**St Thomas a Becket, Ramsey**

**Becket eBulletin No 2**

*“But I call this to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end.” Lamentations 3: 21-22*

Welcome to the second edition of the Becket eBulletin. I am pleased to tell you that since I started this, I have added 46 names to our church database of people keen to keep in touch with the church family. This now goes out to 135 people! Many thanks to the group leaders who have made this possible.

As we approach Palm Sunday and Holy Week, I would like to commend an idea for bringing this to the public’s attention. We cannot receive our palm crosses in church this Sunday, or join in the walk of witness through the town, or decorate the cross on the green with flowers on Good Friday, leaving it there as a reminder to everyone of the love of God shown in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But we could display palm crosses in our windows – I’m sure many of us have old ones in Bibles or other places. Or perhaps you want to make a new one following instructions which can be found on-line. I remember Fiona trying to teach us how to make a palm cross last year – mine was a total failure. Then for Good Friday, display an empty cross which you decorate with flowers (fresh, paper, or artificial) for Easter Sunday. Get creative!

**Services and reflections:**

1 Palm Sunday – don’t miss [Sam’s service on St. Thomas à Becket youtube platform.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GadZfjtSsc)

2. Intercessory prayers for Palm Sunday and use throughout the week will be sent out via mailchimp today. Thanks to Val Molloy for these.

3. A reflective service for Monday of Holy Week written by Vicki Latter will be sent out via mailchimp on Monday.

4. A reflection will be sent out on Maundy Thursday, incorporating the words Revd Val Kilner was to have read during the stripping of the altar after the Maundy Thursday service.

5. Don’t miss Pip Cadman’s Good Friday morning service on youtube which will replace the service on the green.

6. Easter Sunday we plan to join Fr. Jerry Sather by Zoom as he celebrates Holy Communion for us at 10am as planned. The link for this will be in next week’s eBulletin.

Zoom Pro is a way of holding meetings by video link and St Thomas à Becket has bought into this. The choir has a meeting set up, and the morning prayer group, #WNL and the Men’s Breakfast group are using it. If anyone else wants to set up a meeting, please contact Leo in the first instance.

**Other news:**

Sadly, but inevitably, the Flower Festival is officially cancelled. However, the Alan Norris Big Band concert originally planned for May has been re-scheduled for December 5th, and Sedici will be singing in concert on October 10th, so we have things in the autumn to which we can look forward.

A final point, Ramsey Area COVID-19 Support is an ‘Recognised COVID-19 Organisation’ by Hunts Forum. This means if anyone in the area needs support, this is the organisation to contact. They are happy to help with shopping, foodbank vouchers, prescription collection and information. They have a dedicated phone line for support – 07562 379472 – as well as email Ramsey.covid19@gmail.com and a facebook page. You can contact them in the knowledge they are a genuine and trustworthy organisation with all the proper checks in place to safeguard everyone.

Stay safe and God bless.

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