



Creationtide is usually focused on the care of our world. In the beginning, God created. Out of chaos, God brought order; out of the darkness, God brought light, colour, life and humans made in his likeness. To be made in the image of a creative God means that we, too, are inherently wired to create and make – an echo of our creator.

When we create, we are using the raw materials of God's universe to build something new. Human creativity is our highest form of praise as we thank God for the creative thoughts and actions he planted in us. When we hear the word 'creative,' we often think of a select few- people like Michelangelo, Shakespeare, or contemporary musicians and then tell ourselves we are not creative.

But that is a complete misunderstanding of creativity. It is about doing something that is **new to us** Think about your own week....

- Have you cooked a meal and tweaked the recipe just a bit to make it tastier?
- Have you spent time working in your garden or home?
- Have you had to solve a tricky problem at work?
- Have you found a clever way to comfort or encourage someone?

Yet, like all good gifts, our creativity can be distorted and so Creationtide should also carry a note of warning and repentance. Too often, human ingenuity has been and is being weaponised. We have used our brilliance to build weapons of destruction, to exploit the earth's resources for short-term greed, and to create systems that marginalise the vulnerable. When our creativity becomes detached from love and stewardship, it becomes destructive. We cease to be co-creators with God and instead try to replace God.

The world is facing unprecedented crises—climate change, division, and deep anxiety. We cannot solve these problems with passive despair. We need

- a holy imagination
- the creativity of young minds to dream up sustainable technologies
- the creativity of people to make us fall in love with the earth again and to protect it.
- the creativity of peacemakers to imagine a world where enemies can sit at the same table.

All of these, and lots more, are humans echoing God's creativity -taking the raw materials of life and shaping them into something good.

This Creationtide, we are called to redeem our creative powers. As we go into this new week, try to view your hobbies, your work, and your daily tasks through a spiritual lens. When you sit down to knit, to code, to paint, to bake, or to problem-solve, take a second to breathe in and say, 'May I use my creativity to heal not to dominate; to share not to hoard; to beautify and not to destroy' Amen.

With love and blessings *Shân*

Sunday Services:

Sunday 20 September

10.30am Parish Communion with Sunday Fun

5.30pm Evensong

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

Readings for Sunday 13 September:

Psalm 150

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.

Heritage Day Thank you to all who helped in any way – stewarding, serving refreshments and baking cakes for Heritage Day. Over £180 was raised for church funds. I am aware that this comes at the end of a busy summer but the date is set nationally so beyond our control and your help is very much appreciated. *Lesley Barker*

U3A Climate Group: on Wednesday 23 September, the U3A Climate Group are organising a follow-up meeting to their National Emergency Briefing film showing back in July.

At 6pm the film will be reshown (hopefully with working sound). Following this, there will be discussion based around “What can we do next?” There will also be input from the Mayor of Ramsey, Val Fendley, on the role of Ramsey Town Council in this area.

Tickets are free but can be booked online by following the link:

<https://buytickets.at/u3aclimategroup/2394333>

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.

Church Coffee Morning: Jones Court have kindly agreed to host a coffee morning on Wednesday 14th October from 10 -12. Please can you add to the bulletin £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 will begin next week.

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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St Mary's Church: Macmillan Coffee Morning hosted by Christine at St. Mary's Church, Ramsey St. Mary's on Thursday 25th September from 10 - 12noon. Tea, coffee, cakes and a raffle to raise money for this very worthy charity. Please tell your friends and bring them with you. All very welcome.

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.

Printable Bulletin

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.