

St Thomas à Becket, Ramsey Bulletin 18 October 2026



Dear Friends,

This Sunday we continue our series of services where we reflect on saints and influencers instrumental in forming the church.

This week, we think about Lydia.

Following a vision, Paul and his team went to Macedonia, and the city of Philippi. On the Sabbath, they went to the riverside where they hoped to meet Jews gathered for prayer. They were successful in this, and met a group of women, among whom was Lydia, who dealt in purple cloth. Lydia already worshipped God in the Jewish tradition, but listened to the words of Paul with an open mind. Baptism followed, then Lydia invited Paul and his team to stay with her.

Later in his stay in Philippi, Paul and Silas were arrested and put in prison. The famous earthquake and conversion of the jailer happened. After their release, Paul and Silas returned to the home of Lydia to offer words of encouragement to the believers before leaving on the next stage of their journeys.

Hospitality offered led to the formation of a branch of the early church. This was a church sufficiently significant that Paul later wrote them a letter of encouragement from prison. Influence and growth don't just come from preaching and leading worship but from hospitality in all its forms.

Have a good week

Adam

Sunday Services:

Sunday 18 October

10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday Fun

5.30pm Evensong

Sunday 25 October

10.30 Worship Together

3pm Fen Church in the churchyard

Sunday 1 November

10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday Fun

4.30pm Evensong

Sunday 8 November

8am Holy Communion (said)

10.30am Worship Together

2.30pm Remembrance on the Green followed by service in Church

Readings for Sunday

Acts 16: 6 – 15

Luke 10: 1 – 12, 17 – 20.

Church data base: over the next few weeks I would like to build up the church data base as we have lots of new people worshipping with us. If you have not signed up with us, please see Jackie and she will give you a card to fill in. There will be a list of names (no other data) of those people who are already in the data base at the back of church. Please note, if you are signed up to the Bulletin by subscribing from the website, this does not add your details to our data base as it only collects your email address. Thank you. *Jackie*

Becket Seniors Lunch: Wednesday 21st October. We invite you to arrive at 12.15 for a chat before eating at 12.30. Please sign up at the back of church or contact Val Molloy: 01487 710583 by **Sunday 18th October**. Followed by Holy Communion at **1.45pm**. Open to all. ***We will be asking members to fill in a new contact form if you didn't complete one last month. As part of our work to keep you safe, we will be asking for emergency contact details. Please bring these with you.***

Fen Church: our next Fen Church will be on Sunday 25th October at 3pm in the Churchyard. Come and join us for A Celebration of Light. Open to all. Please bring a reuseable cup.

Children's Light Party: Wednesday 28 October. More details available from hayley@ramseysandupwood.org

Love in a Box: our annual appeal for you to pack a shoebox with small gifts and lots of love is now underway. Covered boxes are available (if you don't want to cover your own) with leaflets explaining what is asked of you. You can also pack a 'Home' box, thinking about what would make life more lovely for the person holding the home together. A minimum donation of £3.50 per box towards the cost of shipping is requested.

If you feel unable to fill a box but want to be part of this wonderful event, then any monetary donations will be gratefully received.

The final day (Shoebox Sunday) will be on November 1st , so please bring your boxes to church by then.

Cleaners needed: as the winter approaches and the weather changes, the cleaning team work harder to maintain the cleanliness of the church.

Would you feel able to give about an hour each month to mop the ramp and clean the glass barrier alongside it?

The care these need puts a lot of extra cleaning time on those who are already keeping the toilets and kitchen sparkling.

Please let me know if you feel you would like to take up that part of being in our church family. *Cathy Moulton* cathy@moultonfamily.co.uk
07823484892.

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 Variety of crafts and fellowship. craft@ramseysandupwood.org

Wednesdays: Youth Space 3.15pm – 4.30pm (Term time)

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

Prayers:

Please pray for Juliet and Philip Dyke and Doug and Mo Crane.

If you would like our morning prayer team to pray for you, please write your prayer on one of the slips from the prayer board at the back of the church and place the small wooden prayer box. Names can be added to the Bulletin Prayer list by notifying Jan Bowd 01487 829005. They will be included for 2 weeks unless asked to be renewed.