

THE VALLEY BULLETIN

Nineteenth Sunday

After Pentecost



October 4th, 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 SEASON OF CREATION AND ST. FRANCIS

Ezekiel's vision is ultimately one of hope. As co-creators with the Creator, our relationship with all creation is grounded in the biblical vision of creation as an interconnected community of life: a relationship of sacred partnership rather than domination.

In 1224, St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is today, wrote the “Canticle of the Sun.” In this canticle, which includes Brother Sun and Sister Moon, Brothers Wind and Air, Francis praises Sister Water: *“Laudato si, mi Signore, per sor' Acqua, la quale è multo utile et humile et pretiosa et casta.”* This translates as “Praise be to You, my Lord, through Sister Water, which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.”

Here, to be chaste means that we live in good relationship, that we are attentive in respectful ways and no one, no element, and no thing is treated as possessions. Water is useful because she sustains the lives of all creatures. Water is humble, regulating our planet's climate and our human bodies temperatures, and shaping our landscapes in stunning fashion. She is precious because we can only survive for only three days without water.

In 2021, Quebec's Magpie River was granted legal personhood to better protect and conserve its pristine waters. This Season of Creation, we are invited to consider how we too can protect God's natural world and live fully in companionship with Sister Water and her family.



LET'S PRAY

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil. 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 for our Diocesan Partners: Communion Forest and Compass Rose. We pray for St. Barnabas, Ottawa.

In our Deanery of the Northwest, we pray for St. George, Waba, part of the Parish of Pakenham.

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 recently married:

Elizabeth Durocher & Wesley Ward and Alexandria Schraenkler & Liam Bracken.

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: Nancy, 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

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

UPCOMING READINGS

October 11, 2026 - Harvest Thanksgiving

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

October 18, 2026 - The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 33.12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22

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

OCTOBER 11, 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, October 8th at 11:00am - 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

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.

CLERGY TEAM

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