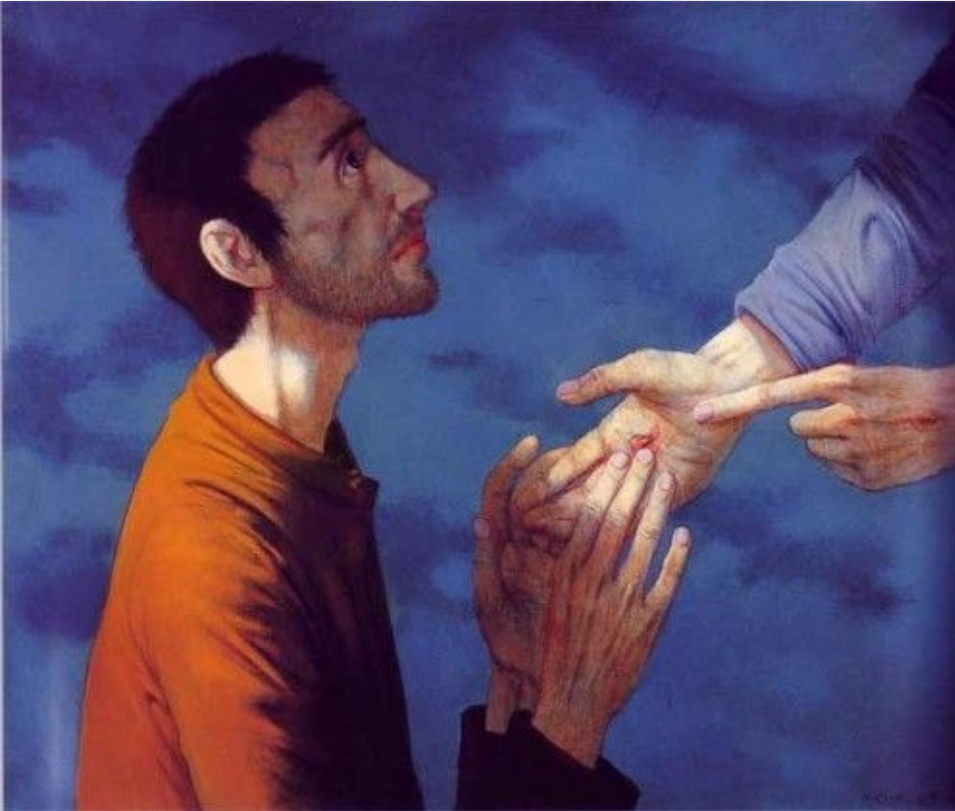


# THE VALLEY BULLETIN

Second Sunday of Easter



April 12th, 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.

*Certain parts of our Anglican liturgy change with the changing of the liturgical seasons. In the season of Lent, we began our celebrations of the Holy Eucharist with the Penitential Order (BAS pg. 216), so that we might as a community live-into the penitential nature of that season.*

*In the season of Easter, the season of resurrection and life, we celebrate the hope and new life in baptism that lies before us. Therefore, in this season we begin our worship with a thanksgiving for the water of baptism and for the gift of forgiveness and new life that it offers. This alternative gathering rite for the Book of Alternative Services has been approved for trial use by the Council of General Synod and authorized by our diocesan bishop, in keeping with Anglican liturgical custom. We also omit the communal confession and absolution from our Eucharistic liturgies during the Easter season, recognizing that we have moved from the more penitential overtones of Lent to a celebration of the sure and certain hope of God's forgiveness of sin that is revealed for us in both the cross and empty tomb.*

*Note that when the sacrament of baptism is celebrated the gathering rite found on BAS pg. 151 takes precedence over the alternative gathering rite, with a prayer of thanksgiving over the water being offered later in the service as part of the baptismal liturgy.*

## GREETING

*All stand. The presider greets the community.*

*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
*Presider* May his grace and peace be with you.  
*People* **May he fill our hearts with joy!**

*Presider* Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are raised to new life in the Spirit.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water is then poured into a baptismal font or bowl.*

*Presider*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.  
Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.  
Through water you led the children of Israel  
out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.  
In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John  
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,  
to lead us, through his death and resurrection,  
from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.  
We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.  
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.  
By it we share in his resurrection.  
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.  
Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son,  
we celebrate our fellowship in him in faith.  
We pray that all who have passed through the water of baptism  
may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

*As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly may then be sprinkled with water as the community says or sings  
"Glory to God" (BAS p. 186).*

# LET'S PRAY

**In the Anglican Communion,** we pray for Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for The Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola. 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. We pray for The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

**In our Diocese of Ottawa we pray:** We pray for Kathryn, our Bishop-Elect. We pray for our Diocesan Partner: the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer. We pray for Julian of Norwich, Nepean.

