



The Reign of Christ: Sunday, November 20th, 2022

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. For as in one body, we have many members....so we, who are many, are one body in Christ." Romans 12: 1, 4-5

Dear Friends in Christ in the Parish of the Valley,

If you can believe it, the season of Advent will soon be upon us. It is a special time in our rhythm of worship where we anticipate the arrival of our Messiah, Jesus Christ. In this time of waiting, the light of God's love shows us the way, provides reassurance, and offers us hope. We are also reminded of special people who we see shining God's light into the darkness of our world. As the calendar year winds down, and as we celebrate Christmas yet again, we no doubt think of our many loved ones who are now counted among that great cloud of witnesses in the heavenly realm. We give thanks to God for all those who have gone before us, generously sharing their time, talents, and financial resources to build up the Kingdom of God on Earth, and more specifically to build up the ministries and witness of the fifteen wonderful congregations and chapels that make up our Area Parish of the Valley community.

Thanks to your incredible generosity, in the last two years the Parish of the Valley's annual Advent Appeal has raised more than **\$40,000** to support Anglican ministry through the individual congregations and chapels of our area parish. That same amazing generosity has now been transformed by God into online and in-person worship, home communion visits, Valley Bulletins, e-newsletters, *Revelations*, workshops, Bible studies, and so much more – all because you said "Yes!" to supporting God's mission through the life and witness of your local church.

We know that many of you continue to experience extraordinary financial challenges brought on by the pandemic and rising inflation, and that an additional donation may not be possible at this time. Please know, that to any who find them themselves in this position, that your

parish family and clergy team are here for you, and we do not wish to add in any way to your burdens or anxiety.

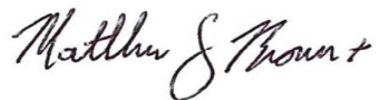
If you are able, however, to offer added financial support to your local congregation as we continue to recover from the many challenges brought on by COVID-19, we would be exceedingly grateful to receive your contribution to this third annual Valley Advent Appeal.

Details about how you can offer your support to the Appeal are enclosed with this letter.

Every donation, no matter how big or how small, is incredibly appreciated, and will faithfully be used to support the life and ministry of your Parish of the Valley congregation or chapel.

Dear friends, we know there are two commandments above all others: love of God and love of neighbour. Thank you for the innumerable ways that you continue to offer your love and your support to the ministries of our Parish of the Valley community. May God grant you a blessed Advent, a Merry Christmas, and peace, health, and much happiness in the coming New Year.

Yours faithfully in Christ,



The Reverend Matthew Brown
Incumbent



The Reverend Claire Bamma
Assistant Curate



The Reverend Canon John Wilker-Blakley
Interim Associate Priest



The Reverend Rick Durrett
Interim Associate Priest



we, being many, are one body...



There are multiple ways you can support your local Anglican congregation through the Parish of the Valley’s Annual Advent Appeal

1. You can contribute by mail. Simply tear off the bottom of this sheet, complete the information, and return your donation to your church via the mail using the enclosed envelope. **Please make your donation payable to your local Valley congregation** (i.e., please write your cheque to “Holy Trinity Pembroke,” “Epiphany Barry’s Bay,” “All Saints Petawawa,” “St. Paul’s Cobden,” etc.).
2. You can give to the Advent Appeal online using your credit card. Visit the appeal page on our Parish of the Valley website at www.ValleyAnglicans.ca/advent-appeal to learn how! Submit your gift by December 31 to qualify for a 2022 tax receipt.
3. You can give to the Advent Appeal in person at your home congregation. Simply enclose your donation in the envelope provided and place it on the collection plate at your church.

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My Name & Mailing Address: _____

My local Parish of the Valley congregation is: _____

Please accept my gift of: ___\$25 ___ \$50 ___\$75 ___\$100
 (check one)

 ___\$250 ___\$500 ___\$1000 ___ Other

___ I would like to sign up for Pre-Authorized Remittances or increase my monthly gift.

___ I would like to discuss leaving a legacy gift for my home congregation in my will.

Thank you for your faithful support!