

# THE VALLEY BULLETIN

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost



September 6th, 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.

## SEASON OF CREATION

*Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish once these waters reach there. It will become fresh, and everything will live where the river goes... On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing. Ezekiel 47:9, 12*

The Season of Creation is ecumenically observed from September 1 to October 4. During this season, much of our Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of God as creator through prayer and action to protect our common home. This year's Season of Creation theme is "Living Water," drawn from Ezekiel's vision of a river that brings life wherever it flows. For more information about the Season of Creation and this year's theme, you can visit [www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org).

# LIVING WATER

Our scriptures repeatedly associate water with divine healing and renewal. In the early Church, large baptismal fonts in which you entered the waters by steps down one side and exited up steps on the other side were often used. This baptismal imagery symbolizing a journey of transformation is at the heart of the image of “Living Water.”

Earlier in the book of Ezekiel, God promises cleansing, a new heart and a new spirit given through water (Ez 36:25-27). We are reminded of God’s promise that, as we are healed and renewed, living water will flow out of us for the healing of others and of creation.

Water is life! Sadly, water pollution continues to be a serious issue around God's good world. Though we have made strides to clean up and protect our waterways, Canada still contributes to water pollution through misuse and disregard, as do many other nations. We take for granted the water which all of creation depends on. This remains a serious and ongoing challenge. In the words of the International Season of Creation Committee:  
As Christians we are called both to refrain from and to denounce harmful pollution, while at the same time urging governments, local authorities, industry, and agriculture to act responsibly and protect water sources.



*Season of Creation, 2026 logo*

# LET'S PRAY

**In the Anglican Communion,** we pray for Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria. 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** for Kathryn Otley, our Bishop. We pray our Diocesan Partners: Kairos Ottawa and Saint Paul University. We pray for all who labour for the good of our society on this Labour Day weekend. We pray for the new school year, students of all ages, and their teachers and parents. We pray for St. Mary's, Russell.

**In our Deanery of the Northwest,** we pray for St. Anthony's, Whitney, 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: Joanne Perrault, George & Leah Pezoulas, Brian Phelan, Hardy & Jocelyn Philippi, Gene & Susan Phillion.

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

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

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

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

**Pembroke:** Roger, Callum, Diane, Jolene, Heather, Bill, Bob, Jo, Connie, June, Lomie.

**Stafford/Beachburg/Cobden:** Royle, Gwen, Elmor, John, Jean, Denver, Brian, Ruby, Janice, Susan, Ryan, Haley, Ruth, James, Sharon, Dave, Nicholas, Carolyn, Hillary, Ralph, Thyra, Sandra.

## TODAY'S READINGS

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 - Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 12.1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13.8-14; Matthew 18.15-20

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## UPCOMING READINGS

September 13, 2026 - Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 14.19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35

September 20, 2026 - Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 16.2-15; Psalm 105.1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1.21-30; Matthew 20.1-16

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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](https://www.valleyanglicans.ca/tithe), please visit our website: [www.ValleyAnglicans.ca](https://www.valleyanglicans.ca)

*This Valley Bulletin is offered to the greater glory of God  
in loving memory of Sophie & Jim Bellisle, who were married at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Combermere  
on September 13, 1952, and shared 67 years of marriage.*

# SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF THE VALLEY

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

8 & 10m - Holy Trinity Pembroke

9am - St Patrick's Lower Stafford

9am - St John's Tramore

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, September 26th at 10am - Country Haven, Beachburg

## NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

The Thanksgiving edition of our Parish newspaper, *Revelations*, will be published in early October. The submission deadline for this edition is **Wednesday, September 23rd**. We invite you to send your stories, updates, articles, or photos to [revelation@valleyanglicans.ca](mailto:revelation@valleyanglicans.ca). If you have any questions or would like to collaborate on an article, please reach out to Rev. Gillian.

The annual **Summer Yard Sale** is back for St. Anthony's Whitney! The sale will be open from 9am to 12pm every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting, from now until Thanksgiving at the home of the Dunns: 24 Third Avenue in Whitney. Come shop a wonderful array of treasures on your way through Algonquin Park!

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.

**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](mailto:office@valleyanglicans.ca) or 613-732-4658 to make sure your name is on our parish list!

# CLERGY TEAM

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Cover: *Rain Makers*, Gary Bunt, 2024, from his book “A Gardener Goes to Heaven”

We're making some weather with Jesus  
Pouring down some rain  
The farmers need it on the soil  
To help them grow some grain  
Once these clouds have passed on over  
This shower will be done  
We'll put away our watering cans  
And let God turn on the sun - *Gary Bunt*

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