**In our Deanery of the Northwest,** we pray for St. John's, Antrim, part of the Parish of Pakenham.

**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: Gary Laymann, Doug & Isabel Leach, Arthur & Linda Leach, Bruce & Lynn Felhaber, Carol Leach.

**For those who have died and all members of their family as they grieve:**  
Ray Snyder, Frank Smith, Richard Smerdon, Gail Seabert (sister of Jim Seabert).

**For those preparing to be married:** Karly Emmerson & Daniel Brisson.

**For those preparing for baptism:** Hunter & Luella Brisson.

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

**Alice & Petawawa:** Ann, Doug, Ralph, Bill, Issy, Marion, Lynn, Wanda, Rose, Laurie, Lois, Gloria, Trent, Sammy, Michael.

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

**Killaloe/Tramore & Eganville:** Gale, Carol, Lynn, Lynda, Ed, Marg, Joan, James, Hilary, Heather, Jan, Harold, Richard, Dorothy, Betty, Ann, Sheila, Andrea, Sharon, Junior, Peter, Pauline, Phyllis, Ethel, Anice, Paula, Rosemary.

**Pembroke:** Florence, Diane, Jolene, Loreen, Heather, Tristan, Bill, Bob, Jo, Connie, June, Lomie.

**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

APRIL 12, 2026 - Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1.3-9; John 20.19-31

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## UPCOMING READINGS

April 19, 2026 - Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.14a, 36-41; Psalm 116.1-3, 10-17; 1 Peter 1.17-23; Luke 24.13-35

April 26, 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2.19-25; John 10.1-10

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## 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](http://Tithe.ly), please visit our website: [www.ValleyAnglicans.ca](http://www.ValleyAnglicans.ca)

*This Valley Bulletin is offered to the greater Glory of God*

*by Josie Hopper*

*in loving memory of her dear friend, Lucie Bell. Thank you for a lifetime of wonderful friendship!*

# SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF THE VALLEY

APRIL 19, 2026

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

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

Thursday, April 16th at 2pm - Supples Landing, Pembroke

Tuesday, May 5th at 10am - Heritage Manor, Pembroke

Thursday, May 7th at 10:15am - Valley Manor, Barry's Bay

Wednesday, May 13th at 10:30am - Riverview Heights, Pembroke

## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Eganville Congregational Council - Thursday, April 23 at 10am in St. Mark's Hall

Pembroke Congregational Council - Wednesday, April 29 at 7pm on Zoom

## NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**Following Easter, members of the clergy team will be taking some time away.**

Rev. Christine will be away April 13-19. In case of pastoral emergency, please reach out to Rev. Matthew (613-732-4658), Rev. Gillian (613-687-9123), or Rev. Nick (613-629-9498).

The **All Saints Petawawa Ladies Group** will be today, April 12th, following worship. Please join us as we prepare for our spring rummage sale on April 25th.

**Holy Trinity Pembroke ACW** will be meeting on Tuesday, April 14th at 1:30pm at Holy Trinity. All women are invited to join us!

The next **Soup & Sandwich Lunch** at the Church of the Epiphany, Barry's Bay, will be on Friday, April 24 from 11:30am - 1:30pm. Come and enjoy delicious homemade soup, sandwich, and pie for only \$12! To order take out, please call 613-635-1600.

The **Macaroni & Cheese Cook-Off** is back at St. John's, Eganville! **Saturday, April 25th, doors open at 5:30pm, dinner begins at 6pm.** Seating is limited: tickets are \$15, and can be purchased from Heather Park-Wheeler (613-226-2800). Come and taste test from guest cooks and select who will win the Holy Macaroni Crown! Macaroni & Cheese will be accompanied by salad, rolls, coffee & tea, and dessert. There will be a silent auction during the meal.

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

Save the date for our **Spring Rummage Sales!** Saturday, April 25th from 9am - Noon at All Saints, Petawawa and Saturday, May 2nd from 8:30-11am at Holy Trinity Pembroke.

**The first St. Augustine's Chapel, Beachburg service of 2026** will be held on **May 3rd at 7pm.** All are warmly welcomed to come and join in worship together.

Our next **Messy Church will be Friday, June 5th at St. Stephen's Micksburg.** Come anytime after 4pm for a 4:30pm start. We will have music activities, crafts, and end with a delicious meal. Bring your curiosity and wiggles and join in the fun as we gather together as families of all shapes, sizes, and ages from across the parish!

**Epiphany Fashions at Church of the Epiphany, Barry's Bay** is open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10am - 2pm. Come and browse our wonderful selection of gently used clothing.

# CLERGY TEAM

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