

St Thomas à Becket, Ramsey e-Bulletin 8 March 2026



Hello!

This Sunday is the third Sunday of Lent. Three weeks has gone pretty quick...I wonder how you're doing with your daily Draw Near reflections? Perhaps you've been using the booklets from church, or maybe you use the Everyday Faith app? Whatever you use, it's great to Draw Near to Jesus together.

If you're not managing daily reflections, don't panic! The point of having daily reflections isn't to obsessively ensure that we read it each day – otherwise it can easily become a box-ticking exercise. But God isn't a box to be ticked and this relationship isn't transactional, as if we do our daily reflections and God decides to love us more or be more present in our lives.

Drawing Near, is rather about building healthy spiritual habits like quiet times, prayer, reading our Bibles, reflecting with others, reading, drawing, meditating; habits that keep us moving towards Jesus, rather than away from Him. Because life is never static, it's fluid. Things happen, we're affected by what goes on around us, locally and globally. We're rather like a boat in the ocean. If we switched off the boat's engine, we wouldn't stay still, we'd be carried by the currents and waves and end up somewhere different, not where we want to be.

Drawing Near is getting into the engine room and getting our spiritual motor going - helping us build those spiritual tools and habits that give us stability and control, so that rather than being tossed about by the waves (and there are some pretty big waves going on in the world right now), we fix our eyes on Jesus and know clearly where we're going.

So, keep going! Don't worry if you've only managed a couple, or even if you haven't started yet. There's always time, and know that any time you set aside to be with Jesus, even just five minutes, it will be the most valuable time of your day.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, we're back to our usual pattern with Worship Together at 10:30am. With something a little bit special this week...

Revd Joe Magill

Services:

March 8 8am Holy Communion (said)

10.30am Worship Together

March 15 10.30am Holy Communion

4.30pm Evensong

March 22 10.30am Worship Together

March 29 10.30am Palm Sunday

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

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: 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.

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*

Lent lunch at St Mary's Church: We are hosting a Lent Lunch on Saturday 7th March from 12 - 1.30pm in St. Mary's Church. There will be a selection of delicious homemade soups with breads and cheeses then hot drinks will be served.

Everyone is very welcome to share this frugal Lent lunch. Please do invite your friends and neighbours to come along and join us. Thank you.

Donations to Charity.

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.

World day of Prayer: this will be held on Friday 6th March 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Church in Newtown Road.

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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