

St Thomas à Becket, Ramsey
e-Bulletin 15 March 2026



Dear Friends,

This Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent. We are more than half way through our period of reflection running up to Easter. It is commonly known as Mothering Sunday, or in secular life it is good to celebrate our mothers and to let them know how important they are.

The origins of mothering Sunday are probably to do with a return to home of agricultural labourers and domestic servants who had had to move to seek livelihoods. It is important to remember our roots, and particularly important to honour and celebrate those who made us the way we are. Mothers are often the biggest influence in a child's earliest years.

Our gospel reading (in John 9) is about one of the blind men Jesus healed during his earthly ministry. It's a story that starts simply and gets more complex. In my reading of the passage this time, I was struck by "I am the light of the world". In our spiritual journeys, every so often, we need to return home and think about the core of our faith. We need to find words and actions that show a world that needs a lot of light that Jesus has the answers.

So, today we remember and celebrate our mothers, and we think of our Christian roots, with Christ the light of the world.

Best wishes, *Adam*

Sunday Services:

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| March 15 | 10.30am Holy Communion
4.30pm Evensong |
| March 22 | 10.30am Worship Together |
| March 29 | 10.30am Palm Sunday |
| April 5 | (See list for Holy Week on next page) |

Services for Holy Week

Monday 30 March

7.30pm Ecumenical service for Holy Week

8.45pm Compline

Tuesday 31 March

7.30pm - service at Ramsey Methodist Church

8.45pm Compline

Wednesday 1 April

7.30pm - Service at Sacred Heart Catholic Church

8.45pm Compline

Thursday 2 April

7.30pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

Friday 3 April

10.30am Service on Abbey Green following the Walk of Witness

2.00pm At the Foot of the Cross, Ramsey St Mary's Church

7.30pm Taize Service

Sunday 5 April

6am Easter Sunrise Service at Ramsey Rural Museum

10.30am Parish Communion

7.30pm Songs of Praise

APCM and Electoral Roll Revision 2026:

APCM in church Monday 27th April 7.30pm.

Electoral Roll: if you are not already on the Church Electoral Roll, now is the time to sign up. Forms in the blue folder at the back of the church.

Reports for APCM: Ahead of the meeting, Jackie will be compiling reports from the different groups in church along with the statutory reports. Please submit to Jackie by Monday 6th April
jackie@ramseysandupwood.org

Becket Seniors Lunch: we are looking forward to resuming lunches on Wednesday 18th March at 12.30pm. If you would like to join us, please sign

up on the sheet at the back of church, or through Val Molloy 01487 710583. Please note, places are limited to 30 people.

Swearer's Mothering Sunday Tree of Remembrance: Swearers have installed a small tree in church for those who wish to remember mothers no longer with us. You may write a message on a flower to hang on the tree.

Spring Clean March 2026

Volunteers required to help with a Spring Clean ensuring the church is ready for a glorious Easter celebration! Anyone willing and able to join a work party:

Thursday 19 March from 2pm

Friday 20 March from 9.30am

We break the tasks down into smaller sections so you can select something that suits you and the time you can give. Tea and coffee break essential on each day! Please can you let me know if you will be able to help out as this allows me to make suitable plans. *Rachael Thompson*

Concerts: we are hosting two concerts.

Ramsey Choral Society Saturday 21 March 7pm Mozart Coronation Mass. Further details from Jackie or Adam Southwell.

Peterborough Opera: Saturday 28 March 4.30pm If Music be the Food of Love. Further details from Martin Muir.

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.

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.

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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

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, Glen Dawkins, Neville Palmer, Colin and Yvonne, Julia Hayes and June Edwards

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