

THE VALLEY BULLETIN

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



DECEMBER 3RD, 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 North India (United). We pray for our companion Diocese of Jerusalem. We pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. We pray for Linda Nicholls, our Primate, Anne Germond, our Metropolitan and Christopher Harper, our National Indigenous 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 Bamma our Assistant Curate, and for our Interim Associate Priest John Wilker-Blakley.

† For the Parish of South Dundas.

† For the Church of the Ascension, Killaloe, part of the Parish of the Valley.

For the life & members of our Parish of the Valley Community, this week we pray for:

Kevin & Christine Clarke, Ron Clarke, TJ & Amanda Clarke, Amanda Clarke-Verch, Rachele Clayton, and all members of their families.

For those being baptized today at Holy Trinity Pembroke.

Wells Brace.

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

Alice & Petawawa: Larry, Harry, Joe, Trent, Minnie, Scarlett, Brittany, Donna, Shawn, Gerry, Sharon, Peter.

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

Killaloe/Tramore & Eganville: Junior, Michael, Andrea, Sharon, Paul, Merv, Sue, Richard, Anice, Phyllis, Peter, Dorothy, Ethel, Paula, Marilyn, Pauline, Jim, Hanna, Scarlett, Denise, Forest, Rosemary.

Pembroke: Janet, Tom, Bill, Marg, Mary, Brenda, Stephanie, Stephen, John, Molly, Muriel, Lynne, Rita, Susan, Ann, Lomie, Jessie.

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

READINGS

DECEMBER 3, 2023– 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 10, 2023– Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40.1-11; Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3.8-15a; Mark 1.1-8

December 17, 2023– Third Sunday of Advent: Gaudete Sunday

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11; Canticle 18; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24; John 1.6-8, 19-28

OFFERINGS

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SERVICES IN THE PARISH OF THE VALLEY

Sunday, December 10, 2023

8 & 10am - Holy Trinity Pembroke

9am - St Thomas' Rankin

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

PARISH OF THE VALLEY CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Today at 2pm. **St. George's South Alice Christmas Sing-A-Long**

Tuesday, Dec. 12th, at 7pm. Church of the Epiphany Barry's Bay, with the **YoYo Mamas Fiddle group & the Station Keeper Singers**

Sunday, December 17th at 2pm, **A Joyous Prelude to Christmas** at Holy Trinity Pembroke

NEWS

Thank you to everyone for your donations to the Parish of the Valley **Food Bank Sunday**.

Join us at the **Advent Celebration of Light**, today at 4pm at St John the Evangelist, Eganville. A traditional service of choral evensong with prayers of remembrance and a reception to follow in the church hall. All proceeds will support Wide Smiles For All Through Education in Uganda.

Lessons & Carols, Upper Ottawa Valley Heritage Centre. Join us for a traditional service of Christmas Lessons and Carols at the Upper Ottawa Valley Heritage Centre on December 7th at 7pm. Officiated by Rev. Nick Forte, accompanied by Paula Lundrigan on the chapel's pump organ.

A note about the sung Lord's Prayer in Stafford-Whitewater & Pembroke:

We have become aware that the composer of the arrangement we have been singing in *these* parts of the parish has publicly acknowledged and apologized for a number of incidents of sexual misconduct. In support of the women hurt by him, we will stop singing this arrangement across the Parish of the Valley and introduce a new sung arrangement in the coming weeks.

On Wednesdays December 6, 13, and 20 at 7pm on Zoom, join our **Advent Study "Songs of Hope and Promise - The Music of Advent and Christmas."** Together we will listen, ponder, and pray through the sounds and words of some of our most beloved Advent and Christmas hymns and carols. To suggest an Advent or Christmas hymn for this series, please speak with a member of the clergy team.

Cover: *Waiting in the Darkness*, Jade Payne, n.d.

"And so, in Advent, a season of waiting for the light, often in places of darkness, we keep our eyes fixed on the hope we have in our hearts and tell stories which remind us of the flame which can never be extinguished." -Glenn McCarty

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