

St Thomas à Becket, Ramsey e-Bulletin 13 September 2026



Dear Friends,

Water is an important part of life. We and almost all living things need it to stay alive. We drink it, prepare food with it, clean ourselves and our surroundings with it and look after our plants with it. Many people like to travel to the seaside for holidays or days out. We have had a summer of limited rain, with brown lawns, reduced crop yields and hosepipe bans. A new reservoir is planned near Doddington which will have an impact on the people living and working near there. Some impacts of this will be good, some will result in changes to lives and livelihoods.

Rain has started to come and it has been good to see plant life recovering from the loss of water (even if I got wet on my bike on Tuesday morning). In church we use water symbolically, in baptism and the washing of feet on Maundy Thursday. The Bible reading from Ezekiel 47 is part of a long passage describing Ezekiel's vision of a new temple. The section we are to read describes a stream flowing from the entrance to the Temple, growing as it flows. It will make the Dead Sea fresh, it will provide fish, with trees taking up the water to provide food and healing leaves. The prophet saw water as a powerful source of life and cleansing.

This Sunday we will reflect on water in our lives and the spiritual insights we gain from water.

With best wishes, *Adam*

Sunday Services:

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 13 September:

Ezekiel 47 v 1-12

2026 Flower Festival - Song Lyrics in Blooms: What a fabulous weekend we enjoyed over the Bank Holiday with many visitors enjoying what was on offer! We believe we had well over 750 visitors this year. Thank you to every single member of our congregation who supported us in any way - those that used the cafe, those that provided cakes, those that provided raffle prizes (the raffle hampers provided great prizes), our very own musicians, stewards, cafe helpers and flower arrangers.

A grand total of £3,762.27 has been raised although we do still have minor expenses to consider ie food bought for cafe lunches etc. Lots of hard work paid off in many ways.

Becket Flower Group with the help of the St Thomas a Becket Community really do make this Festival fabulous for our townsfolk and others. We all play our part and God's will is done.

May we all feel blessed and give thanks to God for making this possible.

Becket Flower Group - *Rachel, Debs, Lynne, Judith, Mimi, Sandy, Barbara, Rosemary and Debra*

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.

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.***

U3A Climate Group: On Wednesday 23 September, the U3A Climate Group are organising a follow-up meeting to their National Emergency Briefing film showing back in July.

At 6pm the film will be reshowed (hopefully with working sound). Following this, there will be discussion based around “What can we do next?” There will also be input from the Mayor of Ramsey, Val Fendley, on the role of Ramsey Town Council in this area.

Tickets are free but can be booked online by following the link:

<https://buytickets.at/u3aclimategroup/2394333>

Love in a Box: Schools are back and so our thoughts turn to those children who have so little when we have so much.

Our annual appeal for you to pack a shoebox with small gifts and lots of love will begin next week.

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.

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.

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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.