

THE VALLEY BULLETIN

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



October 26th, 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.

BUILDING A KINDER, CHRIST-CHILD-LIKE WORLD

As we journey through the changing colours of autumn the Church marks several important feasts and commemorations. First, we encounter the Autumnal Triduum – All Hallows Eve (October 31), All Saints Day (November 1), and All Souls Day (November 2). Followed closely by our national observance of Remembrance Day (November 11), these dates collectively remind us of the Communion of Saints, in heaven and on earth, who have gone before us, sacrificed for us, and cheer us on as we run the race of faith. We then continue through the final weeks of our annual liturgical year until we mark The Reign of Christ, or Christ the King. On this final Sunday in the church year, we are reminded that while human leaders and nations rise and fall, God's love is unfailing, and God's reign endures forever.

During the period beginning Sunday, October 19 and continuing through The Reign of Christ (November 23), the Parish of the Valley will make use of the Coventry Litany of Reconciliation for our communal prayers of Confession and Absolution during our Sunday Eucharistic liturgies. Note that when the sacrament of Holy Baptism is celebrated, the baptism liturgy beginning on page 151 of the Book of Alternative Services takes precedence.

The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation emerges out Coventry Cathedral, UK, and the International Community of the Cross of Nails. Coventry Cathedral was decimated by bombing during the Blitz of the Second World War. The phrase "Father Forgive" was inscribed on the wall of the ruined Cathedral by Provost Dick Howard after the Blitz, where it can still be seen today. Out of these ruins has emerged an international community of disciples who commit to praying to "Build a kinder, Christ-child-like world."

The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation was written by Canon Joseph Poole in 1958 and continues to be prayed in Coventry Cathedral every weekday at noon, and throughout the world by partners in the Community of the Cross of Nails – including our very own Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa. This adaptation of the litany, with the refrain "Creator Forgive" in place of "Father Forgive" is used in our cathedral church.

THE COVENTRY LITANY OF RECONCILIATION

Celebrant: All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Celebrant: The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,
People: **Creator, forgive.**

Celebrant: The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,
People: **Creator, forgive.**

Celebrant: The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,
People: **Creator, forgive.**

Celebrant: Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
People: **Creator, forgive.**

Celebrant: Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,
People: **Creator, forgive.**

Celebrant: The lust which dishonours the bodies of human beings,
People: **Creator, forgive.**

Celebrant: The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
People: **Creator, forgive.**

Silence is kept. The priest then pronounces God's absolution, saying:

Celebrant: Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**



Cross of Nails, Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa, ON.

LET'S PRAY

In the Anglican Communion, this week we pray for Sarah Mullally, Archbishop-Designate of Canterbury. We pray for The Church in Wales. We pray for our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem.

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

In our Diocese of Ottawa, we pray for Michael Bird, our Diocesan Administrator. We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we prepare to elect a new bishop on February 28th: for those discerning a call to let their name stand for election; for the candidates; for Members of Synod. We pray for the staff at Ascension House, as well as the Diocesan Archives. We pray for our Diocesan Partners: Kairos Ottawa & Saint Paul University. We pray for all retired clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa and for the Parish of Mattawa.

In our Deanery of the Northwest, we pray for St. Paul's, Renfrew.

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: Brian & Susan Devereaux, Judith Diggins, Barbra Dixon & Ewald Bengel, Beth Dobson, Jeffrey & Louise Doran.

For those preparing for baptism: Alyssa Burke.

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

Alice & Petawawa: Marion, 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: Heather, Jan, Harold, Richard, Dorothy, Betty, Ann, Sheila, Andrea, Sharon, Junior, Peter, Richard, Pauline, Hanna, Phyllis, Ethel, Anice, Paula, Rosemary.

Pembroke: Jolene, Loreen, Heather, Tristan, Jo, Iris, Cate, Bill, Bob, Connie, June, Lawrence, Lomie, Bea, Jessie.

