

THE VALLEY BULLETIN

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS



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Boris Fiodorovich

December 28th, 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.

REFUGEE

by Malcolm Guite

We think of him as safe beneath the steeple,
Or cozy in a crib beside the font,
But he is with a million displaced people
On the long road of weariness and want.
For even as we sing our final carol
His family is up and on that road,
Fleeing the wrath of someone else's quarrel,
Glancing behind and shouldering their load.
Whilst Herod rages still from his dark tower
Christ clings to Mary, fingers tightly curled,
The lambs are slaughtered by the men of power,
And death squads spread their curse across the world.
But every Herod dies, and comes alone
To stand before the Lamb upon the throne.

From Sounding the Seasons: Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year



LET'S PRAY

In the Anglican Communion, this week we pray for Sarah Mullally, Archbishop-Designate of Canterbury. We pray for The Anglican Church of Canada. 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: Alongside Hope & The Anglican Foundation. We pray for the staff at Ascension House, as well as the Diocesan Archives. We pray for Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa.

In our Deanery of the Northwest, we pray for St. Stephen's, Micksburg, 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: Darrell & Juanita Graham, Kevin & Kaylie Graham, Heather & Bryan Grant, Orma Gregson, Doris Griffith.

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

Pembroke: Diane, 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

DECEMBER 28, 2025 - First Sunday after Christmas (Pembroke)
Isaiah 63.7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2.10-18; Matthew 2.13-23

DECEMBER 28, 2025 - First Sunday after Christmas (Killaloe & Eganville) Lessons & Carols
Genesis 2.4-9, 15-25; Isaiah 40.1-11; Luke 1. 5-25; Luke 1.26-38; Luke 1.39-56; Luke 2.1-20

UPCOMING READINGS

January 4, 2026 - The Epiphany of the Lord (Observed)
Isaiah 60.1-6; Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

January 11, 2026 - The Baptism of the Lord
Isaiah 42.1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10.34-43; Matthew 3.13-17

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)

Call Gail at the Aborn House office (613-732-4658) to sponsor a Valley Bulletin.

SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF THE VALLEY

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (OBSERVED), JANUARY 4

8 & 10am - Holy Trinity Pembroke
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
4pm - Zion Lutheran, Pembroke (Starry, Starry Night)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Thursday, January 8th at 10.15am - Valley Manor, Barry's Bay
Thursday, January 15th at 10.00 am - Pinewood, Pembroke

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas & New Year Office Closure: The Office at Aborn House will be closed for the holidays from December 19th, reopening on January 5th, 2026.

Christmas Pastoral On-Call: In case of a pastoral emergency over the holidays, from December 25th to December 28th, please call Rev. Nick (613-629-9498). From December 29th to January 4th, please call Rev. Matthew or Rev. Gillian (613-687-9123).

Join Ottawa Valley Lutheran and Anglican churches for **Starry, Starry Night**, a shared service to celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Sunday, January 4th at 4pm at Zion Lutheran Church (454 Miller Street) in Pembroke. All are welcome!

Please note **there will not be a Wednesday 10am celebration of the Holy Eucharist** in Holy Trinity Pembroke on December 24th (Christmas Eve) or on December 31st (New Year's Eve). The midweek Eucharist will resume at 10am on Wednesday, January 7th.

CLERGY TEAM

Contact Information

The Rev. Matthew Brown (613-732-4658)

The Rev. Gillian Hoyer (613-687-9123)

The Rev. Nicholas Forte (613-629-9498)

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

Cover: *Escape to Egypt*, Borys Fiodorowicz, n.d.

A Polish artist who in his works combines the sacred zone with the profane that surrounds us, often reaching for difficult and uncomfortable topics. His paintings refer to the tradition of Eastern icons and Western religious images. The artist combines them with motifs taken from the contemporary visual sphere.

Page 3: *Christ in the Rubble*, Kelly Latimore, 2023.

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