

St Thomas à Becket, Ramsey

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Hello!

On Monday this week, we had our annual meeting. It was an opportunity to look back over all God has done in His church this year, to elect people to serve as Churchwardens and PCC members, and to look ahead to what God might have for us in the coming months and years. My thanks to all who came!

What stood out to me, is the buzzing life of this worshipping community. Each report spoke to some degree of growth and seeing something new happen. I believe God is at work in our church family and it's very exciting!

Of course there are challenges, but I was glad to offer a fuller picture of the PCC's work on Vision and Strategy, a plan that I hope will help us meet some of those challenges. There are A4 sized booklets with more detail now available in church. If you couldn't make it to the APCM, pick one up and have a read, and let me know your thoughts.

In terms of where we go next, it's important we don't rush. Jesus was never one to be rushed...

So rather than going straight to the 'doing', I want us to focus on 'being' first.

That means, I really want this Vision to be something we can own collectively. I would love it to become 'who we are' rather than just something we're going to do. Because ultimately, what we do comes from an understanding of who we are.

One of the fundamental underpinnings of the whole Vision and Strategy is the understanding that our church life revolves around three relationships, Up towards God, In towards each other, and Out towards Ramsey. Our Vision therefore is threefold:

We want to see:

God worshipped and glorified, a people filled with hope because they see God at work and more people encountering God for the first time.

A worshipping community that is diverse and generous in every way, constantly growing in love and hospitality for one another.

A positive impact in Ramsey because we reach beyond ourselves, nurturing new disciples and worshipping communities.

That's a broad vision, and who knows what it will look like in practice.

Wherever we go next, we want to go together, with God leading us forward. So please take the time to read and digest the booklets, and the question I will keep asking you is: Where do you fit in to this Vision and Strategy? What is God saying to you? Everyone has a part to play, it may be something you're already doing, it might be God gently prodding you towards something new. Whatever it might be, let's commit to owning this together. If you have any thoughts, concerns or questions, I'd love to hear from you.

Revd Joe Magill

Church in use Saturday 2 May 12.30pm – 3.30pm: please note the church will be in use for private services on this afternoon.

Services:

Sunday 3 May

10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday Fun

5.30pm Evensong

Sunday 10 May

8am Holy Communion (said)

10.30am Worship Together with Baptism

Sunday 17 May

10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday Fun

5.30pm Evensong

Sunday 24 May

10.30am Worship Together

3pm Fen Church

Sunday 31 May

10am Benefice service of Holy Communion

APCM

Adam Southwell and Rachel Thompson were elected as Church Wardens.

Rachael Bell-Berry and Glennis Brown were elected as Deanery Synod Reps.

Our Elected PCC members are:

Charlotte Clark

John Hayes

Lorraine Knight

Shan Oswald

Lynne Paul

Our Co-opted members are:

Jeremy Hyde

David Paynter

Free Fun Day: organised by Ramsey Town Council. Monday 4 May 12 – 4. Bring a picnic on Abbey Green. Refreshments available in Church. Help us celebrate the bio-diversity work that is taking place in the churchyard.

Melodies in May: Sunday 10 May at 3pm. A concert by Lizzie Peacock (harpist) and Janine Mitchell (vocalist). Tickets £10 to include refreshments in aid of church funds. Available from Richard Hyde 01487 812220.

Coffee morning: the church coffee morning at Jones Court (by kind permission) on Wednesday May 13th 10 - 12noon. Raffle and Bring and Buy. £3 to include refreshments.

Becket Seniors: Please note that Becket Seniors will be on the second Wednesday of the month, 13th May, due to volunteers' holidays. Please sign up at the back of church or contact Val Molloy: 01487 710583.

Rachel Harris from FNKD will be coming to speak to us at our 10.30 am service on 17 May. She will be telling us about her recent visit there and the work that has been taking place in the area. She will also have a stall at the back of the church selling items that she has brought from Uganda so come prepared!

Fen Church: Sunday 24 May 3pm in Upwood. We will once again be visiting the small sheep farm. Further details will be given at a later date. Don't be sheepish – come and join us!

The Summer Fete Saturday 6 June:

Once again we will be looking for helpers to volunteer with setting up and clearing away and helping to man the stalls.

Please can you start collecting items for the stalls:

- Books
- Bric-a-brac
- Toys and games
- Plants (time to get propagating!)
- Bottle Tombola
- Tombola – tins, toiletries etc.
- Jewellery
- There will be a cake stall – but maybe wait a while!

Please do not bring to church yet as we have nowhere to store donations. If you are able to help in any way, please speak to Adam. *Thank you.*

Bands on the Green: as soon as the Fete is over, its time for Bands on the Green. (The next day!) Throughout all of June and July Ramsey Town Council sponsor Bands on the Green on Sunday afternoons from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. We work in collaboration with the Council to offer refreshments and also a wet of hot weather venue if needed. This is an

excellent opportunity to offer hospitality to the wider community and to earn funds for the fundraising committee.

We are looking for volunteers to:

- Make cakes
- Be a chief steward
- Serve
- Wash up

on each Sunday. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of church if you can help. Many hands make light work. Thank you in advance. *Jackie*

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

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.

[Printable bulletin](#)

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

Prayer list:

Please pray for: Dilys; Doug and Maureen; Julie; Ian; Kay; Juliet and Philip; Janet; Vicki; Oonagh and her parents Matthew and Jade; Alan; Jill; Pauline Cook, Neville and Kay Palmer, Colin and Yvonne and Julia Hayes

Names can be added to the list by notifying Jan Bowd

janbowd298@btinternet.com or Jackie Southwell 07748 160833