

THE VALLEY BULLETIN

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2025

WELCOME

If you are visiting, we welcome you into our midst.
Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey in faith, you are welcome.
It is a blessing to have you worship with us today!
The Parish of the Valley respectfully acknowledges that we gather for worship
on traditional Anishinaabe Algonquin territory.

SEASON OF CREATION

Christians around the world are invited to give particular attention to praying and caring for God's creation as part of the global Season of Creation, observed from September 1st to October 4th.
Adopted by General Synod in 2019, this is a time of prayer, education, and action.
It is not a liturgical season but is instead a time of intentional prayer and reflection.

Sunday September 7th:

To conclude the Intercessions: A Call to be God's Partners in the Care of the Planet.

Bountiful God, you call us to labour with you in tending the earth. Where we lack love, open our hearts to the world; where we waste, give us discipline to conserve; where we neglect, awaken our minds and wills to insight and care. May we with all your creatures honour and serve you in all things for you live and reign with Christ, Redeemer of all, and with your Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Go forth now to care for God's world.
Use resources wisely. Share your knowledge.
Sacrifice where necessary.
Live in harmony with all creation.
Go out into the world as prophets of a new way of living
And preach the good news to all.
And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son,
And the promised Holy Spirit bless you
That you might be a blessing to others
Today and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL for use through the Season of Creation:

As we conclude our service, I invite you to join me in dedicating ourselves to care of the Earth.

We join with the Earth and with each other

To bring new life to the land, to restore the waters, to refresh the air.

We join with the Earth and with each other

To renew the forests, to care for the plants, to protect the creatures.

We join with the Earth and with each other

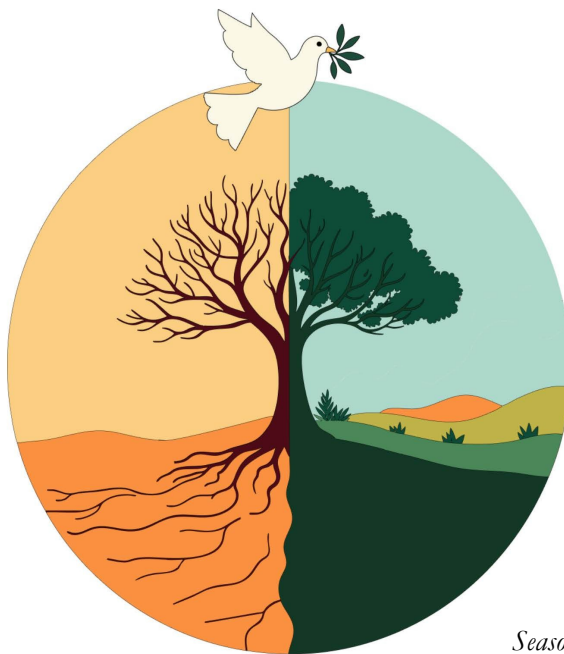
To celebrate the seas, to rejoice in the sunlight, to sing the song of the stars.

We join with the Earth and with each other

**To recreate the human community, to promote justice and peace,
to remember our children.**

We join with the Earth and with each other

**We join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving mystery:
For the healing of the Earth and the renewal of all life. Amen.**



Season of Creation 2025 logo

LET'S PRAY

In the Anglican Communion, this week we pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa. We pray for our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

In the Anglican Church of Canada, we pray for Shane Parker, our Primate and our Diocesan Bishop. We pray for Anne Germond, our Metropolitan. We pray for Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Archbishop.

In our Diocese of Ottawa, we pray for Our Community Ministries: Belong Ottawa, Centre 454, St Luke's Table & The Well/La Source, Centre 105 (Cornwall), Cornerstone Housing for Women, Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre, Refugee Ministry, and we pray for St. James, Leitrim & All Saints, Greely.

In our Deanery of the Northwest, we pray for St. Anthony's, Whitney, part of the Parish of the Valley.

In our Parish of the Valley, we pray for Matthew Brown our Incumbent; and for Gillian Hoyer, Nicholas Forte, and Christine Muise our Associate Incumbents. And for the life and members of our Parish of the Valley Community, this week we pray for: Ron Clarke, TJ & Amanda Clarke, Amanda Clarke-Verch, Sharon & Richard Clayton, Rachel Clayton.

For those preparing for baptism: Eden Sullivan.

For those preparing to be married: Marie-Joée Lessard and Evan Watt.

For those who have died and all members of their families as they grieve: Marion Buckwald.

For the sick, those who have asked for our prayers, and all others who are on our hearts...

Alice & Petawawa: Lynn, Wanda, Rose, Laurie, Lois, Gloria, Ronny, Patricia, Sammy, Chandra, Shane, Michael, Larry, Trent, Minnie, Scarlett, Brittany, Donna, Shawn, Gerry, Peter.

Barry's Bay & Whitney: Mary Ann, George, Poppy Joe & Penny Jane, Fred, Blake, Cathy, Susan, Patricia, Elspeth, Debra, Mary-Jayne, Fern, Shirley, Marilyn, David, Susie, Sharon, Bob.

Killaloe/Tramore & Eganville: Doreen, Heather, Jan, Harold, Richard, Dorothy, Betty, Ann, Sheila, Andrea, Sharon, Junior, Peter, Richard, Pauline, Hanna, Phyllis, Ethel, Anice, Paula, Rosemary.

