

St Thomas à Becket, Ramsey e-Bulletin 10 May 2026



Dear Friends,

In our two New Testament readings, we have two reflections on what it means to follow God. In Acts we read of Paul addressing the people of Athens. He has seen a shrine “to an unknown” God, he tells them that God does not live in shrines or artistic representations. He is close to all, we are all God’s offspring and we need a life of repentance.

In John’s account of Jesus’s teaching, we are told that Jesus is in the Father and we are in Christ. If we love Christ, we will follow his commandments. A chapter later we are told that Jesus’s commandment is to “love one another as I have loved you”. Loving our neighbours is part of our church’s vision. We cannot serve God in our own strength, this is why we have “helper” or the Holy Spirit come to be part of us all to support us in our own journeys of faith.

On Sunday we welcome another family for baptism, this is one way of sharing the love of God and marking the start of another person’s journey through life and faith. Best wishes, *Adam*

Services:

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

Evensong at Ely Cathedral: this Saturday, 9 May, a small number of our choir are taking part in the Diocesan Choir Festival at Ely Cathedral and will be singing at Evensong at 5.30pm. All are welcome to attend the service.

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.

Craft Group: on Tuesday 12 May at 7pm in church Gina Morgan a UK dōTERRA Wellness Advocate will be giving a talk about essential oils, and how some can be incorporated into daily life to help benefit health and wellness. We will have chance to experience them too. (Gina will be wearing a microphone so everyone can hear her.) There will be tea, coffee and cake too. £10 per person payable on the night. Please let Judith Hyde or Rachel Thompson know you would like to come."

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: The fête is now next month on Your fête committee has been working hard to organise an event that will bring the community together and raise funds to support the work of our churches in our communities.

On the day of the fête, we need help to set up and take down the stalls. We would like a team to set up the green from 9.30am until 11.00. This will involve unloading tables and chairs from the trailer and setting them out. We will also need to set out the arena and the chairs around it. We definitely need some folk with muscles, but there are also jobs that do not involve muscles.

At 4.30, we clear the field, reload the trailer and tidy everything. We need a small party to accompany the trailer to the museum to help unload the tables so that they can go back into storage.

Please fill in the forms at the back of the church if you are able to help with this.

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.

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.

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