

St Thomas à Becket, Ramsey e-Bulletin 27 September 2026



Dear Friends,

Last week we explored how music can help us to connect more closely with God. It was wonderful to hear some feedback from the congregation about the value of hearing different voices and personal stories of music and faith. I was sad to miss it, but I was far too busy having fun in the Scout hut with our ever-growing Sunday Fun gang!

This week we move on to explore how art and creativity can help us connect with God, our Creator.

Our Bible reading is Psalm 104, which is a passage very close to my heart. Throughout the last two years of my studies, there have been countless times when God has drawn me towards focusing my assignments on Creation and on God as Creator. Add to that my natural inclination to feel closer to God when I'm out among his beautiful creation, and it's easy to see why this Psalm means so much to me.

Just read the words of the first three verses, and then close your eyes. See what your own creativity and imagination can build for you, with the helping hand of the Spirit. Picture the light, the heavens, the clouds and the wind. How can we not feel close to God our Creator?

Praise the Lord, my soul.

Lord my God, you are very great;

you are clothed with splendour and majesty.

2 The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment;

he stretches out the heavens like a tent

3 and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.

He makes the clouds his chariot

and rides on the wings of the wind.

I can't wait to share a little more of my own story of faith and creativity on Sunday. Please do come along with an open mind and a willingness to 'have a go'. I'm sure that, as we explore our creativity together, God will be among us. *Hayley*

Sunday Services:

Sunday 27 September

10.30am Worship Together

Sunday 4 October Harvest Festival

10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday Fun

5.30pm Harvest Festival Songs of Praise

Sunday 11 October

8.00am Holy Communion (said)

10.30am Worship Together

Readings for Sunday

Psalm 104

Hayley's Licencing: following two years of hard study, Hayley will be having her Licencing Service as an LLM at Ely Cathedral on Saturday 3 October at 2.30pm. All are welcome to attend to support Hayley at this special service. We look forward to Hayley in her new role here at St Thomas a Becket.

Harvest Festival: on Sunday 4 October, we will be celebrating Harvest Festival. During the 10.30am service, we will be collecting non-perishable goods for Ramsey Foodbank. In particular, they are after donations of apple and orange juice, sponge desserts, beans, tinned fish and tinned soup. In the evening at 5.30pm, we offer a warm to Harvest Songs of Praise.

Concert for Uganda: Saturday 26th September 7.30pm. A concert by Nene Voices "Around the World in Song" in aid of FNKD. Tickets available on the door.

Baby Loss Awareness Week: October 9th to October 15th. During this time, we are inviting people who have lost a baby or child to visit our prayer space for personal reflection and prayer. The week will finish with a service on Thursday 15th October at 6.30pm with the wave of light at 7pm.

Church Coffee Morning: Jones Court have kindly agreed to host a coffee morning on Wednesday 14th October from 10 -12. £3 entry. Raffle, tombola and bring and buy stall.

Love in a Box: schools are back and so our thoughts turn to those children who have so little when we have so much.

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.

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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 (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.

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:

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.