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

TODAY'S READINGS

October 26, 2025 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Joel 2.23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18; Luke 18.9-14

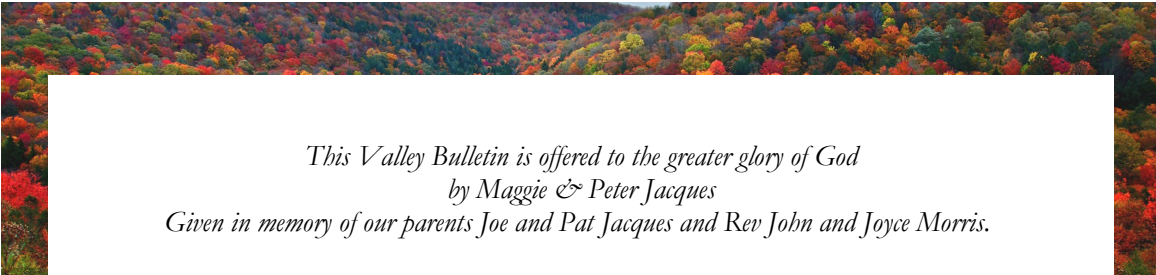
UPCOMING READINGS

November 2, 2025 - All Saints (Observed)
Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1.11-23; Luke 6.20-31

November 9, 2025 - Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost : Remembrance Sunday
Haggai 1.15b - 2.9; Psalm 145.1-5, 18-22; 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-17; Luke 20.27-38

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/tithe), please visit our website: [www.ValleyAnglicans.ca](https://www.valleyanglicans.ca)



*This Valley Bulletin is offered to the greater glory of God
by Maggie & Peter Jacques
Given in memory of our parents Joe and Pat Jacques and Rev John and Joyce Morris.*

SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF THE VALLEY

Sunday, November 2nd, 2025

8 & 10am - Holy Trinity Pembroke (Baptism at 10am)

9am - St Anthony's Whitney

9am - Ascension Killaloe

9:30am - St George's South Alice

11am - St Paul's Cobden (Morning Prayer)

11am - St John's Eganville

11am - Epiphany Barry's Bay

11:15am - All Saints Petawawa

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Tuesday, November 4 at 10:30am - Miramichi Lodge (Pembroke)

Thursday, November 6 at 10:15am - Valley Manor (Barry's Bay)

Thursday, November 13 at 10am - Country Haven (Beachburg)

Thursday, November 27 at 10am (LTC) & 10:30am (RH) - Caressant Care (Cobden)

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Eganville Congregational Council — Thursday, Nov. 13th at 10am at St. John's

Parish of the Valley Leaders' Day — Saturday, Nov. 15th at 9:30am at Pembroke

Pembroke Congregational Council — Wednesday, Nov. 26th at 7pm on Zoom

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date for our annual **Parish Leaders' Day**. All Churchwardens, Treasurers and Lay Members of Synod are asked to mark their calendars: Saturday, November 15 for our annual gathering together as the clergy and lay leaders of our Parish of the Valley. The meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Pembroke, beginning with refreshments at 9:30am with the meeting then commencing at 10am. Lunch will be catered by Chef Bernie and St. George's South Alice!

The **ACW Holly Bazaar and Luncheon at Holy Trinity Pembroke** will be held on Thursday, November 20 from 11am to 1pm. The Luncheon is homemade soups and sandwiches and dessert for only \$15. Shop bazaar tables with crafts, baked goods, Christmas gifts and decorations, and a quilt raffle.

The **All Saints Christmas Tea** will be held on Saturday, November 22 from 11am to 2pm at All Saints Petawawa. Enjoy a delicious luncheon for \$12. Shop the bake sale, "glitz and glamour," a silent auction, and the Santa table.

This year's **Epiphany Wine & Cheese** to benefit Church of the Epiphany, Barry's Bay, will be held on **Saturday, November 29th from 2-5pm** at the Barry's Bay Legion. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by calling Shawn & Dave Eagles at 613-756-6356.

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.

The **Lakeside Community Chorus** is back and invites new and returning chorus members to join. Practices begin Monday, October 27 at 7pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Cobden. For more information, contact Pat Van Gelder: 613-646-2599.

The Cobden Union Cemetery Board reminds everyone to please remove all decorations from graves prior to November 1. After that date, the Board will do their annual clean up. Thank you.

CLERGY TEAM

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