# THE PROFILE FOR THE BENEFICE OF THE RAMSEYS WITH UPWOOD

A community with roots planted in hospitality and servanthood. Serving God by serving others.



St Mary's: Ramsey St Mary's



St Thomas à Becket: Ramsey



St Peter's Upwood (with the Raveleys)



We pray to be a generous and visible people of Jesus Christ and we are delighted to welcome you.



Please visit our website at <a href="https://www.ramseysandupwood.org">https://www.ramseysandupwood.org</a>



# Foreword by the Acting Bishop of Ely, Dagmar Winter.

Thank you for taking an interest in this post in the Diocese of Ely. The role of incumbent of the Benefice of the Ramseys with Upwood is a significant post, caring for the people and growing the mission of these parishes in the Deanery of St Ives. The Deanery is a warm place, with a mix of evangelical, charismatic and catholic tradition parishes working well together. We need the next incumbent to be committed to the Deanery and Diocesan mission objectives, as well as to the leadership of these benefices.



Dagmar, Bishop of Huntingdon

The Diocese of Ely is committed to renewing in Christ its mission and ministry. We have revitalised our Living Ely 2025 <u>5-year Strategy</u> in the post pandemic situation that we now inhabit. Fundamentally we are still committed to engage with our communities, deepen our faith & grow our churches. We have made major investments in mission to areas of new housing and in growing church in market towns.

The next stage of Deanery planning will see us focus resources on growing younger congregations and reaching further beyond our existing congregations, especially in areas of new housing. We will look to these parishes to continue to play the major role they have in the past as we engage with these challenges.

In the light of these mission priorities, we need clergy who are:

- Confident in God rooted in prayer and scripture.
- Committed to personal holiness and striving for professional excellence.
- Adventurous and visionary, willing to see the church through the eyes of those who do not attend.
- Mission-focused leaders who want to see the church deeply engaged with schools, serving the community and connecting with community organisations of all kinds.
- Resilient people who take risks, accept failure and try again.
- Empowering and enabling collaborative ministry.
- Hospitable and generous when engaging with the local community
- Open and willing to work with and learn from others.

#### As a diocese we offer:

- Enabling diocesan leaders
- Modern, well-maintained houses
- Consistent, sustained investment in lay ministries & training
- A diocesan culture of generosity with serious investment in clergy wellbeing
- Excellent Continuing Ministerial Development
- Robust diocesan finances, which can sustain posts that are based in deprived communities.

Enquiries about this post can be made to the Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech, Ven Richard Harlow, on 07415757527 or archdeacon.handw@elydiocese.org



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Children's Summer Club



3 in 1 Club with shoeboxes



Out in the community with hot chocolate on Hallowe'en



Nativity 2022



Breakfast Club



Organist



St Peter's in snow



Summer Club



Praying outside

## **Our New Rector**

Is God drawing you to ministry in our Benefice? We are three churches but with one heart for the communities we serve: we need someone who will be both alongside and leading us in our mission. Our present incumbent has moved our thinking and made us realise that the impossible can often be made possible. Would you like to be part of that future?

## Are you the person who ...

- Is a strong pastoral leader, able to communicate sensitively and effectively with all ages -within and outside the congregation?
- Will be a visible presence in the Benefice, embracing fen life and responsive in times of need?
- Has the leadership skills to empower, support and manage paid staff and volunteers to use their talents, enthusiasm and skills for God's work in the life of our churches and communities?
- Is able to make teaching about our faith accessible and meaningful to all?
- Has inspiration and new ideas to help us develop our work in the Benefice, especially in the new estates?
- Is confident with our variety of worship styles and music?
- Will be inclusive, vibrant, cheerful and have a sense of fun?

# We can offer you...

- A forward-looking, growing church in a market town steeped in history.
- The opportunity to work with us to deliver God's plan for our benefice.
- The chance to experience and minister to smaller, rural communities.
- Excellent accommodation comprising a three-year-old, purpose built four bedroomed detached Rectory in a pleasant setting within walking distance of St Thomas à Becket church.
- A supportive Diocese and Deanery



The Rectory



Kitchen



Corridor leading to study



Terrace



Lounge

## **Our Benefice**

Would you enjoy living and working within a semi- rural community set in the big skies of Cambridgeshire, with easy access to London, Cambridge, Ely and Peterborough? If yes, please read on.

