

# THE VALLEY BULLETIN

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost



October 18th, 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.

## BISHOP'S PANEL ON HOUSING JUSTICE

*As we prepare for municipal elections across Ontario on October 26th, the Bishop's Panel on Housing Justice has provided these key facts and calls to action to assist parishioners across our Anglican Diocese of Ottawa in engaging in action, advocacy, prayer, and learning for housing justice.*

Homelessness in the Anglican Diocese has reached record highs, driven by rapid population growth, inflation and a severe shortage of affordable housing.

### **Facts to know:**

- Over 3,000 people are homeless in Ottawa on any given night, including over 1200 children living with their families in emergency shelters or temporary motels. Hundreds are living unsheltered or in encampments.
- Homelessness is also a problem in rural areas of Ontario, where it jumped 30% between 2024 and 2025.
- Approximately 16,000 people are on Ottawa's centralized waiting list for affordable housing. Indigenous people make up a disproportionately high percentage of the homeless population.

### **What can municipal councils do?**

- Ensure affordable housing and homelessness are municipal priorities, supported by appropriate levels of funding.
- Advocate for increased housing funding from provincial and federal governments and fast track more deeply affordable and supportive housing.
- Create bylaws to reduce evictions resulting from renovations and demolitions.
- Create an acquisition strategy to assist non-profit housing groups to purchase existing buildings that can be converted to affordable rental housing.

## What you can ask your municipal candidates:

- Will you make ending homelessness and building more affordable housing a priority if you are elected?
- Will you advocate to prevent the loss of affordable rental housing and essential community supports for homeless people, and the creation of new housing for the most vulnerable?
- Will you advocate for an increase to municipal funding for affordable housing even if it means an increase in property taxes?



Belong Ottawa's Centre 454, a Community Ministry of our Diocese, is facing a January 2027 relocation deadline.

For more than 70 years, Centre 454 has been a place of welcome for people experiencing homelessness and poverty, and a vital doorway to support, including housing and community connection.

Our diocese is asking the City of Ottawa for an extension to this timeline to ensure this essential ministry can continue without interruption and to allow for meaningful planning for its future.

If you live outside Ottawa, please share our diocese's public letter with your Ottawa networks and consider writing directly to the Mayor and City Councillors.

Learn more at: <https://belongottawa.ca/programs/centre-454/>

## LET'S PRAY

**In the Anglican Communion,** we pray for Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for the Anglican Church of Canada. 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 Partners: Kairos Ottawa and Saint Paul University. We pray for the Parish of Mattawa-Rutherglen.

**In our Deanery of the Northwest,** we pray for St. Augustine's Chapel, Beachburg, 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: Dawn & Stephen Recoskie and Ryder, Samantha Griffith & Brad Remus, Jennifer Renauld, Liam & Kimberley Rennick and Avevy & Colton, Sheila Rennick.

**For those who have died and all members of their family as they grieve:**  
Fern Kelusky, Charles McGuey.

**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, Royle, 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 18, 2026 - The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost  
Exodus 33.12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-22

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## UPCOMING READINGS

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

November 1, 2026 - All Saints' Day  
Revelation 7.9-17; Psalm 34.1-10, 22; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

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## 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 loving memory of my brother Peter Rumohr who passed away on October 23, 2025.  
Forever missed by his sister Marion LeMottee & the Rumohr family.*

# SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF THE VALLEY

OCTOBER 25, 2026

8 & 10am - Holy Trinity Pembroke

9am - St Patrick's Lower Stafford

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

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

This afternoon, 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 just off Highway 41. 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 ACW 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](mailto: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.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAARS ARE COMING SOON!

Thursday, November 19th from 11am to 1pm is the **Holy Trinity Pembroke ACW Holly Bazaar and Luncheon**. Enjoy a delicious lunch for \$15 and shop for crafts, baked goods, canned preserves, frozen pies, Christmas decorations, and a silent auction.

Saturday, November 21st from 11am to 2pm is the **All Saints Petawawa Christmas Tea and Bazaar**. Enjoy a homemade lunch for \$15 and shop the bake table, "glitz and glamour", a silent auction, and the Santa table.

# CLERGY TEAM

## Contact Information

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About this time  
near the end of the day  
in the light of the evening sun  
you will see this old man  
for whenever he can  
he says a prayer for everyone - *Gary Bunt*

“There is a fundamental challenge facing any artist who wishes to convey a religious dimension to life. I believe Gary Bunt addresses that challenge in a fresh and fascinating way. There is something different about his work which draws and affects people deeply.

All religions claim there is more to life than we can touch and feel; that there is another reality both beyond and deep within things. This reality is not just one thing amongst others, not an item in the world of items. It is difficult enough to convey this reality in words, which are always as misleading as they are true. How much more difficult it is to do so in lines and colours?

Jesus said “Unless you become like little children...” Gary Bunt similarly has learnt to see life with a sense of wonder and simplicity. But he does so in a highly skilled manner combining verse, picture and text, each re-enforcing the other to convey something more going on than the eye can see.” *Contemporary Six art gallery*, UK.

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