

St Thomas à Becket, Ramsey

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Dear Friends,

What's the first thing you do as you wake each morning? I put the radio on. The songs help to wake me up and get me moving for the day ahead. When I think about my day, music plays a very big part of it. I sing along to music as I drive to work, I play motivational music to help my class concentrate, I sing when I'm happy, I listen to music when I'm sad and I play music to relax. Music can reflect every emotion we have. This is equally true for church music. The music we sing and hear in church can also reflect our emotions. In the bible we have the book of Psalms, songs believed to be written by King David. They reflect both joy and sorrow. He understood that singing to God was a form of prayer and communication with God. This Sunday is Music Sunday. The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) uses this day to encourage it's choirs and churches to celebrate the amazing work that choirs, music groups and organists do for our worship every week. For me music is a central part to the way I worship.

I first joined the choir at the age of seven and it has been the backbone for all my worship since. We are lucky to have a great choir tradition which has seen many people as members. At the moment we are smaller than in the past as most of the young people we used to have all grew up and left to live other places. My girls both joined the choir and made lifelong friends among their fellow choristers. We are lucky to have two young choristers starting out their choir journey now but we would love to boost those numbers. We welcome anyone over the age of seven (and up to the age of 100!) to come and give it a try. You don't need to have sung before or have any musical knowledge. We can help with that! The members of the choir don't just sing they also learn about music through the Voice for Life scheme. You may notice that many choir members wear coloured ribbons. Each ribbon shows the level of musicianship and knowledge of the liturgy that the chorister has achieved. If you want to know the order please ask a member of the choir to explain! Our choir, led by our outstanding choir

director, Neville, plays a key part in many services. They rehearse on a Friday night, sing in services on the Sunday and then sing when requested for weddings and funerals on other days of the week. Working together as a team the choir lead the singing. But the best bit about being in our choir? The laughter! Every practise and every time we get together makes me happy and that's what keeps me going. Interested? Come and chat to me this Music Sunday and let's keep building the great music tradition at St Thomas a Becket!

Fiona Ward Music ALM

Sunday 14 June

8am Communion (said)

10.30am Worship Together with Baptism

Sunday 21 June

10.30am Parish Communion

5.30pm Evensong

Sunday 28 June

10.30am Worship Together with Baptism

Adult baptisms and the renewal of baptism vows: On Sunday 28th June, as part of our 10:30 service, we are very excited to be offering a service of baptism for adults, as well as the opportunity to renew baptismal vows. Baptism is one of the central rites of the Church, it is how we publicly express our faith, and the conscious decision to turn our lives towards Christ. There is powerful symbolism in leaving our old selves in the water, and being raised with Christ to new life. For that reason we are hoping to have a small pool of some sort at the front of church.

If you **haven't** been baptised before, and would like to be baptised on this Sunday, we'd love to hear from you! There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church, or you can speak to Revd Joe.

If you **have** been baptised, perhaps as a child, and would like to renew your baptismal vows, we are also inviting people to do so in one of two ways:

1. Publicly alongside the adults being baptised, or
2. More subtly with the wider congregation.

For now, we just need to know whether you would like to either be baptised, or to renew your baptismal vows. Please take some time to prayerfully consider whether this is for you now.

The sign up sheet is already at the back of church, please put your name down, and we will be in touch with you. Alternatively, email me Revd Joe at joe@ramseysandupwood.org - I'd love to hear from you.

Bands on the Green:

We are hosting Sounds of Sunshine Steel Band this Sunday, 14 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 17 June. Please sign up at the back of church or contact Val Molloy: 01487 710583. There will be a short service of Holy Communion afterwards for those who wish.

Fete: Thank you to everyone who helped at the Fete – with a special thanks to David Stokes for helping to transport the tables from and to the Museum. Between both churches, we raised over £2,600. It was an amazing community event and good to be able to share our hospitality with the wider community in spite of the weather. **The Mission**

Committee would like to thank everyone who supported their hot dog and cold drinks stall at the fete. We raised £200.50 for our work in Uganda.

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

Sunday Refreshments Rota:

We are running a little short on volunteers to help set up, serve and clear away refreshments on a Sunday morning. If you think you could help once every couple of months, please speak to Rachael Bell-Berry or Jackie.

St Mary's Church Strawberry Tea: Saturday 27 June 3pm to 5pm at 306 Uggmere Court Rd, Ramsey Heights. Adults £5, children free. Scones, raffle and games for children.

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

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, Neville and Kay Palmer, and Julia Hayes

Names can be added to the list by notifying Jan Bowd janbowd298@btinternet.com or Jackie Southwell 07748 160833