#### Who and where we are as a Benefice

We are a Benefice of three parishes; each has a strong sense of its own identity and traditions. Having said that, we are all forward thinking and keen to reach out to the communities.

## Strengths

## Safeguarding

- We have a very efficient, reliable and approachable Safeguarding Officer for the whole Benefice.
- o Stringent systems and processes are in place
- o We have a strong ranking on the Diocesan Safeguarding Dashboard

## Hospitality

- All churches provide refreshments after the main service and sometimes before it.
- St Peter's follows Morning Prayer with breakfast in the local pub once a week and holds regular Lent lunches in conjunction with St Mary's in the village hall.
- o St Thomas' runs regular coffee mornings, a Seniors Lunch club and Men's breakfast once a month and a café when the food bank is open.
- A Christmas Tree Festival is held at St Peter's and a Christmas Wreath Festival at St Mary's.

## Worship

- Services are held in each church in the Benefice every Sunday supported by our ministry team as well as local, retired clergy. They could be Holy Communion, All Age services or Morning Prayer.
- o Fen Church meets every two months out of doors it is our version of Forest Church, as we are sadly lacking forests in this area!
- A small 20's and 30's group meets regularly in a local pub which could also be termed a fresh expression of church.
- There are well-attended special services at Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance Sunday.
- Recent innovations include a Baby loss service, Crib service, services noting special feasts which do not fall on Sunday eg Candlemas, Ascension, All Saints
- On-line services have been recorded and uploaded each week since the beginning of the pandemic – which we will endeavour to keep going through the vacancy.

## Children's Ministry

- Ecumenical Open the Book teams visit all primary schools once a month
- o Ramsey 3 in 1 after school club runs weekly during term time for primary age children.

- Holiday clubs for about 30 children are organised to coincide with school holidays.
- o Chaplaincy and support are offered in local primaries and the secondary school.
- o A thriving Toddlers' group operates weekly during term time.
- Special services are arranged for school children in all churches e.g. Christmas services
- School choirs have in recent years sung at civic services and national celebrations in church.

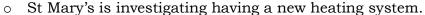
## • Community and fund raising in addition to those referenced above:

- o St Mary's and St Thomas' Summer Fete
- St Thomas' Flower Festival
- o St Thomas' 50:50 auction
- o St Mary's Strawberry Teas
- o Band concerts and refreshments on the green in Ramsey throughout the summer
- o St Peter's holds professional chamber concerts each year
- St Thomas' is a venue used by the local choral society and other groups

## • Eco focus

• All the benefice churches are thinking seriously about climate change and how to reduce their carbon footprint.

- St Thomas's has an Eco church group and has achieved the A Rocha Bronze Award by encouraging individuals to make small changes and is actively working towards the Silver Award.
- St Peter's has installed Ecofriendly heating and is seeking to install a compostable toilet within the curtilage of the church.





## Ecumenical

- We hold an Easter walk of witness and Service on the Green on Good Friday.
- o There are services during Holy Week.
- o We are involved in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
- o We take part in a service on the Women's Day of Prayer.
- o There is a Quiet Garden based at the Roman Catholic Church.
- o <u>Food Bank</u> which currently operates out of St Thomas' but is run, in conjunction with the Trussell Trust, by a separate charity called Revive Ramsey, of which the incumbent is a Trustee.

#### Other

We have:

- o A large, purpose-built Rectory, only three years old
- An enthusiastic ministry team of ALMs and committed church wardens

- A highly efficient part-time church administrator for St Thomas à Becket
- o A sizeable pool of willing volunteers
- o St Peter's and St Thomas's are open most days

## However, we are impacted by:

- Small numbers of young families attending Sunday services.
- Struggling numbers for Sunday School.
- Ongoing impact of Covid on attendance.
- Legacy of church buildings.
- Aging populations.
- Climate change and increasing fuel costs.
- The fact that not everyone welcomes change.
- High levels of anxiety across all ages as a result of financial issues and world events.

## Nevertheless, there are many opportunities owing to:

- A shared enthusiasm for growth and re-ordering.
- New housing in Ramsey and villages.
- A growing relationship with the local secondary school.
- Established relationships with local primary schools.
- Clear recognition of our strengths from the Diocese and Deanery.
- A symbiotic relationship with our respective communities.
- Good financial management.



