

THE VALLEY BULLETIN

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



MARCH 5TH, 2023

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 Anishinabe Algonquin territory.

LET'S PRAY

For the Church in the World we pray for The Church of the Province of South East Asia. We pray for our Companion Diocese of Jerusalem & The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. We pray for Linda Nicholls, our Primate, Anne Germond, our Metropolitan, and Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop.

In our Diocese of Ottawa we pray for:

- † For Shane Parker, our Bishop; for Matthew Brown our Incumbent; for Gillian Hoyer & Nicholas Forte our Associate Incumbents; for Claire Bramma our Assistant Curate, and for our Interim Associate Priests, John Wilker–Blakley and Rick Durrett.
- † COVID 19 - Pray for all who are affected by this Pandemic.
- † For the Parish of Huntley and for Holy Trinity Metcalfé.
- † For Holy Trinity Chapel, Madawaska, part of the Parish of the Valley.

For the life & members of our Parish of the Valley Community, this week we pray for: Bea Quait, Bernard Raglin, Andy & Dawn Rakai, Bev & Ron Ramey, Jordan, Amy, Wyatt & Piper Ranger, and all members of their families.

For those who have died and for all members of their families as they grieve: Mary Sterling, Jane Smith.

For the sick and those who have asked for our prayers ...

Alice & Petawawa: Terry, Jim, Arthur Jr., Brittany, Donna, Shawn, Gerry, Vandela, Sharon, Minnie, Peter.

Barry's Bay & Whitney: Joyce, Anna, Morley, Michael, Cathy, Abigail, Susan, Patricia, Elspeth, Debra, Mary-Jayne, Violet, Fern, Shirley, Marilyn, Betty, David, Susie, Freda.

Killaloe/Tramore & Eganville: Peter, Dorothy, Ethel, Paula, Marilyn, Pauline, Jim, Hanna, Scarlett, Toots, Denise, Forest, Rosemary.

Pembroke: John, Mindy, Molly, Muriel, Stephanie, Cecil, Lynne, Rita, Susan, Ann, Lomie, Jessie.

Stafford / Beachburg/Cobden: Mike, Gavin, Agnes, Nathan, Margaret, Susan, Ryan, Haley, Ruth, James, Sharon, Dave, Nicholas, Carolyn, Hillary, Sharon, Glen, Ralph, Scott, John, Sharon, Patsy, Holly, Thyra, Anne, Sandra, Nathan, Bill.

READINGS

MARCH 5, 2023 –Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5, 13-17; John 3.1-17

UPCOMING READINGS

March 12, 2023 –Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17.1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

March 19, 2023 –Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16.1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5.8-14; John 9.1-41

OFFERINGS

Please continue to make your regular offerings. All members of the Parish of the Valley are encouraged to place donations on the collection plate, mail in weekly offerings (cash or cheque), sign up for Pre-Authorized Remittances (PAR), or give online with credit card using *Canada Helps* or *Tithe.ly*. Please see our website for a list of church and treasurer mailing addresses and online giving information.

SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF THE VALLEY

Sunday, March 12th, 2023

8 & 10am - Holy Trinity Pembroke

9am - St Patrick's Lower Stafford

9am -Ascension Killaloe

9:30am -St George's South Alice

11am - St John's Eganville

11am - St Paul's Cobden

11am - Epiphany Barry's Bay (Morning Prayer)

11:15am - All Saints Petawawa

**Please keep the people affected by the devastating earthquake in
Turkey & Syria in your prayers.**

Donations can be made to help, to the PWRDF.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration of New Ministry — Please save the date. A Celebration of New Ministry for the Parish of the Valley clergy team will be held on **Monday, May 8th at 7pm at Holy Trinity Pembroke**. The Venerable Patrick Stephens, Archdeacon of Pembroke, will preside at the service, and the Very Reverend Beth Bretzlaff, Dean of Ottawa and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, will preach. Please plan to join us as we gather for a parish wide service to celebrate with our new clergy team! Further details will be announced in the coming weeks.

Lenten Learning — Weekly Lenten study sessions will be led by the clergy team on Thursday evenings at 7pm via ZOOM (March 2nd to 30th). The teaching and discussion will be based on questions submitted from parishioners across the Parish of the Valley. The Zoom link has been circulated via our parish e-newsletter and can also be accessed through our website: www.valleyanglicans.ca

Holden Evening Prayer — Sung services will take place each Wednesday evening during Lent (March 1st to 29th) at 7pm at **St. Timothy's Evangelical Lutheran Church** (503 Alfred Street, Pembroke). This lovely setting of vespers follows the traditional form while using contemporary and inclusive language. Rev. Matthew and Rev. Nick will be sharing in the leadership of these evening liturgies, together with Pastor Bruce Thompson from St Timothy's.

Cover: *Born Again (Nicodemus)*, Lauren Wright Pittman, 2016

Inspired by John 3: 1-17

“In reading this text, I felt the kind of dizzying brain space that I think Nicodemus is reeling in at this moment. Jesus lists metaphors that swirl around and fly over Nicodemus’ head, such as, “the wind blows where it chooses.” Jesus’ words create a halo of confusion around Nicodemus’ head. I imagine Nicodemus faced away from Jesus with his eyes closed, grappling for answers by playing the metaphors in his head like little vignettes on repeat. While Nicodemus spins in his searching, Jesus says simply, “We speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony.”

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