

THE VALLEY BULLETIN

THE REIGN OF CHRIST



November 23rd, 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 Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. 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 our Diocesan Partners: Communion Forest & Compass Rose. We pray for the residents, staff, and Chaplains of the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre, the staff at Ascension House and for All Saint's, Westboro.

In our Deanery of the Northwest, we pray for St. Margaret of Scotland, Rutherglen, part of the Parish of Mattawa-Rutherglen.

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: Helen Fabian, Jenna & Josh and Leni Anne and Charlie Felhaber, Alice Ferguson, Jackie Findlay, Darrel & Ruby Fischer.

For those being baptized today: Lily Perfetti.

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

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

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

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: James, Hilary, Heather, Jan, Harold, Richard, Dorothy, Betty, Ann, Sheila, Andrea, Sharon, Junior, Peter, Richard, Pauline, Phyllis, Ethel, Anice, Paula, Rosemary.

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

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

TODAY'S READINGS

NOVEMBER 23, 2025 - The Reign of Christ

Jeremiah 23.1-6; Luke 1.68-79 (Canticle 19); Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43

UPCOMING READINGS

November 30, 2025 - First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2.1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13.11-14; Matthew 24.36-44

December 7, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19; Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12

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

*This Valley Bulletin is offered to the greater glory of God
by Jim, Traci, Brian, Kelly, Joanne & Annabelle
in loving memory of Lynne Dunn.*

SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF THE VALLEY

Sunday, November 30th, 2025

8 & 10am - Holy Trinity Pembroke
9am - St Anthony's Whitney
9am - St Stephen's Micksburg
9am - Ascension Killaloe
9:30am - St George's South Alice
11am - St Paul's Cobden
11am - St John's Eganville
11am - Epiphany Barry's Bay
11:15am - All Saints Petawawa
3pm - Celebration of Light Evensong, St. John's Eganville

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Thursday, November 27 at 10am (LTC) & 10:30am (RH) - Caressant Care (Cobden)
Wednesday, December 10 at 10:30am - Riverview Heights (Pembroke)
Thursday, December 11 at 10:15am - Valley Manor (Barry's Bay)

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

The office at Aborn House will be closed to visitors while Gail is on holidays from Monday, November 24 to Friday, November 28, and Monday, December 1 to Friday, December 5. The office voicemail and email will still be checked during the time that the office is closed.

The **Celebration of Light** at St. John's Eganville will be Sunday, November 30th at 3pm. Please join in this traditional choral evensong with prayers of remembrance. To share names of those whom you wish to be remembered in prayer, please contact Joan Boldt at 613-628-6503 or joan.boldt@live.com before Sunday, November 23rd.

This Advent, step out of the hustle and bustle and into a quiet space for **Advent Taizé**, a time of evening prayer, Taizé music and candlelit worship. Beginning Wednesday, November 26th and continuing on December 3, 10, and 17 at 4pm at Holy Trinity Pembroke. It will also be simultaneously live-streamed for those who would prefer to join in from home.

Our next Parish of the Valley **Messy Church** will be held on Friday, December 5th at St. George's South Alice (2968 Doran Road). Families of all shapes and sizes are invited to gather beginning at 4pm, with kid friendly Advent activities getting underway at 4:30pm. We will wrap up by 6:30pm. Supper is provided and all are welcome!

Holy Trinity Pembroke's annual **Joyous Prelude to Christmas** concert will be held on Sunday, December 7th at 3pm. Admission is by free-will donation at the door.

The YoYo Mamas annual Christmas Concert of toe-tapping fiddle music will be Wednesday, December 17 at Epiphany Barry's Bay. There will be two concerts: a 3pm Matinee and 7pm Evening. Tickets are free, but seating is limited. Please reserve your free ticket from any one of the YoYo Mamas or by contacting Pia-Leena Voorand at piaatthelake@gmail.com or 613-633-9361. A freewill donation will be received at the door.

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 St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation's ***Tree of Lights Campaign*** to help purchase essential equipment for St. Francis Memorial Hospital's medical unit in Barry's Bay has begun. Visit the Foundation at 7 St. Francis Memorial Drive, online at www.sfvhfoundation.com, or call 613-756-3045 ext. 217 to donate.

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