

St Thomas à Becket, Ramsey e-Bulletin 4 October 2026



Dear Friends,

This Sunday, sees the last of our series of Creationtide services. Over the last few weeks we have explored God's creation in a variety of ways.

We have worshipped God through the beauty of creation, thought about the fragility of the world in which we live and our duty of care towards it, and we've explored how God has made us creative beings. Now we turn to praising and thanking God for his provision and the world he created for us.

One of the readings for our Harvest Thanksgiving service is Psalm 67. Within this Psalm we read -

'May the peoples praise you, God,
may all the peoples praise You.
May the nations be glad and sing for joy.
The land yields its harvest;
God our God blesses us.'

God has richly provided for us and it is right that we remember to give thanks for all that we have. In church, for many it would not be a Harvest Thanksgiving without singing the hymn 'We plough the fields and scatter'. This originated as a German harvest poem written by Matthias Claudius in 1782 and was set to music in 1800 by Johann Schulz. It was translated into English in 1861 by Jane Montgomery Campbell in 1861. Although she did not make a strict translation she did keep the essence of the poem - giving thanks to God for the harvest.

The harvest hymns and songs we sing remind us of a timeless truth, everything we have is a gift from God. We can turn the soil and plant the seeds but we cannot command the rain to fall or the sun to shine. God 'sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain'.

On Sunday, we will thank God for his great provision for us but also remember that the gifts we receive are not simply things we should keep to

ourselves. Throughout the bible we are reminded that God's blessings are to be shared. The harvest reminds us that there should be enough for everyone. During our morning service there will be a collection of goods which will be donated to Ramsey Food Bank. This is a very practical way of sharing what we have been given with others. Please do check the bulletin for information about what to bring.

What God gives to the earth can produce an abundance of good things. So it is with our lives. When we offer what we have to God and allow him to use it, he can take our small acts of kindness and generosity and use them to bring hope, comfort and joy to others.

So let us thank God for all that he has given us, let us care for the wonderful world he has entrusted to us and let us be generous people - generous with our possessions, our time and our love.

Amen Rachael

Sunday Services:

Sunday 4 October Harvest Festival

10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday Fun

5.30pm Harvest Festival Songs of Praise

Sunday 11 October

8.00am Holy Communion (said)

10.30am Worship Together

Sunday 18 October Harvest Festival

10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday Fun

5.30pm Evensong

Sunday 25 October

10.30 Worship Together

3pm Fen Church in the churchyard

Readings for Sunday

Psalm 67

Luke 12: 16 - 30

Hayley's Licencing: Hayley will be having her Licencing Service as an LLM at Ely Cathedral on Saturday 3 October at 2.30pm to be seated by 2.15pm. All are welcome to attend to support Hayley at this special service.

Harvest Festival: this Sunday, 4 October. During the 10.30am service, we will be collecting non-perishable goods for Ramsey Foodbank. In particular, they are after donations of apple and orange juice, sponge desserts, beans, tinned fish and tinned soup. In the evening at 5.30pm, we offer a warm welcome to Harvest Songs of Praise.

Bellringing: the 3rd and 4th October is the Hunts District quarter peal weekend when as many ringers as possible try to be part of a quarter peal band.

For many this is their first attempt, for others concentrating on a method for 45minutes refreshes their abilities.

On Saturday morning, Lori will ring in her first quarter for 25 years.

On Sunday we will ring before the morning service to celebrate Harvest Festival and also Lottie (Charlotte) and Harry's 30th birthdays.

Both quarters will be the method Plain Bob Doubles and we hope you enjoy listening.

Cathy Moulton and Harry Palmer, Tower Captains

Baby Loss Awareness Week: October 9th to October 15th. During this time, we are inviting people who have lost a baby or child to visit our prayer space for personal reflection and prayer. The week will finish with a service on Thursday 15th October at 6.30pm with the wave of light at 7pm.

Church Coffee Morning: Jones Court have kindly agreed to host a coffee morning on Wednesday 14th October from 10 -12. £3 entry. Raffle, tombola and bring and buy stall.

Becket Seniors Lunch: Wednesday 21st October. 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 18th October**. Followed by Holy Communion at **1.45pm**. Open to all. **We will be asking members to fill in a new contact form if you didn't complete**

one last month. As part of our work to keep you safe, we will be asking for emergency contact details. Please bring these with you.

Fen Church: our next Fen Church will be on Sunday 25th October at 3pm in the Churchyard. Come and join us for A Celebration of Light. Open to all. Please bring a reusable cup.

Love in a Box: our annual appeal for you to pack a shoebox with small gifts and lots of love is now underway. Covered boxes are available (if you don't want to cover your own) with leaflets explaining what is asked of you. You can also pack a 'Home' box, thinking about what would make life more lovely for the person holding the home together. A minimum donation of £3.50 per box towards the cost of shipping is requested.

If you feel unable to fill a box but want to be part of this wonderful event, then any monetary donations will be gratefully received.

The final day (Shoebox Sunday) will be on November 1st, so please bring your boxes to church by then.

Cleaners needed: as the winter approaches and the weather changes, the cleaning team work harder to maintain the cleanliness of the church.

Would you feel able to give about an hour each month to mop the ramp and clean the glass barrier alongside it?

The care these need puts a lot of extra cleaning time on those who are already keeping the toilets and kitchen sparkling.

Please let me know if you feel you would like to take up that part of being in our church family. Cathy Moulton cathy@moultonfamily.co.uk
07823484892.

Thank you from The Mission Committee: the concert by Nene Voices on Saturday raised over £400 and 12 people pledged sponsorship to help the work our church supports in Uganda. A young woman named Shallon will be able to train as a nurse because of this wonderful generosity.

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:

Please pray for Juliet and Philip Dyke and Doug and Mo Crane.

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 01487 829005. They will be included for 2 weeks unless asked to be renewed.