

THE VALLEY BULLETIN

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Jerusalem & the Holy Land Sunday



May 17th, 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 Papua New Guinea. 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 Otley, our Bishop. We pray for our Diocesan Partners: Alongside Hope and the Anglican Foundation. We pray for The Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, Sacred Circle Events, and the ministry of reconciliation. We pray for the Parish of Maberly-Lanark.

In our Deanery of the Northwest, we pray for Ascension Killaloe/St. John's Tramore, 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: Jean Lopushanski, Brenda & Sheldon Lorbetski, Maureen & John Luck, Helen Lumax, Paula Lundrigan.

For those preparing for baptism: Rhodes Brace.

For those who have died and all members of their family as they grieve: Shirley Burton, Loreen Scales.

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: Dawn, Hilda, Diane, Jolene, 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

MAY 17, 2026 - Seventh Sunday of Easter - Jerusalem & the Holy Land Sunday
Acts 1.6-14; Psalm 68.1-10, 33-36; 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11; John 17.1-11

UPCOMING READINGS

May 24, 2026 - The Day of Pentecost
Acts 2.1-21; Psalm 104.25-35, 37; 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13; John 20.19-23

May 31, 2026 - Trinity Sunday
Genesis 1.1—2.4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13.11-13; Matthew 28.16-20

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

*This Valley Bulletin is offered to the greater glory of God
and in thanksgiving to God for the marriage today
of Alan Steinke and Randelle Ashley
by Roger & Karen Steinke.*

SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF THE VALLEY

MAY 24, 2026

8 & 10am - Holy Trinity Pembroke

9am - St Thomas Rankin

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

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

Tuesday, June 2nd at 10:30am - Miramichi Lodge, Pembroke

Thursday, June 4th at 10.15am - Valley Manor, Barry's Bay

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next **Food Bank Sunday** is Sunday, May 24th. Thank you for bringing your donations for our local food banks to church that day.

You are invited to a **Book Launch and Conversation** with the Author on Saturday, May 30th at 2pm at Holy Trinity, Pembroke. Come and hear from Rev. Dr. Therese DesCamp, author of *Hands like Roots: Notes on an Entangled Contemplative Life*, and enjoy conversation with her about her book. Books will be available to purchase at the event.

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.

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!

The Big Give is back in Cobden, sponsored by five local churches including St. Paul's Cobden. It will be Saturday, June 6th from 9am-12pm at the Cobden Arena. It will include a yard "sale," BBQ, Kids Zone, live music, baked goods & coffee, and more. Everything is Free! Donations will be accepted at the Cobden Arena Thursday June 4th 1-6pm and Friday June 5 9am-3pm.

Local vocal ensemble comes to Church of the Ascension, Killaloe on Friday June 19, 7:30pm and St. John the Evangelist, Eganville on Friday, June 26, 7:30pm. **The Lyra Ensemble** is an 8-member acapella choir with a vast repertoire from a diversity of singing traditions. The concert will feature music from: Macedonia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Germany, America and beyond. Tickets available at the door or reserved in advance (recommended): thelyraensemble@gmail.com

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 613-732-4658 to make sure your name is on our parish list!

CLERGY TEAM

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Inspired by this collect from the book of common prayer.

“Look with mercy, O heavenly Father, upon the people who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and fair opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of everything through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (BCP of The Episcopal Church, p.826)(edited)

“This icon is for those who are the most vulnerable among us. The migrant, the refugee, the foreigner and “the other”. The children in Gaza, those being detained by I<e, the innocent families in Yemen and Iran. Ukraine, Sudan and Congo and around the world in the path of war. Lord Have Mercy.” K. *Latimore*

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