

## St Thomas à Becket, Ramsey e-Bulletin 7 June 2026



It's a busy time of year. At the time of writing, the fête is still to happen and we're looking anxiously at the weather forecast, wondering what shape it will take. If you read this online you will get it before the fête, if you get a paper version you may not read this until after the event.

Our hope is that the fête will give us an opportunity to draw the community in to us, to enjoy a social event to meet us, and spend some money to support the work our churches do (and the work of our stall holders). On the next few Sundays, we will offer hospitality with teas for the bands on the green.

Our reading on Sunday comes from Matthew chapter 9. This is a busy section in the middle of the gospel, among many miracles, we read of Jesus calling Matthew (the tax collector and gospel writer), then dining with those who were not welcomed by the Jewish religious leaders (aka sinners). Jesus then heals a ruler's daughter and a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage (so probably "unclean") for 12 years. A thread through many of the healings, and the dinners with the tax collectors is that Jesus's ministry and teaching was not for a holy huddle in the synagogue, but for all people, those who the religious leaders ignored or looked down upon.

The fête and the band teas are times when we offer hospitality and fun to anyone in the community, and they are times when we raise funds to help with our work in the community.

If you have helped, or about to help with the fête, thank you for supporting our work. If you supported the fête by buying a piece of cake and a coffee, thank you.

Best wishes

Adam

### **Sunday 7 June**

10.30am Parish Communion

5.30pm Evensong

### **Sunday 14 June**

8am Communion (said)

10.30am Worship Together with Baptism

### **Sunday 21 June**

10.30am Parish Communion

5.30pm Evensong

### **Sunday 28 June**

10.30am Worship Together with Baptism

### **Summer Fete Saturday 6 June:**

If you are reading this before the Fete, do come along. There will be plenty of stalls and activities for you to take part in. Any help greatly received from 9.30am onwards and again after the Fete at 4.30pm.

**Adult baptisms and the renewal of baptism vows:** On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June, as part of our 10:30 service, we are very excited to be offering a service of baptism for adults, as well as the opportunity to renew baptismal vows. Baptism is one of the central rites of the Church, it is how we publicly express our faith, and the conscious decision to turn our lives towards Christ. There is powerful symbolism in leaving our old selves in the water, and being raised with Christ to new life. For that reason we are hoping to have a small pool of some sort at the front of church.

If you **haven't** been baptised before, and would like to be baptised on this Sunday, we'd love to hear from you! There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church, or you can speak to Revd Joe.

If you **have** been baptised, perhaps as a child, and would like to renew your baptismal vows, we are also inviting people to do so in one of two ways:

1. Publicly alongside the adults being baptised, or
2. More subtly with the wider congregation.

I will be giving more information about how this will work practically on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. For now, we just need to know whether you would like to either be baptised, or to renew your baptismal vows. Please take some time to prayerfully consider whether this is for you now.

The sign up sheet is already at the back of church, please put your name down, and we will be in touch with you. Alternatively, email me Revd Joe at [joe@ramseysandupwood.org](mailto:joe@ramseysandupwood.org) - I'd love to hear from you.

### **Bands on the Green:**

We are hosting the Peterborough Concert Band this Sunday, 7 June, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm sponsored by Ramsey Town Council. As a church, we will be offering hospitality by serving teas/

**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@ramseysandupwood.org](mailto:flowers@ramseysandupwood.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.

### **Sunday Refreshments Rota:**

We are running a little short on volunteers to help set up, serve and clear away refreshments on a Sunday morning. If you think you could help once every couple of months, please speak to Rachael Bell-Berry or Jackie.

**St Mary's Church Strawberry Tea:** Saturday 27 June 3pm to 5pm at 306 Uggmere Court Rd, Ramsey Heights. Adults £5, children free. Scones, raffle and games for children.

**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 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.

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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](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; Pauline Cook, Neville and Kay Palmer, and Julia Hayes

Names can be added to the list by notifying Jan Bowd [janbowd298@btinternet.com](mailto:janbowd298@btinternet.com) or Jackie Southwell 07748 160833