

**St Thomas à Becket, Ramsey**  
**e-Bulletin 230**  
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Hello, welcome to this week's bulletin!

This week, we have the pleasure of hosting the Ramsey Town Council Civic Service at 3pm on Sunday. We're very much looking forward to welcoming the various community representatives and officials who have been invited.

This year, Mayor Val Fendley has been very keen to emphasise the importance of working together as a community and recognising the unique contribution of each organisation and individual - and I'm all for it.

As we were exploring readings for the service, we were drawn to 1 Corinthians 12, when St Paul uses the imagery of a human body to describe how the Church works.

He says in v20: "As it is, there are many members, yet one body."

Each part of the body, each member of the community, is significant and valued. But also, each member has a significant part play. As St Paul goes on to say "the eye cannot say to the ear 'I have no need of you'". No, the different parts of the body are essential for the body to function, and its the same in the Church and in any other organisation.

The difference in the Church, is that we actively celebrate the unique contributions of each part, even the 'weaker' parts as St Paul says - or perhaps another way of putting it would be: even if you helped stack some chairs one Sunday, that's still a significant and meaningful contribution to the life of the Church!

So, I look forward to celebrating the unique contribution of many different people to the community of Ramsey this Sunday. Perhaps before then you could take some time to reflect on your own contribution to Church life? Is there something you could support?

Somewhere you could volunteer your time? An innovative way that you could show generosity during this continued harvest season?

Every blessing,

Rev Joe Magill

**Services:**

<i>13<sup>th</sup> October</i>	10am Parish Communion 3pm Civic Service
<i>15<sup>th</sup> October</i>	6.30pm ( <i>Tuesday</i> ) Baby Loss Awareness Service
<i>20 October</i>	8am Holy communion 10am Family worship
<i>27 October</i>	10am Parish Communion <b>4.30pm</b> Evensong

**Readings:** Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 4: 12 – end; Mark 10: 17 - 31

**Baby Loss Awareness Week:** October 9<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>. This year we are inviting people who have lost a baby or child to visit our prayer corner for personal reflection and prayer. The week will finish with a service on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm with the Wave of Light at 7pm.

**Becket Seniors Lunch:** Wednesday 16 October 12.30pm. £5. Please sign up at the back of church or ring Val 01487 710583 to book.

**Love in a Box:** If you would like to fill a shoe box with small gifts to be given to someone who has very little, there are shoeboxes covered in bright paper available at the back of church. Also there are the leaflets explaining all you need to know|

We are now teamed with Teams4U, and this means we can include sweets, toothpaste and lots of other goodies which were banned by our previous partners. We can also provide a ‘home’ box which mothers really appreciate. So please do pick up a box and leaflet and enjoy yourself doing this lovely pre-Christmas task.

If you feel unable to fill a box, the postage cost for each box is £3 and any donation towards that is very welcome.

We have been asked to have them ready by November 3<sup>rd</sup>, when they will be blessed during the morning service before their final journey begins. Thank you – *Cathy*

**The Monteverdi Choir** is offering the congregation of Ramsey Parish Church a special 10% off discount code for their concert in **Ely Cathedral** on **16 October** conducted by **Jonathan Sells:**

**Bruckner & Gesualdo: Echoing Across the Centuries**

Anton Bruckner was born 200 years ago this year. To hear his choral music with fresh ears, we have placed his celebrated a cappella motets together with unlikely bedfellows, above all the sacred motets of Carlo Gesualdo (1566-1613).

**“The Monteverdi Choir, led by Jonathan Sells...proves its extraordinary class.”** – Leipziger Volkszeitung

We would love to share this wonderful sacred music with your congregation and wider community, and so I'd be really grateful if you could pass on the discount code **MCO60**. This will provide a 10% discount on the [Ely Cathedral website](#).

**Becket Flower Group** have cards to sell at £1 each. There are five designs and no greeting inside - three fabulous photographs of either a philadelphus, daffodils or sunflower taken by our lovely Pip Cadman, also one with a stylised tractor and one "Just a note" Do have a look, they are on display at the back of church today, there is a brown bag to put any purchases in to keep them clean and an honesty pot for payment. If you miss them this weekend but want some let me know and I can put aside for you.

Rachel Thompson, Becket Flower Group; tel 07751126752;  
email [chamthom4@gmail.com](mailto:chamthom4@gmail.com).

**The Foodbank**, now based at the Methodist Church, have recently appointed a Red Cross local link worker, Carissa Pugsley. As part of her support, clients sometimes are in need of furniture items, in particular, sofas and wardrobes. If you have anything that is no longer needed, please talk to Joe: [joe@ramseysandupwood.org](mailto:joe@ramseysandupwood.org). Please DO NOT bring any furniture to church – we have nowhere to store it and the churchwardens will cry!

**Spring Clean** – yes, I know it's autumn but it's when we do the big clean! This will be in 2 sessions. **On Thursday, 31 October 1.30-3.30pm** we will be doing the high-level work such as cobwebs, lights, windows and window-sills. **On Friday, 1 November 9.30am** we will be doing the floors, pews etc – for this session extra vacuum cleaners, particularly hand-held ones, would be useful. Do come and help at either or

both of these sessions if you can – refreshments will be provided! *Lesley Barker*

**Ramsey Christmas Lights:** Saturday 23 November. We hope to be involved in this as a Church in some way. Please pop the date in your diary whilst we find out more information.

**Blister packs:** Sadly the Town Council can no longer recycle the blister packs. It was estimated that it would incur a cost of £5000 a year to do this and they cannot support that expense. They are going to talk to HDC about whether they will include blister packs in their recycling schemes but, in the meantime, the packs have to go into the general waste. Please DO NOT put them into the kerbside recycling as it will result in spoiled contents.

**Bulletin items:** please send all items for the Bulletin to [jackie@ramseysandupwood.org](mailto:jackie@ramseysandupwood.org) by noon Wednesday.

**Prayer list.** Please pray for:

Dilys

Ian

David and Jane

Doug and Maureen

Kay

Juliet and Philip Fay

Julie

Barbara

Janet

Names can be added to the list by notifying Jan Bowd 01487 822418.