellringing 7.30pm
Craft Group 2nd Tuesday of month 7.30pm
- Wednesdays:** Youth Space 3.15pm – 4.30pm (Term time)
Becket seniors 3rd Wednesday of the month 12.30pm
- Friday:** Choir practice 6.45pm
- Saturday:** Men's Breakfast first Saturday of each month.

Becket Flower Group meet throughout the year for events and to decorate the church for festivals.

For more information about the above activities, contact:

jackie@ramseysandupwood.org.

Bulletin items: please send all items for the Bulletin to
jackie@ramseysandupwood.org by noon Wednesday.

Pastoral Needs: if you have any pastoral needs or would like someone to pray with you, please contact Val Molloy: 01487 710583 or email
valmolloy@hotmail.com

Online Prayer meeting:

Monday to Friday at 8.30am. To join [simply click here](#) Download zoom and join in. Meeting ID: 837 2798 9081 Passcode: 702720

Prayers:

If you would like our morning prayer team to pray for you, please write your prayer on one of the slips from the prayer board at the back of the church and place the small wooden prayer box. Names can be added to the Bulletin Prayer list by notifying Jan Bowd or Jackie Southwell 07748 160833. They will be included for 2 weeks unless asked to be renewed.