

THE VALLEY BULLETIN

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost



September 20th, 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.

OCEANS: OUR BLUE LUNG

Last week's description of Ezekiel's vision of the saltwater becoming fresh is in no way meant to diminish the value of our salty oceans and seas. His vision speaks to the specific reality of "The Dead Sea," in which there is little life. Our oceans and seas are made of salt water and are still living waters. Indeed, the oceans are home to much of our planet's biodiversity and they are one of the biggest contributors to climate regulation.

With the importance of our oceans in mind, the Season of Creation Committee urges us to care for our oceans, sometimes called our "Blue Lung." Our oceans face rising threats from waste discharge, overfishing, pollution, and deep-sea mining. Life and biodiversity beneath the waves must not be treated as out of sight and out of mind. May educators help our communities see and value these marine worlds. May government leaders act with courage to protect marine biomes and livelihoods. And may we choose guardianship that keeps the Blue Lung breathing for generations.



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 of Australia. 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 The Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, Sacred Circle Events, the ministry of reconciliation and 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 Multifaith Housing Initiative. We pray for The Parish of the Holy Spirit, Québec.

In our Deanery of the Northwest, we pray for St. Alban the Martyr, Mattawa, part of the Parish of Mattawa-Rutherglen.

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: Hanna Poland, Dorothy Porteous, Wayne & Debbie Prescott, Sharon Price, Ricky & Marcella Proulx.

For those preparing to be married:

Elizabeth Durocher & Wesley Ward - September 26, Pembroke

Alexandria Schraenkler & Liam Bracken - October 3, Eganville

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

Russell Risser (grandfather of Dekota Risser).

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: Pauline, 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 20, 2026 - Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

UPCOMING READINGS

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

October 4, 2026 - Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46

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

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SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF THE VALLEY

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

8 & 10am - Holy Trinity Pembroke with Calvin United Visiting

9am - St Stephen's Micksburg

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, September 24th at 10am - Country Haven, Beachburg

Thursday, October 1st at 10:15am - Valley Manor, Barry's Bay

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

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.

On Sunday, September 27th the Parish of the Valley will mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Everyone is encouraged to wear orange to church as we honour and remember the many Indigenous people and families who suffered and continue to suffer the impacts of the trauma of the residential school system. We also encourage you to wear orange on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation itself, Wednesday, September 30th.

Our next **Food Bank Sunday** will be Thanksgiving Sunday, Sunday October 11th. Donations to our local food banks may be brought to church that day as we give thanks for God's gifts and offer support to our neighbours.

On Sunday, October 18th at 3pm, our Anglican Parish of the Valley has been invited to join the Ottawa Valley Lutheran Cluster of Churches for their annual **Reformation Sunday Service**. This year's service will be held at the Rankin Culture & Recreation Centre. Rev. Matthew has been invited to be the guest preacher for the service.

For those who wish, there will also be a ticketed smoked pork loin dinner following the service, with the meal beginning at 5pm. A limited number of tickets (\$35, cash only) will be available until October 4th from Gail at our office ([613-732-4658](tel:613-732-4658) or office@valleyanglicans.ca).

Holy Trinity ACW is planning on selling small meat pies with proceeds going to support **Columbus House youth services**. We will take orders with a deadline.

We are looking for help in rolling pastry, peeling vegetables & cooking the filling.

We are planning to have two different times to make the pies- perhaps a morning or afternoon time and a Saturday time.

The small pies will be made with beef, pork, carrots/potatoes/onions and spices. All pies will be frozen.

Please contact Maggie Jacques [613-401-1100](tel:613-401-1100) or marjoriemorris58@gmail.com, if you have questions or are able to help in any way.

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!

CLERGY TEAM

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The Rev. Christine Muise (613-883-8402)

Cover: *God Divided The Waters*, from Gary Bunt's series "The Creation"

Early the next morning
The first day had passed by
God divided the waters
In the middle he put the sky
He made some clouds from cotton wool
A wind blowing in from the West
The heavens above he filled with his love
And angels that were blessed - *Gary Bunt*

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