

THE VALLEY BULLETIN

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



September 13th, 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.

THE SALT WATER BECOMES FRESH AND THE TREES BEAR FRUIT

The Prophet Ezekiel's claim that fresh water will make salt water become fresh is deliberately shocking: the prophet is not describing a natural process but a divine reversal. By declaring that the fresh water heals the salt sea, Ezekiel echoes the creation story in Genesis where God brings life out of chaotic waters.

This is the new creation. Ezekiel could have said that the fresh river bypassed the salt sea; instead, it enters it and divine life flows into the most dead and hopeless places. The trees which bear fruit every month represent life that has moved beyond scarcity into God's abundance.

As we seek the Living Water, the Season of Creation Committee asks us to consider our trees. Trees absorb carbon pollution, prevent erosion, reduce flooding, provide food and medicine, and cool urban environments — they truly bring healing to the nations. How might we make trees a part of our spiritual lives? The Anglican Communion's *Communion Forest* is a global initiative towards forest protection, tree growing, and ecosystem restoration.

To learn more: <https://www.communionforest.org/>



Season of Creation, 2026 logo

LET'S PRAY

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. 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 for Kathryn Otley, our Bishop. We pray for our Diocesan Partner: The International Anglican Women's Network in Canada. We pray for our Community Ministries: Belong Ottawa, Centre 105 (Cornwall), Cornerstone Housing for Women, Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre, and the Refugee Ministry Office. We pray for the Parish of St. Helen's, Orleans.

In our Deanery of the Northwest, we pray for St. George's, South Alice, 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: Gilbert & Beverly Pleau, Kirk Plummer & Thalia Hanniman and Emilia, Charles & Lilian, Mark & Lee Ann Plummer, Thomas & Rachel Plummer and Matthew, Emma, Benjamin & Joseph, Janet Plummer.

For those preparing to be married:

Elizabeth Durocher & Wesley Ward - September 26, Pembroke

Alexandria Schraenkler & Liam Bracken - October 3, Eganville

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: Teresa, Annie, 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: Jim, Roger, Callum, Diane, Jolene, Heather, Bill, Bob, Jo, Connie, June, Lomie.

Stafford/Beachburg/Cobden: Royla, 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 13, 2026 - Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Exodus 14.19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14.1-12; Matthew 18.21-35

UPCOMING READINGS

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

September 27, 2026 - Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 78.1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32

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

*This Valley Bulletin is offered to the greater glory of God
and in gratitude for Bernhard (Ben) Zettler's celebration
of his 90th birthday on September 16th.*

SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF THE VALLEY

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

8 & 10m - Holy Trinity Pembroke
9am - St Anthony's Whitney
9am - St John's Tramore
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, September 26th at 10am - Country Haven, Beachburg

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Killaloe/Tramore Congregational Council - Thursday, September 17 at 10am at Ascension
Pembroke Congregational Council - Wednesday, September 23 at 7pm on Zoom
Eganville Congregational Council - Thursday, September 24 at 10am in St. Mark's Hall
Alice & Petawawa Joint Congregational Councils - Tuesday, October 6 at 7:15pm at St. George's
Barry's Bay Congregational Council - Thursday, October 8 at 10am at Epiphany

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church ([454 Miller Street, Pembroke](#)) will celebrate the **Grand Opening of Zion Thrift**, the church's thrift store, on Wednesday, September 16th from 1PM to 3PM. Light refreshments will be served. Please come and join in!

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

CLERGY TEAM

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He would walk here as a lad
With his mum and his dad
Now their footsteps he likes to retrace
Reminisce,
Feel their hugs and a kiss
As the sun gently warms his face- *Gary Bunt*

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