The Valley Bulletin

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



November 29th, 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.

ADVENT IN THE VALLEY

Into the Darkest Hour

It was a time like this,
War & tumult of war,
a horror in the air.
Hungry yawned the abyss-
and yet there came the star
and the child most wonderfully there.
It was time like this
of fear & lust for power,
license & greed and blight-
and yet the Prince of bliss
came into the darkest hour
in quiet & silent light.
And in a time like this
how celebrate his birth
when all things fall apart?
Ah! Wonderful it is
with no room on the earth
the stable is our heart.

From *WinterSong*, by Madeleine L'Engle and Luci Shaw © 1996 Harold Shaw Publishers.

HOPE

Leader We light the first Advent candle and say,

All **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**
A light no darkness can extinguish.

Leader Today we light the first candle, the candle for Hope. It reminds us that Jesus brings hope into the world, even when it seems scary or when the problems of our world seem too big for us to handle on our own, and Jesus asks us to share that hope with others.

Let us pray:

Christ our Hope,
Shine in our lives with hope and promise.
Give us eyes to see
so that we remain attentive in this holy season.
Remind us to look for you
in small acts of kindness and love.
We await your coming with wonder.

All **Amen.**



LET'S PRAY

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for the Anglican Church in Hong Kong and Macau. 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 all retired clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa. We pray for our Diocesan Partners: Kairos Ottawa, and Saint Paul University. We pray for the Parish of South Dundas.

In our Deanery of the Northwest, we pray for Emmanuel, Arnprior.

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: Kevin Schauer, Elaine Scheuneman, Bill & Zuweri Schroeder and Shamisa & Mushana, Darrell Schroeder, Harris & Donna Schroeder.

For those who will be baptized: Oliver & Benjamin Ash - Petawawa **and for those who have been baptized:** Arthur Kidd - Pembroke.

For the sick , those who have asked for our prayers, and all others who are on our hearts…

Alice & Petawawa: Phil, Pierette, Joe, Susie, Doug, Ralph, Bill, Issy, Marion, Lynn, Wanda, Rose, 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: Adam, Teresa, Annie, Ralph, Judith, Gale, Carol, Lynda, Ed, Marg, Joan, James, Hilary, Heather, Jan, Harold, Dorothy, Betty, Ann, Sheila, Andrea, Sharon, Junior, Peter, Phyllis, Ethel, Anice, Paula, Rosemary.

Pembroke: Jim, Roger, Jim, Callum, Diane, Jolene, Heather, Bill, Bob, Jo, Connie, June, Lomie.

Stafford/Beachburg/Cobden: Nancy, 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

NOVEMBER 29, 2026 - First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80.1-7, 16-18; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9; Mark 13.24-37

UPCOMING READINGS

December 6, 2026 - Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8

December 13, 2026 - Third Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11; Canticle 18 (Luke 1.47-55); 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8, 19-28

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*, please visit our website: www.ValleyAnglicans.ca

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Available dates: December 13, 20, 24/25, 27.
Cost is $40 and payable to Holy Trinity Anglican Church.
Call Gail at the office 613-732-4658 or email office@valleyanglicans.ca

SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF THE VALLEY

DECEMBER 6, 2026

8 & 10am - Holy Trinity Pembroke (Christmas Pageant at 10am)
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 (with Holy Baptism)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Thursday, December 3rd at 10:15am - Valley Manor, Barry's Bay
Wednesday, December 9th at 10:30am - Riverview Heights, Pembroke
Thursday, December 17th at 2pm - Supples Landing, Pembroke

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Today is Rev. Christine's final Sunday in the Parish of the Valley. Her final day in the parish will be Wednesday, December 2nd, after which she will take time to prepare for the transition to her new appointment as Incumbent of St. Mary's Navan. Thank you to everyone who shared in last Sunday's farewell potluck at St. John's Eganville, and for your encouragement, support, and prayers for Rev. Christine as she moves forward. We have been blessed by her ministry among us!

The Christmas Edition of *Revelations* will be published in December! We invite stories, notes, pictures, poetry, or anything you would like to share from the life of your congregation over the last few months. Please send submissions to revelations@valleyanglicans.ca by December 2nd. Thank you!

Today at 11:30am, there will be a **special coffee time presentation by Mykayla Turner, PhD student at Saint Paul University, Ottawa, at Holy Trinity Pembroke.** This will be an opportunity to hear as Mykayla shares about what she learned from us last fall in her research visits and interviews with us in the Parish of the Valley with a time to engage in conversation and questions with Mykayla and each other. Parishioners from across the Parish of the Valley are welcome to attend!

Join the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Eganville for the **Celebration of Light Evensong** this afternoon at 3pm. It will be a beautiful traditional sung evensong, featuring the St. John's Choir with members of the Eganville Community Choir, and the Cygnet Consort, with music led by organist Betty Studd and officiated by Rev. Gillian Hoyer.

The next **Food Bank Sunday** is Sunday, December 6th. We are collecting any donations you would like to make to our local food banks in advance of Christmas to share with our communities this season.

The **YoYo Mamas** are back for their annual **Christmas Concert** of toe-tapping seasonal fiddle music to support Church of the Epiphany, Barry's Bay. Two performances on Wednesday, December 16th: Matinee at 3pm and Evening at 7pm. Tickets are free, but due to limited seating must be reserved from a member of the YoYo Mamas or by contacting Pia-Leena Voorand at 613-633-9361. A freewill donation for the church will be received at the door.

Give the Gift of Enhanced Images this Christmas! Support the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation's *Tree of Lights Campaign* to help purchase a new X-ray machine for St. Francis Memorial Hospital. Visit the Foundation at 7 St. Francis Memorial Drive, online at www.sfvhfoundation.com, or call 613-756-3045 ext. 217 to donate.

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On a winter's night the village lights
Bid a welcome to a man and his dog
He was off to say his evening prayers
And ask a little favour of God

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