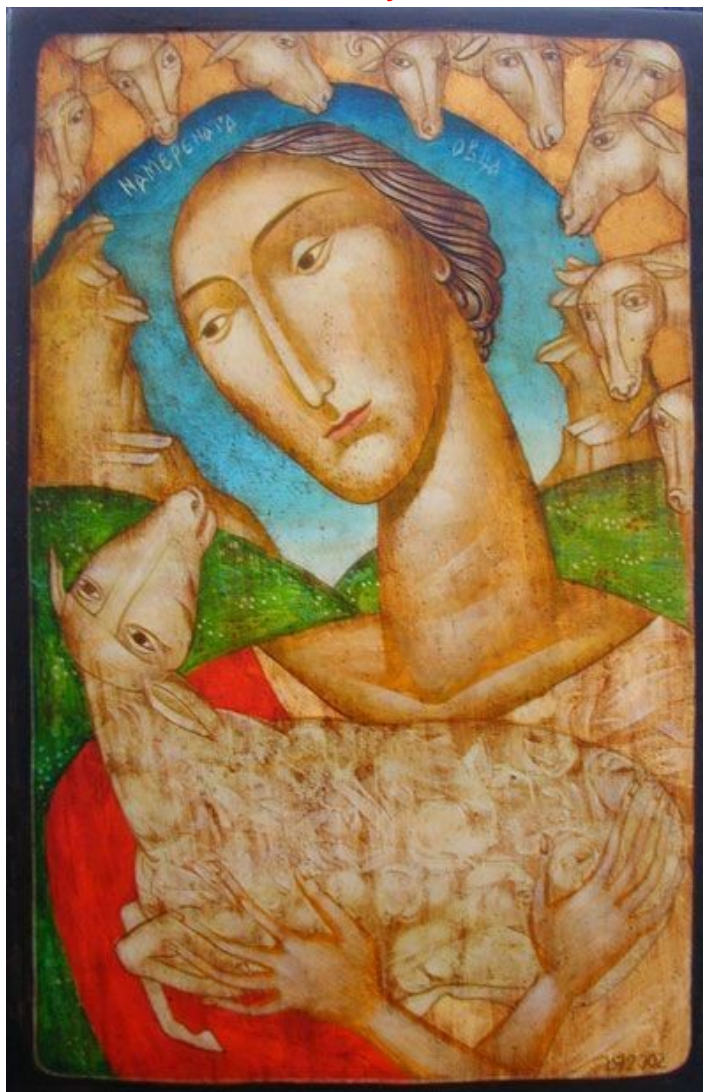


THE VALLEY BULLETIN

Fourth Sunday of Easter



April 26th, 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 Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). 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: We pray for Kathryn, our Bishop-Elect. We pray for our Diocesan Partners: Kairos Ottawa and Saint Paul University. We pray for the staff at Ascension House, including the Archives. We pray for St. Barnabas, Deep River. We pray for the members of the Licensed Lay Readers' Association and their warden The Rev. Bob Albert.

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: Teresa Leech, Marion LeMottee, Kim Lenser, Phyllis Lethbridge, Connie Lett.

For those newly married: Karly Emmerson & Daniel Brisson.

For those newly baptized: Hunter & Luella Brisson.

For those who have died and all members of their family as they grieve: Bill Collins.

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: David, Ewald, 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, Dawn.

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 26, 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2.42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2.19-25; John 10.1-10

UPCOMING READINGS

May 3, 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 7.55-60; Psalm 31.1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2.2-10; John 14.1-14

May 10, 2026 - Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.7-18; 1 Peter 3.13-22; John 14.15-21

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

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SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF THE VALLEY

MAY 3, 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
7pm - St Augustine's Chapel, Beachburg

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Thursday, April 30th at 10am - Country Haven

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

Thursday, May 28th at 10am (LTC) and 10:30am (RH) - Caressant Care, Cobden

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Parish of the Valley Spring Rummage Sales:

Saturday, May 2nd from 8:30-11am at Holy Trinity Pembroke

Come and shop for gently used items from books to clothing, to household items and children's toys, and more!

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.

We would love to keep in touch with you! If you have started attending church in the parish in the last few months, we would love to ensure you're included on our parish mailing list so that you can receive important email or mail communications from the parish and learn more about upcoming events and opportunities for fellowship. Please be in touch with Gail at the office - office@valleyanglicans.ca or 613-732-4358 to make sure your name is on our parish list!

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