

THE VALLEY BULLETIN

Harvest Thanksgiving



October 11th, 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.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

For the Fruit of all Creation (*Common Praise* 259) is a modern harvest and thanksgiving hymn written by Frederick Pratt Green in 1970. It combines our gratitude to God for the bounties of the earth with our responsibility to care for our neighbours, reminding us that our response to God's abundant love is gratitude, generosity, and justice. As a harvest hymn, it offers Thanksgiving for all of the bounty of the whole earth and urges us all to consider the safe keeping of God's creation for the betterment of us all.

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;
gifts bestowed on every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us. We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

General Thanksgiving Prayer, the *Book of Alternative Services*, p. 129-130



LET'S PRAY

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi. 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 Community Ministries: Belong Ottawa, Centre 105 (Cornwall), Cornerstone Housing for Women, Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre and the Refugee Ministry Office. We pray for St. Margaret's, Vanier.

In our Deanery of the Northwest, we pray for all parts of our Deanery of the Northwest as we celebrate Thanksgiving!

In our Parish of the Valley, we pray for Matthew Brown our Incumbent; and for Gillian Hoyer, Nicholas Forte, and Christine Muisse our Associate Incumbents. And for the life and members of our Parish of the Valley Community, this week we pray for: Andy Rakai, Bev & Ron Ramey, Jordan & Amy Ranger and Wyatt & Piper, Idella Ranger, Harold Rayson.

For those recently married:

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

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

UPCOMING READINGS

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

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

October 25, 2026 - The Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34.1-12; Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8; Matthew 22.34-46

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

*This Valley Bulletin is offered to the greater glory of God
by Kathy Marion.*

SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF THE VALLEY

OCTOBER 18, 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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Tuesday, November 3rd at 10:30am - Miramichi Lodge, Pembroke

Thursday, November 5th at 10:15am - Valley Manor, Barry's Bay

Thursday, November 12th at 10:00am - Country Haven, Beachburg

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Today is Food Bank Sunday. Thank you for your generous donations to our local food banks as we care for others in our communities this Thanksgiving Weekend.

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.

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 selling small meat pies as a fundraiser to support **Columbus House Youth Services**. The pies will be made with beef, pork, potatoes, carrots, onions, and spices, and will come frozen. There will be a limited number and orders are now being taken!

If you would like to join in and assist with rolling pastry, peeling vegetables, cooking the filling and assembling the pies, we will be working Thursday, November 5th on filling prep and Friday, November 6th on pie crusts and assembly.

Please contact Maggie Jacques ([613-401-1100](tel:613-401-1100) or marjoriemorris58@gmail.com) to place an order for pies or if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help in any way.

CLERGY TEAM

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Cover: *Love The Bees*, by Gary Bunt from his series “Give Thanks”

Love the bees and butterflies
Blossom on the trees
Birds that sing their evening song
Cauliflowers, peas
Dahlias, Hollyhocks
Little Ted and dog
Do good deeds, love the weeds
And all things made by God
Love your neighbour as yourself
Don't become too greedy
Give a trug of vegetables
To someone who is needy
Make sure you pray least once a day
Of your sins the Lord shall pardon
We come from the earth return to the earth
And in between we garden - *Gary Bunt*

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