

St Thomas à Becket, Ramsey e-Bulletin 31 May 2026



Dear Friends,

This Sunday is Trinity (Tri-unity) Sunday and, so the story goes, the vicar goes away on holiday, leaving the curate to wrestle with trying to explain the mystery of our three-in-one God! We have no curate and Joe will be at the Benefice Service starting at 10am. No pressure then Joe.....

The Christadelphian church, that I once attended, did not believe in the Trinity. For them God was a single entity (the Father): Jesus was his son and didn't exist before his birth and the Holy Spirit was God's power. (This same argument was called Arianism in the 4th century!). Certainly, in the early church there were MANY heated debates and iterations about the nature of God:

- Initially -God is a single static figure
- Ah, but, how do we reconcile this with the worship of Jesus?
- Maybe Jesus and Holy Spirit are subordinate to God?
- The relationship between Son and Father is key and the Holy Spirit is separate?
- 3 separate Gods?
- The Nicene Creed

In the 4th century the mystical, Turkish Cappadocian fathers asked people of faith to imagine three separate 'persons' but then to merge them into one being. By doing this they hoped to solve the theological crisis of their era by viewing the Trinity as a community of love, unity and mutual sharing—a mystery beyond our understanding. The Ancient Church used the word *perichoresis*, which is a Greek term that literally means 'going around' or 'making room for', to describe how the Father, Son, and Spirit live in, through, and around each other. Just as the three persons of the Trinity work in perfect unity, you are called to this eternal 'dance' of divine love

and relationship. As a result, you can bring healing, peace, and harmony to your families, community, and workplaces.

Metaphors can try and help us understand this abstract concept – things like the clover leaf, the three states of water or three circles overlapping (Venn diagram) or even to gravity. As a scientist I like gravity the best! Both are powerful, unseen, and essential forces. Gravity holds us to the Earth, and the Trinity holds our spiritual universe together, making a personal relationship with God possible. These metaphors aren't perfect, and maybe help a bit, but the truth is you need to understand God with your heart and not your head -quite a challenge for me!

In the end, the Trinity is not really something that you can hope to understand. It's an attempt to do justice to a God whose love and presence you can know here and now. I would suggest that understanding this mystery is less important than asking why our faith teaches this mystery – what does it mean **to you** that God is three in one?

Happy thinking! *Shân*

Sunday 31 May

10am Benefice service of Holy Communion at **Ramsey St Mary's Church**

Sunday 7 June

10am Parish Communion

5.30pm Evensong

Sunday 14 June

8am Communion (said)

10.30am Worship Together with Baptism

Summer Fete Saturday 6 June:

New request: if anyone has a gazebo we can borrow for the Fete please could you let Adam or Jackie know? We are looking for several offers.

Please bring any of the following donations to church during the week and store in the pews in the left-hand aisle as you walk into church.

- 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!

Bands on the Green: thank you to all those people who have signed up to help. A great response so far.

We are looking for volunteers to:

- Make cakes
- Be a chief steward
- Serve
- Wash up

Please sign up on the sheets at the back of church if you can help. . *Jackie*

Flower Arrangement Demonstration: Tuesday 9 June 7pm in church by Adrienne of Battersea Bloem, Cambridge. Focusing on large arrangements using sustainable materials. Tickets £10 in advance from flowers@ramseyandupwood.org or any member of Becket Flower Group. Price includes, punch or tea/coffee and nibbles.

Becket Seniors: Our next lunch will be on Wednesday 17 June. Please sign up at the back of church or contact Val Molloy: 01487 710583. There will be a short service of Holy Communion afterwards for those who wish to stay.

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, Neville and Kay Palmer, and Julia Hayes
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Names can be added to the list by notifying Jan Bowd
janbowd298@btinternet.com or Jackie Southwell 07748 160833