

**St Thomas à Becket, Ramsey**  
**e-Bulletin 15 February 2026**

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”*

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

Dear friends,

As we enter our final month with you, my family and I are becoming very aware of our “lasts”. In the next three weeks, I am so glad that the rotas give me the opportunity to lead, preside and preach one last time as your curate in each of our three churches: St Mary’s on the 15th, St Peter’s on the 22nd, and finally at Ramsey on the 1<sup>st</sup> March. I hope that each service will give time for thanksgiving and celebration of all that God has done among us over the past three and half years, and of the roles that God calls each of us to in the church: we are all part the body of Christ, each with gifts and callings as unique as we are.

It’s not easy leaving a community where we have made friends, been loved and supported by many people, worshipped alongside you all and invested in the town and village communities as best we can. We have experienced lots of memorable firsts here too! This will always be the place where I was first licensed as a deacon, and later ordained priest, stepping into a calling that had been years in the making, discerning and training, and now finally taking up that role for the first time amongst you. You were the congregation who I had the privilege of sharing communion with for the first time presiding at the Eucharist, just a few months before a “first” that Toby and I will never forget: the birth of our beautiful daughter.

We are excited for all that is ahead when we move to Herefordshire in March. New responsibility and opportunity for me, as I become Rector of four rural churches; new prospects and experiences for Toby, as he takes up a job as Gardener with the National Trust nearby; new friends and community for Vera as we settle into village life, with sheep directly behind our Rectory, and Granny and Grandad just a 30-minute drive away. We have felt God’s guiding hand leading us one step at a time, and we have been amazed to see things fall into place one by one.

I hope you can join us for the Benefice service and bring and share lunch at 10am on 1<sup>st</sup> March at St Thomas a Becket, when we will be able to say our goodbyes to you personally.

With our love and best wishes for the future to you all, *Maggie*

### **Services**

**February 15** 10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday Fun  
4.30pm Evensong

**February 18 (Wed)** 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service

**February 22** 10.30am Worship Together

**March 1** **10am** Benefice Service followed by bring and share lunch  
for Maggie's farewell

**March 8** 8am Holy Communion (said)  
10.30am Worship Together

**Farewell to the Tate-Druiffs bring and share lunch:** if you are coming to the lunch, please see the sign-up sheet at the back of church for what to bring. Please sign against what you can offer, or add something we may not have thought of! Please note that due to numbers, this will be a **finger buffet**. *Thank you.*

**APCM and Electoral Roll Revision 2026:** This year's APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) is to be held on Monday 27 April 2026 at 7.30pm. Prior to this, the Church Electoral Roll needs to be revised. Notice is given that the revision period will be between Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Please note this is NOT a renewal. If you are already on the roll, you do NOT need to reapply, but you may want to check that you are on it. If you are not the Church Electoral Roll, please do consider joining. This is your chance to have your say in how the church is run by voting at the APCM. It can also affect the number of people we are allowed on our PCC (Parochial Church Council). You can also have the added bonus of a free pass to Ely Cathedral! Forms are available at the back of church. Once filled in, please post in the black

internal letter box at the back of the church. For any further information, please speak to Ian Bell-Berry, our Church Electoral Roll Officer.

**Classics for All:** Our next concert is by concert pianist, Julian Saphir on Saturday 28 February at 7pm. Tickets £15 available from Richard Hyde 01487 812220 or Jane Cusworth 01487 814984 or on the door. Raffle and refreshments. Sponsored by Butler Smith Piano Carriers and Kawai.

**Sunday Fun:** our Sunday Fun is flourishing. We are still looking for a volunteer to lead our youth (ages 11–17) on a monthly basis. Support and training will be provided. If this is something you feel a calling for, please speak to Hayley.

**Cakes:** just a reminder we are asking for volunteers to make cakes for after Sunday services. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

**World day of Prayer:** this will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Church in Newtown Road.

**Ramsey Neighbourhood Plan:** the consultation period is between 19 January and 9 March. Details of where to find the draft plans and how to respond are in a letter at the back of the church.

**Pancake Morning:** Upwood St Peter's Church invites you to its Pancake event. Wednesday 18th February 10:30 - 12:00 in Upwood Village Hall. Tickets at the door - £6 (£3 for Primary school children) and Free for under 5's

Tickets include a pancake with filling & tea or coffee. Gluten free friendly available for cakes and pancakes. Contact Anne Marie

[amcracknell106@gmail.com](mailto:amcracknell106@gmail.com) or text: 07484 294155

<https://www.facebook.com/UpwoodRaveleys>

**Clergy days off:** as a general rule, Joe's day off is a Saturday and Maggie's day off is a Friday. Please take note of this if you wish to speak to clergy on either of these days.

## **Regular Activities:**

- Mondays:** Toddlers 9.30am – 10.30am  
3 in 1 (primary-aged) 3.30pm – 5pm (Scout Hut)
- Tuesdays:** Bellringing 7.30pm  
Craft Group 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month 7.30pm
- Wednesdays:** Youth Space 3.15pm – 4.30pm  
Becket seniors 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:jackie@ramseysandupwood.org).

**Bulletin items:** please send all items for the Bulletin to

[jackie@ramseysandupwood.org](mailto: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](mailto: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; Jennifer and Simon, Pauline Cook, Glen Dawkins and Neville Palmer

Names can be added to the list by notifying Jan Bowd 01487 822418

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