Thank you tea-party for Open the Book Team



Ecumenical Good Friday Service on the Green

## **Our Churches**

## St Thomas à Becket Church

- We are the only part of the famous Ramsey Abbey still in use, but we hold dearly to the Benedictine values of hospitality, community, stewardship and love. We like to ensure that all are welcome and made to feel welcome.
- Originally an hospitium, the building became a Parish church in 1212 (or maybe 1232) and, thanks to the Victorians, was completely redesigned with uncomfortable pews and a high altar, but we have big plans to change this.



- A goodly proportion of the congregation have worshipped here for a long time: Many lifelong members love the more traditional forms of worship but are also beginning to embrace different styles of worship.
- We are not a pioneer church, but we have a pioneering spirit! This means:
  - o we are in schools, at community and civic events, in the great outdoors, drawing in the vulnerable, encouraging fellowship through craft.
  - we were recognised by the diocese and selected to be part of the <u>Changing Market Towns</u> initiative (CMT) – an SDF supported mission project.
  - our first Mission Worker grew our food bank and extended the outreach, particularly to those in need. He was heavily involved in the development of fresh expressions churches, and this led to him being called to ministry training.
  - our second Mission Worker is focused on children's ministry and the impact, after just 12 months, is phenomenal and we plan to be able to continue this work once the CMT draws to a close.



Lego Club



3 in 1 Club



Toddler Church

**Our Sunday Services** cater for different forms of worship and make effective use of our team of lay ministers. The main 10am services are currently:

- First Sunday: an informal All Age service, which often includes a baptism.
- Second and Fourth Sunday: an inherited worship form of Holy Communion, with music from the choir and organ. Sunday school on the fourth Sunday.

• Third Sunday: a more relaxed All Age service that starts with breakfast and is an ideal entry point for those exploring worship for the first time.

## Other regular services:

- 8am BCP Holy Communion-first and third Sunday.
- Benefice Services in all three churches, by turn, on fifth Sundays.
- BCP Evensong second and fourth Sundays. [4.30pm (winter)/6.30pm (summer).
- 8.30am Morning Prayer daily on Zoom.

#### **Festival services:**

- Town Christmas Carol Service: Pre-pandemic this traditional service frequently had standing room only.
- Outside Candlelit Carol service on Christmas Eve started because of the pandemic.
- Our service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving, organised by our local funeral directors, Swearers, for those who have been recently bereaved is very well attended.
- Songs of Praise celebrate Easter, Flower Festival, Harvest and occasionally Advent.
- We host both the Royal British Legion Remembrance Parade and Service and an annual Civic Service.





First service after lockdown

Preparation for Eco Fair



Remembrance Day



Our new eco garden



A Flower Festival arrangement

# Information on attendance and numbers of services

# The table below gives figures from November 2022 - October 23

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1st Sunday10am	93	Songs of	48	Care homes	10*
		Praise		services	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday10am	57	Carol Services	122 +	Children's club	13 – 15
			220		+ 3
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10am	65	First Mass of	64	Holiday clubs	30 +
		Christmas			10
4th Sunday 10am	54	Christmas	110	Fen church	30
		Day			
8am – BCP HC	9	RBL	183	20/30s group	9
		Remembrance			
Evensong	12	Thanksgiving	326	Chaplaincy in	25
		and		schools	
		Remembrance			
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	68	Civic Service	115	Toddlers	14 +14
		Celebrating			
		Coronation	159		
Maundy	34			Senior lunches	26
Thursday					
Good Friday	150			Craft Night	23
	+37				
Easter Day	24 +			Lego Café	27
	125				
On-line services	35			Men's	10
				Breakfast	

<sup>•</sup> Formerly 30 but 2 care homes closed this year.

# Occasional Offices 2023

Occasional Office	Number of events	
Weddings	5	
Funerals	17 up till end of October	
Baptisms	17	

## **Impact of the Strategy**

- By the third quarter 2023, 208 have pursued discipleship through our activities, representing about 50% growth.
- About 20 people have worshipped on line regularly.
- We are in touch with about 60-70 new people compared to a year ago.

### Bells:

Our talented team of ringers ensure the six bells are rung before...

- all main services
- special services,
- weddings
- national events.

They practise every Tuesday evening and carry out regular maintenance.



### Music:

- Our Director of Music/Organist has been with us 20 years.
- He chooses a variety of music for our services modern, traditional and choral.
- We have a four-part harmony choir RSCM affiliated.
- Our robed choir leads the singing on the second and fourth Sundays to the music of the two manual pipe organ.
- On the first and third Sundays the same group of talented musicians morph into an accomplished music group (wearing blue sweatshirts), accompanied by keyboard, flutes, 'cello and guitar.
- The choir also takes part in annual Choir Festivals at Ely Cathedral and Kings College Chapel, Cambridge.
- The organist and the choir are asked to perform in a variety of places leading up to Christmas and in other events.