Pembroke: Heather, Terry, Tristan, Lois, Jo, Iris, Elizabeth, Diane, Cate, Bill, Bob, Betty, Kevin, Connie, June, Paul, Lawrence, Lomie, Bea, Jessie.

Stafford/Beachburg/Cobden: John, Jean, Margaret, Denver, Brian, Ruby, Janice, Susan, Ryan, Haley, Ruth, James, Sharon, Dave, Nicholas, Carolyn, Hillary, Ralph, Thyra, Sandra, Bill.

TODAY'S READINGS

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 18.1-11; Psalm 139.1-5, 12-17; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14.25-33

UPCOMING READINGS

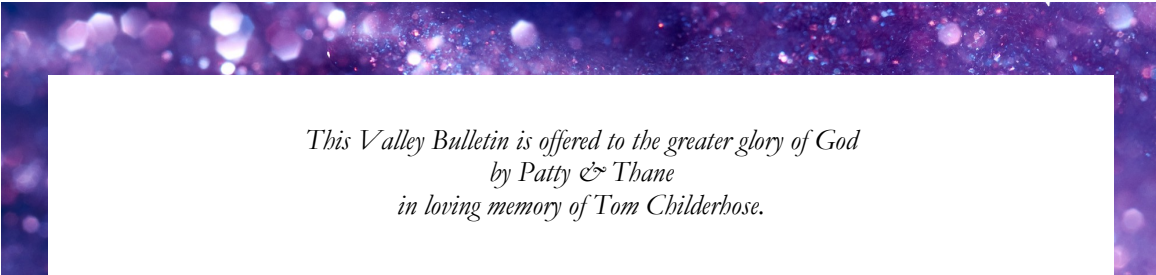
September 14, 2025 - Holy Cross Day
Numbers 21.4b-9; Psalm 98.1-6; 1 Corinthians 1.18-24; John 3.13-17

September 21, 2025 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 8.18-9.1; Psalm 79.1-9; 1 Timothy 2.1-7; Luke 16.1-13

OFFERINGS

We are grateful for your ongoing support of our parish's congregations.

Donations can always be placed on the offering plates located at the back of the church, or can be given during the offertory in congregations where an offering plate is passed. To learn more about Pre-Authorized Remittances (PAR), options for e-transfer, or how to donate online with credit card through *Canada Helps* or [Tithe.ly](https://www.ValleyAnglicans.ca), please visit our website: www.ValleyAnglicans.ca



*This Valley Bulletin is offered to the greater glory of God
by Patty & Thane
in loving memory of Tom Childerhose.*

SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF THE VALLEY

Sunday, September 14th, 2025

8 & 10am - Holy Trinity Pembroke

9am - St Patrick's Lower Stafford

9am - St John's Tramore (Holy Baptism)

9:30am - St George's South Alice

11am - St Paul's Cobden

11am - St John's Eganville

11am - Epiphany Barry's Bay (Morning Prayer)

11:15am - All Saints Petawawa

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Thursday, September 25 at 10am - Country Haven (Beachburg)

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebrating Confirmation & Reception in the Parish of the Valley: on Sunday, September 28th, the Rt. Rev. Dr. John Chapman, retired Bishop of Ottawa, will join our parish to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation and to formally Receive members into our worldwide Anglican Communion. There will be **one parish-wide service at 10am on Sunday, September 28th, held in Holy Trinity Pembroke.** Five adult members from across the Parish of the Valley will be confirmed by Bishop John, and several others will be received. There will be a parish-wide massed choir for this service (please bring your local choir robes) and a special time of fellowship will follow the liturgy in the church hall. All members of the Parish of the Valley are invited to come together for this special parish-wide celebration, and also to **wear orange**, as we anticipate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This will be the only service in the Parish of the Valley on this day.

Cheers to 100 Years!

While Holy Trinity has a history dating back to 1855, it was 100 years ago in June that the cornerstone was laid for the current church. Join us to celebrate this significant milestone on **Saturday, September 27, 2025**, when we will gather in the church hall to share a special anniversary dinner. Refreshments will be served beginning at 5pm with dinner following at 6pm. Tickets are \$50 and available while supplies last (includes reception, a buffet turkey dinner, wine, and dessert). Please contact Marie Cheesman (613-732-3013).

All are welcome to join in **Prayers for Christian Unity** among Christians in the Upper Ottawa Valley on Tuesday, September 9th at 7pm at First Step Options in their new location (362 Miller Street, Pembroke).

Join ***Homemade Jam & Friends*** for a concert at the Upper Ottawa Valley Heritage Centre in Pembroke on Saturday, September 13th at 7pm (doors open at 6:15). Tickets are \$20 with proceeds going directly to support museum repairs and educational programs. For more information or tickets, please contact the Heritage Centre: 613-735-0517 or www.uovheritagecentre.ca.

Looking for a pause for **reflection and spiritual refreshment** in the middle of your week? Join the Parish of the Valley each Wednesday at 10am for a said service of Holy Eucharist at Holy Trinity, Pembroke.

Epiphany Fashions returns to regular hours: Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10am until 2pm. Thank you for all of your support of our pay-what-you-can second-hand clothing shop in Barry's Bay!

Regular Office Hours have resumed: the office at Aborn House, Pembroke is open Monday - Friday, from 9am-Noon.

CLERGY TEAM

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The Rev. Christine Muisse (613-883-8402)

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