

THE VALLEY BULLETIN

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



January 18th, 2026

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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ecumenical celebration held each year between January 18th (the Feast of the Confession of Saint Peter) and January 25th (the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul). Intentionally during this time, Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of the church, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in ecumenical services and to share fellowship.

Each year, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a theme. This year's theme is inspired by Ephesians 4: "There is one Body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." A group from a different region or country is invited to draft the initial liturgical text and a biblical theme for each year. This year, Armenian Churches have played a central role in the development of the 2026 prayer resources. Their focus is on the importance of putting divisions aside, fostering mutual respect and working together as servants of Christ to make a difference in the world.

The Armenian Apostolic Church is one of the earliest established Churches, dating back to the 4th century, with roots tracing back to the Apostolic era. The Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches calls the Armenian Church a 'venerable institution' that 'transcends religious organisation' and 'embodies national resilience, cultural heritage and spiritual fortitude'. An excerpt from the resource says: 'Let us embrace this divine calling to unity, not as an abstract ideal but as a vital expression of our faith. In a world where the Body of Christ is wounded by divisions within and between traditions and confessions, the Apostle's call to unity is addressed to each of us, not only as separated church communities, but also as individuals within our communities. By living in unity, we not only witness to the love and power of our Lord Jesus Christ but also embody the essence of His teachings. As we support one another and celebrate our diverse gifts and talents, let us reflect the heart of Christ and further His work on earth.'

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

An Ecumenical Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service will be held this year at **St. James the Less Catholic Church in Eganville** (78 Wellington Street) on **Sunday, January 25th at 2pm**. All are invited and encouraged to participate!



LET'S PRAY

In the Anglican Communion, this week we pray for Sarah Mullally, Archbishop-Designate of Canterbury. We pray for the Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo. 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: “Gracious God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified, send your guidance upon us as we prepare to elect a bishop for our diocese. Grant wisdom to those discerning a call, to those who are candidates, to Members of Synod, and to our diocesan administrator, Bishop Michael Bird; through Jesus Christ our Lord.” We pray for our Diocesan Partners: Kairos Ottawa & Saint Paul University. We pray for The Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, Sacred Circle Events, and the Ministry of Reconciliation. We pray for St. Paul's, Almonte.

In our Deanery of the Northwest, we pray for all local churches during this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

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: Rob Hanson, Rita Harris, Harold Hass, Karen Hass, Morgan Hass.

For those who have died and all members of their family as they grieve:
Doug Desjardins (brother of Nancy Clark), Nora Waddell, Iris Ball, Robert Daoust.

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

Alice & Petawawa: Lynn, Ralph, Bill, Issy, Marion, Lynn, Wanda, Rose, Laurie, Lois, Gloria, Trent, Patricia, Sammy, Chandra, Shane, Michael, Larry, 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, 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

JANUARY 18, 2026 - The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 49.1-7; Psalm 40.1-12; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; John 1.29-42

UPCOMING READINGS

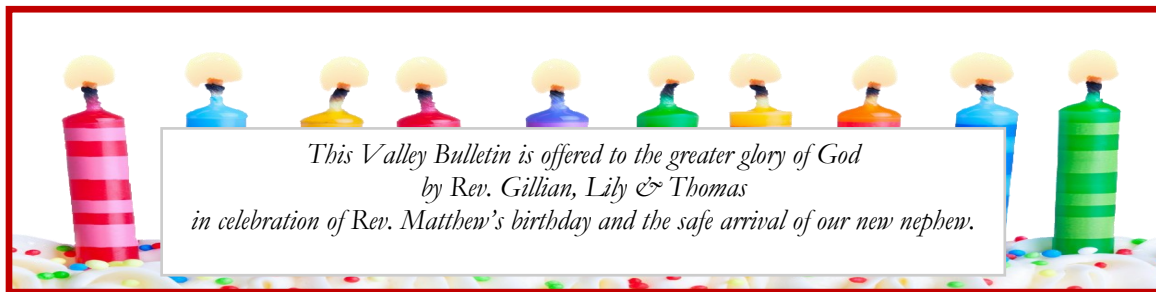
January 25, 2026 - The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 9.1-4; Psalm 27.1, 5-13; 1 Corinthians 1.10-18; Matthew 4.12-23

February 1, 2026 - The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Micah 6.1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1.18-31; Matthew 5.1-12

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), please visit our website: www.ValleyAnglicans.ca



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SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF THE VALLEY

JANUARY 25, 2026

8 & 10am - Holy Trinity Pembroke
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 (Morning Prayer)
11:15am - All Saints Petawawa

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Tuesday, January 20th at 10:15 am - Valley Manor, Barry's Bay
Thursday, February 5th at 10am - Country Haven, Beachburg
Thursday, February 5th at 10:15am - Valley Manor, Barry's Bay
Thursday, February 19th at 10am - Country Haven, Beachburg
Thursday, February 19th at 2pm - Supples Landing, Pembroke

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Petawawa/Alice Congregational Councils - January 27, 7:15pm at St. George's
Pembroke Congregational Council - January 28, 7pm on Zoom
Eganville Congregational Council - January 29, 10am at St. John's

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Sponsor a Bible!

One of the Parish of the Valley's Licensed Lay Readers, Bev York, has recently started a Bible Study Group for residents of Caressant Care Retirement Home in Cobden. Thus far, the group have been using Bible reading print-outs, but our parish would like to supply the group with large-font Bibles to support them in their scripture studies.

Thanks to our friends at Liturgica Ottawa we have been able to obtain a discount rate on an order of 8 Large Print NRSV Bibles. If you would like to sponsor one of these Bibles for the benefit of the Caressant Care Bible Study group, the amount per Bible is \$40. Donations can be made payable to "Holy Trinity Anglican Church" and submitted to Gail at our Aborn House office. You will receive a tax receipt for your donation. Thank you for supporting this new ministry!

The Eganville Ministerial Churches invite all to join in the ecumenical prayer service for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. This service will be held on the closing Sunday of the week of prayer, **January 25th at 2pm at St. James the Less Catholic Church, Eganville** (78 Wellington Street).

Special for Barry's Bay Flannel Fest: the **Church of the Epiphany Soup & Sandwich Lunch** is back on Friday, February 13th from 11:30am - 1:30pm. For only \$10 enjoy a delicious homemade sandwich, soup, and pie. Eat in, or take out. To order take out, please call 613-635-1600.

Our regular **Wednesday Worship** at 10am at Holy Trinity Pembroke has resumed. All are welcome to join us in the chancel for this quiet said service of Holy Eucharist.

Epiphany Fashions at Church of the Epiphany, Barry's Bay has resumed regular hours for 2026: Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10am - 2pm.

Episcopal Election Update: The Episcopal Election will take place on February 28th. Prior to the election, there will be a series of public meetings across the diocese for everyone to have a chance to hear the candidates' answers to a set of relevant questions and to get to know them in a more informal setting at a following reception. We will be hosting a public meeting on **Friday, February 20th at 7pm at Holy Trinity Pembroke**. This meeting, as well as the other three meetings in our diocese, will also be live-streamed. All are welcome and invited to attend the public meeting. The names of candidates will be shared by our diocese after January 24th.

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