## The Church - buildings and resources

- Our beautiful church building is Grade 1 listed, in good repair, but with such a building we must always be ready for expensive repairs.
- The Fabric and Finance Committee
  - o manage the day-to-day upkeep of the building.
  - o use a maintenance plan.
  - o ensure health and safety policies are up to date and acted on.
  - o respond to the quinquennial reports and findings.
  - o are leading the next stage of reordering.
  - o have installed a new heating and sound system, Wi-Fi and internet.
  - o replaced altar and toddler carpets.
  - o started painting inside the church.

- The Fund-raising Committee that has worked resourcefully to raise the money needed for
  - o new lighting in the main church.
  - o two new toilets (one with disabled access).
  - o a lovely kitchen and mezzanine.
  - o disabled access and ramp.
  - o They continue to fund raise for our next phase where we can continue the centuries old tradition of adapting the building to suit the needs of the current and future church of God.
- There is no church hall, so all hospitality and events either take place at the back of the church, or we hire suitable premises. Given our ethos it is important to have space for all for hospitality groups and worship.
- For the last year we have had use of the small scout hut (a one-minute walk away) and it is hoped that this will continue to be an office base, Sunday school and club venue.
- There are clergy and choir vestries the latter currently being used by Food bank as well although this will move to new premises shortly.

#### Finance & Funds

St Thomas à Becket will this year make a total Parish Contribution to the Diocese of Ely of £ 49,000 which is the equivalent of 73% of Ministry share costs.

In addition to making Parish Contributions, St Thomas à Becket currently has amounts totalling £216,000 in the following funds, some of which are restricted:

Total	216
Chancel	9
Re-ordering	11
Restoration (restricted)	157
General (unrestricted)	39
Current Bank Balances	£ 000's

Annual running costs - 2022	£ 000's	
Total giving	63	82%
Net income weddings & funerals	5	7%
Other fundraising	9	11%
Other income	4	6%
shortfall / (surplus)	-4	-6%
Total	77	

## Our Uganda Link

St Thomas à Becket Parish has supported the Diocese of North Kigezi in S.W. Uganda since 2006. We have

- worked with our Mission Partners, Friends of North Kigezi Diocese (FNKD), a UK registered charity.
- financed various projects e.g. building a school and toilets.
- responded to urgent needs e.g. abandoned children, food shortages.
- sponsored several children and students. Currently we sponsor 3 children; a young child who was abandoned at the FNKD children's centre; one taking an agricultural course; student about to graduate with an education degree. We are now looking to sponsor a trainer who can teach the older girls the skills needed to support themselves.

- received regular visits from FNKD members who themselves often visit Uganda.
- received letters and updates from the staff and students there.
- a number of our congregation are also sponsoring individual children.

## Where are we now?

- We had a well-respected incumbent in post from 2000- 2019, who left because of retirement.
- Our most recent Rector joined us in the middle of covid in 2019 and has left to take on a senior diocesan role.
- However, we find ourselves in a strong strategic position, after a very stringent process that led to a very clear five-year strategy, with seven priorities.
- Our plan for the coming five years, approved by PCC, is focused on growth. By 2026, we hope to see twice as many people exploring their discipleship through our activities.
- Our <u>plan for the vacancy</u> is to prioritise and invest where we see God already acting, responding to changes already happening.
- The <u>Latest monitoring</u> of our strategic plan shows variable progress in six areas but little in the seventh; this relates to the new estates.
- We also have made no progress towards the development of live streaming of services.
- We are looking for our new incumbent to keep us focused on these plans in all areas but particularly to help us kick-start the work that we haven't yet begun.

Although we have clear plans for moving forward, at the same time we do not want to forget our service to life-long members of both the congregation and community. Inherited forms of worship remain important to many.



Fen Church meeting fellow creatures.



Easter Vigil - awaiting the dawn.

