

## **St Thomas à Becket, Ramsey**

### **e-Bulletin 19 October 2025**

Dear Friends

Feet are vital – over an average lifetime we walk between 75,000 and 100,000 miles – and any problem with them can seriously affect our lives. Feet are probably not our best feature, and most of us are probably grateful that we don't have to wash visitors' feet as they did in Jesus's time. A few years ago, I remember Richard Darmody preaching about an incident that happened at a clergy conference he had attended-the theme of which was 'Feet and their biblical significance'. Richard said people were talking about the day over the evening meal and he shared that he had always had flat feet. At the end of the meal one of the ministers dragged him into a small room and began to pray over his feet – something he was not comfortable with. However, when he got to his room and looked, he had arches in his feet! He shared the story because, although he was the recipient of a miracle, he doubted it was real until his wife June confirmed it.

Just before he retired, I remember asking Richard if he still had arches – he did - and whether he had felt anything whilst the miracle was taking place, and he hadn't. I find it amazing that his bones were reshaped without his being aware of it. I wonder if that was the same for the people Jesus healed. At the end of August, four of us went to the Big Church Festival along with 35,000 Christians. Saturday night, dusk had started, the music was great, we were singing along when I suddenly became aware that the man, sat next to me, kept looking at the ground. Thinking he might have dropped something I glanced down and saw some dark staining on the grass. Then I looked a bit more and saw blood pouring out of his sandal. I asked him if he was aware that he was bleeding and he said he thought he had just spilt coffee on his foot!

I took the sandal off, grabbed wipes from my rucksack to clean his foot to see if he had cut himself. There was a LOT of blood and, remembering my first aid training, I assumed a varicose vein had popped and pressure was needed. After using up my pack of wipes, people passed tissues and even a t-shirt to help staunch the flow. Hayley went to get help and First Aiders eventually arrived – all I can say is I am glad I'm a bossy old woman!! We swapped my emergency stuff for a sterile gauze whilst we waited for the

paramedics. The first aider shone a torch all over the foot and was amazed that he couldn't see where the blood had come from. Paramedics wheeled him off with a tightly bandaged foot and to our amazement he walked back 20 minutes later with no sign of any injury. He said he felt fine.

When we got back to our accommodation and chatted about what had happened, Val informed me that a couple behind had been praying over us all the time I had been helping the man. We were convinced that this had resulted in the healing.

So, miracles are still happening – even when people try to rationalise them away, they defy logic. Have you got any stories to share where the answer to prayer left you stunned? With love and blessings *Shân*

### **Services**

**Sunday 19 October** 10.30am Holy Communion (Sunday Fun)  
5.30pm Evensong

**Sunday 26 October** 10.30am Family Worship

**Sunday 2 November** 10.30am Holy Communion (Sunday Fun),  
5.30pm Evensong

**Sunday 9 November** 8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Family worship with breakfast 9.40am  
3pm Remembrance Service (Parade from 2.30pm)

**Youth Space Tesco tokens:** this has now gone live! Please remember to vote for our Youth Space when you do your shopping by popping your tokens in the right box. This will help to raise vital funds to help provide a welcoming environment for the youth of Ramsey. Thank you.

Following a very successful first Youth Space we will be looking for donations of snacks and drinks on an ongoing basis:

- Bread (smaller loaves work better in toastie machines)
- Gluten - free bread
- Cheese
- Ham
- Spread /butter/dairy free
- Squash
- Milk
- Multi-packs of chocolate bars

- Multi-packs of crisps
- Hot chocolate
- Fruit

Thank you so much for your support in this exciting new venture.

**Autumn clean** This is our big clean of the year when we have 2 sessions. On **Thursday, 23 October** at 1.30 pm we will have a session on the high level work, cleaning windows and window sills, removing dust from the lights and whatever cobwebs we can reach. All are welcome but particularly tall people who don't mind going up ladders! On **Friday, 24 October** we will be doing the thorough vacuuming and polishing of the church and extra vacuums, particularly hand-held ones, would be welcome. It's amazing just how much a dedicated team can accomplish in just a couple of hours – refreshments will be provided.

**Remembrance Concert:** Saturday 8 November 7pm. A concert by Bury and Ramsey Concert Band in aid of church and band funds. Tickets £10 available from Richard Hyde, Jackie Southwell or on the door.

**Church Coffee Morning:** Wednesday 12 November 10 -12 at Jones Court, Great Whyte, Ramsey. Come and join us for a drink and cake. Raffle, Tombola and Bring and Buy. £2 in aid of Church funds. All welcome.

**Christmas Craft Holiday Club:** Saturday 6 December 9.30 with a short service at 12. Book with Hayley: [hayley@ramseysandupwood.org](mailto:hayley@ramseysandupwood.org) or 07935549947.

### **Support St Thomas à Becket Church Through Gift Aid:**

Whether you're a regular giver or considering a one-off donation, completing a Gift Aid form makes a real difference. Forms are available at the back of the church, or you can speak to **Joe or Maggie** for help. For more details, feel free to contact our

Treasurer [g.jeremy.hyde@gmail.com](mailto:g.jeremy.hyde@gmail.com) / 01487 710735.

Together, we can ensure St Thomas à Becket continues to be a beacon of faith and fellowship for years to come.

**Love in a Box** Could you consider filling a shoe box with small gifts, to be sent to the poorest areas of Eastern Europe, sometimes into war zones for a boy, a girl or for the home?

If you are unable to do that but wish to be part of the appeal, each box needs £3:50 towards the cost of transporting it, so monetary gifts are also welcome.

Covered boxes are available at the back of church, along with leaflets explaining all about what can be sent.

The boxes need to be brought to church by **November 16<sup>th</sup>** ready for transporting onwards. Thank you in advance. *Cathy Moulton*

**INEQE Safeguarding Group** have been commissioned to conduct Independent Safeguarding Audits of the Church of England to make sure dioceses and cathedrals are doing all they can to create environments where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

As part of the audit process, they hope to engage with parishioners and members of the parish community through an online survey.

The survey is both anonymous (they are not seeking to identify you) and confidential (you will not be identified).

To access the survey relevant to you please visit:

<https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/Ely/> the survey is open until 2 December 2025. (For further information, see the poster at the back of the church.)

**Blister packs:** These can now be donated for recycling by leaving them in the marked container in the church porch.

**Community Coffee Morning**, weekly on Wednesdays, 10-12 at Upwood Village Hall. Come on your own or with a friend, adults and children welcome. Drinks available: £2-£3 each. Help yourself to cakes, donations welcome. We have a café area for adults to sit and chat, and a designated play area for babies and preschool children. The session ends with singing and story time. Please extend the invitation to anyone you think might like to come!

**Clergy days off:** as a general rule, Joe's day off is a Saturday and Maggie's day off is a Friday. Please take note of this if you wish to speak to clergy on either of these days.

**Bulletin items:** please send all items for the Bulletin to [jackie@ramseysandupwood.org](mailto: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](mailto: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: Dily; Doug and Maureen; Julie; Tamara; Ian; Kay; Juliet and Philip; Fay; Janet; Vicki; Oonagh and her parents Matthew and Jade; Alan; Jill; Jennifer and Simon, Pauline Cook and Glen Dawkins

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