

THE VALLEY BULLETIN

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost



September 27th, 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.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION: SEPTEMBER 30TH

“I accept and I confess before God and you, our failures in the residential schools.
We failed you. We failed ourselves. We failed God.”

Excerpt from “Apology to Native People” given by Archbishop Michael Peers (August 6, 1993)

The Anglican Church of Canada acknowledges the harm we caused through our involvement in the Indian Residential Schools system. Survivors carried these truths long before they were widely recognized, and their leadership continues to guide our National Church’s response. As a Church made up of Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, we recognize that we hold different relationships to this history yet share a responsibility to face it with honesty, repentance and renewed commitment.

In 1993, then-Primate Archbishop Michael Peers offered an apology to survivors for the Church’s role in the residential schools system. His words continue to mark a turning point in our shared story of truth-telling and accountability.

In 2019, then-Primate Archbishop Fred Hiltz offered a further Apology for Spiritual Harm, recognizing the damage caused when Indigenous identity, language and spiritual practices were dismissed or suppressed.

Today as we mark the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation as a parish, we are encouraged to look around at our community for how we might support local work of reconciliation.

The Algonquin Way Cultural Centre, “Omàmiwininì Pimàdjowin” located in Pikwakanagan, is a local not-for-profit and registered charity whose mission is to revitalize, reintegrate, enhance and protect the customs, practices, heritage, language and arts of the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation as a way to work to restore the community’s cultural traditions.

In the spirit of walking in truth and reconciliation locally, those who wish to can make a donation to the Culture Centre by mailing it to: 1657A Mishomis Inamo, Pikwakanagan, ON, K0J 1X0.

For more information on the Anglican Church of Canada and Reconciliation, please see: <https://www.anglican.ca/reconciliation/accountability/>

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 WORLD'S WATER CRISIS

Ezekiel's vision of Living Water stands in sharp contrast to the reality of the global water crisis. According to the United Nations, 1.7 billion people lack basic hygiene services at home, and 2.1 billion people still lack access to safe drinking water. Within Canada, Indigenous Communities are disproportionately affected; as of this year, there are still 38 long-term drinking water advisories affecting 36 Indigenous Communities in Canada.

Although access to drinking water is a human right, the water crisis overly affects vulnerable communities, future generations, and non-human life that has no voice in political or economic systems.

From a theological perspective, this crisis reflects broken relationships — between humankind and God, within the human family itself, and between human beings and other living beings.

As Canadian Anglicans, we can respond to the issue of water security through Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF). One of Alongside Hope's longstanding projects is working with Indigenous Communities to supply basic water access. First through the *Pimatisiwin Nipi* ("Living Water") project, and now in partnership with the Diocese of the Arctic and the Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh, Alongside Hope is working to provide running water and clean water. Learn more at: <https://alongsidehope.org/water-project/>.

LET'S PRAY

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for the Church of Bangladesh. 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 Partners: Alongside Hope and the Anglican Foundation. We pray for the staff at Ascension House, including the Archives. We pray for St. Matthew's, Ottawa.

In our Deanery of the Northwest, we pray for St. Barnabas, Deep River.

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: Lois Pugh, Ron & Mary-Jane Purcell, Bea Quait, Bernard Raglin, Cari Rakai & Tyler Haggerty and Poppy and Felix.

For those preparing to be married: Alexandria Schraenkler & Liam Bracken - **and for those recently married:** Elizabeth Durocher & Wesley Ward.

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, 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 27, 2026 - Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 78.1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2.1-13; Matthew 21.23-32

UPCOMING READINGS

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

October 11, 2026 - Harvest Thanksgiving

Deuteronomy 8.7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9.6-15; Luke 17.11-19

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
and in celebration of interdenominational friendships and cooperation.*

We all benefit.

Offered by Bill Grubb.

SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF THE VALLEY

OCTOBER 4, 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, October 1st at 10:15am - Valley Manor, Barry's Bay
Thursday, October 8th at 11am - Marianhill, Pembroke

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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 next service at **St. Augustine's Chapel, Beachburg** will be Sunday, October 4th at 7pm. All are welcome.

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).

The next **Soup & Sandwich Lunch** at Epiphany, Barry's Bay will be on Friday, October 23rd from 11:30am-1:30pm. Come and enjoy delicious homemade soups, sandwiches, and pie for only \$12! Eat in or take out; for take out please call [613-635-1600](tel:613-635-1600).

The **Holy Trinity Pembroke Fall Rummage Sale** will be held Saturday, October 24th from 8:30-11:30am in the church hall. Come and shop a great selection of quality used items!

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

Contact Information

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The meaning behind the visuals

The design honours the children who never returned home from residential schools, Survivors, their families and communities.

In the centre are three symbols: a feather, a narwhal, and a flower. Each symbol represents the distinct cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities, brought together in a circular flowing composition to reflect the connection between the groups.

Above the central elements, stars surrounding the moon honour the children who never returned home from residential schools and symbolize their enduring place in our thoughts and memory. The dotted patterns evoke beadwork and reflect the importance of passing down art, culture and traditions from one generation to the next.

Flowing lines connect the elements of the design, reflecting the connections between land, water, communities and generations. Their winding path represents the journey of reconciliation and reminds us that reconciliation is an ongoing process.

The colour orange represents remembrance and the enduring message that every child matters.

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