# St Mary's Church, Ramsey St Mary

- An hospitable, worshipping community for Ramsey St Mary and the Heights.
- Has 9.30 service of worship every Sunday for a small deeply spiritual, caring congregation of 5-10.
- Additional services and outreach events this year have been:
  - o The children's Easter egg hunt.
  - o Macmillan coffee morning.
  - o Harvest Festival service.
  - o Strawberry Tea.
  - o Lent lunches.
  - o Bible study.
  - o Lent and Advent courses.
  - o Pilgrim Cross students at Easter.
- Has a strong relationship with Ashbeach Primary School (OFSTED-Good) which also uses the church at major festivals and for the annual Christingle service. Regular inputs from the Family Mission Worker and Open the Book team are welcomed.



St Mary's Harvest Festival

- Opens for some community use e.g., singing group and flower arrangers. However, the village is lacking a village hall and during a recent open meeting it was recognised that the church could be used for both worship and community.
- Reordering of the Church building is priority for the PCC and there has been a recent visit from the DAC to advise on proceeding. A survey with an architect and local builder revealed that the structure is sound and could be adapted for community use without losing capability for worship. There is considerable demand locally for additional community meeting places which could be met by a development of the building, which is already connected to mains drainage and has a toilet, a kitchen and running water. The PCC is keen to use money in the accounts to facilitate this reordering.
- It is clear that there is a positive future for the church once this work is completed. This will be a great asset to the whole Benefice, community facility and a means of outreach with the good news about Jesus.

# St Peter's, Upwood and the Raveleys.

- The picturesque parish church is in the village of Upwood and dates back to the 11<sup>th</sup> Century. It is open every day during daylight hours. The Churchyard is closed for burials but there is a cemetery at one end of the village.
- The Raveleys are two small villages that adjoin Upwood with the latter including
  the old village and the two, now privately owned former RAF married quarters'
  sites, Fairmead and Farm Close. This rural community of approximately1300
  covers a broad spectrum of occupations with a number of retired people living
  in the actual villages.
- Every Sunday our services are held at 9.30am. Our congregation averages about 15 on a Sunday, with many more for other services e.g., Remembrance Sunday, Christmas and Easter. We have an electronic church organ and an organist who usually plays for two of the Sunday services each month.
- Morning Prayer is said on a Wednesday Morning at 9.00am and we average 6 people with a similar number joining us for breakfast in the village pub along with a regular number of non-church goers/dog walkers: this is a chance to share in fellowship with others over a cup of tea or coffee with bacon and egg rolls, or toasted teacakes.

Attendances up to the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Sunday	Average	Average	Festival	Attendance	Attendance
Services	Attendance	Attendance	Services	2022	2023*
	2022	2023*			
1 <sup>st</sup>	9	14	Easter	18+1	26 +4
Sunday					
2 <sup>nd</sup>	11	15	Harvest	17	25
Sunday					
3rd	12	16	Carol	58+6	
Sunday					
4 <sup>th</sup>	10	12	Crib	34+19	
Sunday					
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Baptisms	0	1			
Weddings	1	1			
Funerals	3	5			

- From August, St Mary's have joined us for the second Sunday and we have joined them for the third Sunday services.
- We have had a good relationship with Upwood Primary Academy but lost some momentum during the pandemic. Regular inputs from the Family Mission Worker and Open the Book team are happening and we are encouraging the school to visit the church and learn of its history.

- St Peter's has 3 bells which can be chimed but not rung, also a group of Handbell ringers that practise and play in the church and at variety of other venues.
- Our other events include:
  - o A Christmas Tree Festival with a Craft Fair in December
  - o Various concerts throughout the year.
  - o Lent Lunches at the Village Hall
  - Pancake Coffee Morning in the Spring half term holiday again in the Village Hall.
  - o Carol singing in the village pub, Cross Keys
  - Sunday lunch after the Harvest festival





St Peter's Handbell Ringers

St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival

- In the village we have
  - o a Farm Shop open on Fridays and Saturdays mainly selling vegetables,
  - o a repair garage, Upwood Motors.
  - o Limited bus service to Peterborough, or Ramsey, so most people drive.
  - o The village pub, the Cross Keys, open Tuesdays to Sundays, and we have a good relationship with them.
  - The old Village School which is now the Village Hall where a variety of events take place throughout the week e.g., Ramsey Lunch Club; Seated Exercise twice a week; weekly Table Tennis; clubs such as the History Group and Home to Home use it monthly; 'Upwood Ukuleles' regularly practice there.
  - o On the Huntingdon Road there is a thriving Cricket Club with a number of teams from youth to seniors.
- We pay our quota of the parish share and fund-raise to help with the cost of various works that need doing. Since the pandemic we have had a new electric heating system and a new sound system fitted. We are currently in the process of seeking approval for a Compostable toilet to be installed in the curtilage of the church.

