

St Thomas à Becket, Ramsey e-Bulletin 5 July 2026



Hello everyone,

What a wonderful Sunday we had together last week. Thank you for the feedback we've had, and to the candidates for bravely sharing their stories. Olivia has very kindly shared her words with us which you find beneath this introduction.

But the life of the church never stops, so here's what's coming in the next few weeks.

First, this Sunday is Volunteer Sunday! We will be celebrating and thanking those who give their time, energy and imagination to make things happen. Whether it's Sundays, one of our midweek activities, keeping the building in good shape and all the other little things that get done, it all makes a difference. We'll also be exploring why it's a crucial part of our Christian discipleship, and providing an opportunity explore what you might be able to bring to our church community. And it is about how function as a family, so we'll do all of this around the Lord's table as we share Communion together.

Then, the following Sunday we'll continue to explore volunteering, particularly those who help with our children and families ministry using a Diocesan resource called Recognise. More on that next week.

Then on the 19th July, we will be dedicating a special service towards the reordering project. I suppose you could call it Reordering Sunday! The PCC and a small team of volunteers have been working hard in the background to bring together the plans for the project, and we're now at the stage where we want to present everything as clearly as possible to the congregation; to explore the opportunities the project will present us, to hear your ideas of how we might use a more welcoming and hospitable space, to anticipate any challenges there might be so we can plan for them, and to hear any concerns you might have. To give as much space as possible

in that service to do that exploring work together, we will be moving Holy Communion to the following week. So on 26th July, Revd Nigel Whitehouse is very kindly going to preside for us. Please update your diaries accordingly!

For now though, I'm still smiling after a joyful service last Sunday, and do keep praying for those who were baptised or renewed their vows. Here's Olivia's testimony:

Hi God, it's Olivia.

I'm here today to be baptised... but you know that already; You were with me when I walked in.

You were with me before I had the courage to walk in.

You were with me when I had forgotten you.

You were with me when I was ashamed of you..

And of myself.

You were with me when he hurt me and when I shut myself away. You were with me when they laughed with cruel smiles and I hadn't much to say.

You were with me when I tried to get away and leave this world behind, and when I was trapped in the cage I had built inside my own mind.

There was nothing that I could consume to fill the emptiness inside... No meal, no achievement, no approval, no popularity, no image, no success, no distraction, no idol, no possession, no amount of perfection...

They say you cannot see your reflection in a pot of boiling water. In that same way, I couldn't truly see myself.

My mind was full of fear, full of noise, and I was always searching everywhere else for answers, except the one place I never thought to look...

When I finally turned around, you were with me...

You were always with me.

That's what repentance has come to mean for me—not just feeling sorry, but turning away from the life I was chasing and turning towards you... and you've never stopped calling me home.

Amen.

Revd Joe Magill

Sunday Services:

Sunday 5 July

10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday Fun

5.30pm Evensong

Sunday 12 July

8am Holy Communion (Said)

10.30am Worship Together

Sunday 19 July

10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday Fun

5.30pm Evensong

Sunday 26 July

10.30am Worship Together

Bands on the Green:

We are hosting Whittlesey Concert Band this Sunday, 28 June, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm sponsored by Ramsey Town Council. As a church, we will be offering hospitality by serving teas.

Becket Seniors: Our next lunch will be on Wednesday 15 July. 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. Please note that there will be NO service of Holy Communion at this meeting as we are having a speaker from The Bobby Scheme.

Summer Holiday Club: 24 to 26 August 9.15am to 12 noon. Contact Hayley to book: hayley@ramseysandupwood.org

The Children's Society: calling all box holders. Please bring your box to Church by the end of July.

Last year The Children's Society was there for more than 57,000 children and young people. These amazing achievements are possible because of supporters like you. Thank you for your continued support.

Janet - Box Coordinator

Wednesday July 15th at 7 pm - “The People’s Emergency Briefing” run by Arun Aggarwal of Ramsey U3A. Admission is free and you can just turn up or register your interest at <https://buytickets.at/u3aclimategroup/2266566>.

Diary date: That’s Entertainment! a concert by Huntingdonshire Concert Band, Saturday 18 July 7pm. Tickets available from Richard Hyde.

Church Summer Clean: Friday 31 July Church Summer Clean 9.30am. Put in your diary, a reminder will pop up in the Bulletin next month!

Craft Group -on second Tuesday of the month usually in church starting at 7pm. If you would like to be included in the email list, please let us know via crafts@ramseysandupwood.org. We dabble at many crafts, keep the costs as low as possible and if we have surplus funds we give to charities. Judith Hyde and Rachel T

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

Prayers:

Praying for others is an important part of our church ministry. 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. Then place your prayer in the small wooden prayer box. This is then taken each week to morning prayer to be prayed for over the next few days.

Names can be added to the Bulletin Prayer list by notifying Jan Bowd janbowd298@btinternet.com or Jackie Southwell 07748 160833. They will be included for 2 weeks unless asked to be renewed.