# The Town of Ramsey

- Ramsey has a population of approximately 9400.
- The parish also includes the neighbouring villages of Ramsey Forty Foot and Ramsey Mereside.
- It is a growing community with a lot of housing infill and new estates being built on the outskirts, with more planned, affording more opportunities for mission.



Ramsey Abbey Gatehouse - National Trust

- It is an area of inequality, with above average numbers of Universal Credit claimants in the town but some parts are in the top 10% least deprived areas of the country.
- 60% of the working age population are in employment but the majority commutes.
- Whilst unemployment is low, at only 2.5%, those without work are often those without their own transport and poor transport connectivity to nearby larger towns is an issue that has been highlighted in the local plan.
- Peterborough and Huntingdon can be reached in 20-30 minutes with Cambridge less than an hour away.
- There are good rail connections from Huntingdon and Peterborough to London (50 mins) and a very useful Guided Bus service from nearby St Ives into Cambridge taking about 35 minutes.

## **Education**

- A good range of nursery provision is available.
- A range of good primary schools within the locality.
- Abbey College which is an 11-18 secondary school near the church.
- All of the Ramsey schools have received a good rating from Ofsted.
- Although none of these are church schools, they do visit the church for Carol and Christingle services and educational visits.

#### In the town centre

- Ramsey is a lively town with a range of independent shops and chains such as Tesco and B & M.
- There is one bank (Nationwide), a post office, library, solicitors, accountants, cafes and fast-food outlets.
- A small market is held on Saturdays.
- Regular events are held such as Christmas lights switch on, Heritage events and Ramsey Carnival.

#### Health

- There are currently two health centres offering a wide range of services.
- Large hospitals are situated at Huntingdon, Peterborough and Cambridge (Addenbrookes and Royal Papworth) with minor injuries units at Doddington and Ely.

• Ramsey has a dental practice and there is access to a range of alternative health care within the vicinity e.g. osteopath, podiatry and acupuncture.

## **Sports**

- A sports centre with gym, swimming pool, sports hall and outdoor pitches.
- Two golf courses
- A variety of other sports clubs football, cricket, tennis, bowls etc

#### Culture

- There is a local rural museum that hosts local memorabilia and special events all through the summer.
- A 1940's camp offers a range of music events, dog shows and caravan weekends.
- Volunteers have restored an historic walled garden now open to the public.
- The chapels in Ramsey Cemetery are being restored by a volunteer Group that also researches family history.





Ramsey Clock

Duck pond (above)
Part of Abbey College

- The local community centre hosts a wide range of community events and clubs e.g. U3A.
- Ramsey Choral Society gives regular concerts and bands play on the Abbey green during the summer.
- The Heritage Weekends involve the church as a key part of Ramsey's history and more recently we have hosted an Eco fair.
- There are Women's' Institutes, Royal British Legion, Rotary, Probus and Freemasons groups meeting within the town.
- The <u>Ramsey Neighbourhood Trust</u> has overseen the use of a national lottery grant which has resulted in many community events

More details about the demographics can be found at <a href="https://cuf.org.uk/lookup-tool">https://cuf.org.uk/lookup-tool</a>

# And finally...

The benefice of the Ramseys with Upwood is a place with its roots planted in hospitality and servanthood. Our community believes that serving God by serving others is vital and long to make his generous welcome known to all, as **All Are Welcome.** 

Can you help us to build on what we are already doing?

We know there are many gaps, and areas which need more work, particularly working with teenagers, the bereaved and the new estates. There are still many people in Ramsey who have not heard news of the Gospel, and we are looking for creative and sensitive leadership to help us reach them.

One of you reading this will be our next Rector. We look forward to meeting you. **Any questions?** 

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## **Useful Links**

Ramsey Town Council Discover Ramsey

<u>Upwood Parish Council</u> <u>Abbey College</u>

Ramsey Junior School Ramsey Infant School

Bury Primary School Upwood Primary Academy

Ashbeach Primary School Ramsey Day Nursery

Ramsey Pre-School Rainbow Surgery

Ramsey Health Centre Ramsey Dental Surgery

Ramsey Rural Museum Walled Garden

Ramsey Leisure Centre Ramsey Choral Society

Ramsey Community Centre