



REVELATIONS

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Ordinary People Learning to Follow Jesus

Clergy Team Message

Holy Week and Easter are a pivotal point in our Christian Year. Here we come face-to-face with every emotion imaginable: from the joy of the triumphal entry to the intimacy of the upper room; from the fear and loneliness in the garden to the agonizing brokenness of the cross; from the shock of the empty tomb to the wonder of the resurrection.

Through these eight days, from Palm & Passion Sunday through to Easter Sunday, we are invited



to inhabit Jesus' journey to the cross and the empty tomb, remembering, alongside Christians throughout the centuries, the events of that Holy Week.

We embody and enter into these events through prayer, through the reading of Scripture, and

through partaking in "dramatic actions" like the waving of palms, washing feet, sharing bread and wine, venerating the cross, and the lighting of candles.

This Holy Week, we encourage you to join in: to participate as fully as you are able in our communities gathered to worship and pray. Our full Holy Week and Easter Schedule has been published in The Valley Bulletin, and is available at the end of this newspaper. In your Valley Bulletin, you have received a "Holy Week Passport" with questions and a space for reflection at each of our services this week. Please take it and use it to deepen your own spiritual journey during this holiest of seasons.

Above all, we pray for you that this will be a holy and blessed week as we join with our Lord in walking the way to the cross and share with him in the joy of the resurrection.

May this holy week bring you closer to God, strengthen your spirit, and fill your heart with peace as you prepare for the joy of Easter.

Rev. Matthew, Rev. Gillian, Rev. Nick,
& Rev. Christine

The Venerable Kathryn Otley elected Bishop of Ottawa

The Venerable Kathryn Otley has been elected the 11th Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

following a vote at an Electoral Synod held on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa.



Bishop-Elect
Kathryn served as Incumbent at All Saints Westboro in Ottawa. Before that, she was Incumbent at Christ Church in Bells Corners for 10 years, served as

Incumbent for the Parish of Fitzroy Harbour for five years, and as Assistant Curate at Saint John the Evangelist on Elgin Street.

Born in Montreal, Kathryn grew up there, spending every summer in the Maritimes where many of her family live. She briefly lived west of Toronto and then moved to Ottawa to attend Carleton University. She completed her undergraduate and graduate degrees in Classics at Carleton University. She worked as a sessional lecturer at Carleton before beginning doctoral studies at The University of Ottawa. During this time, she raised her family, served in parish ministries and volunteered with community organizations including La Leche League and Scouts Canada. She worked from home as the managing editor of the International Journal of Computers and Geosciences.

Returning to university, Kathryn completed her Bachelor of Theology and Master of Pastoral Theology at Saint Paul University. She was a



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sessional lecturer at the university and a mentor for international students. Kathryn is committed to continuing education programs, both as teacher and student. Serving in our diocese, Kathryn has worked on governance committees, clergy wellness and development ministries, been a member of All My Relations and served as chaplain to The Well, board member of the Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Center and served on the Community Ministries Committee. She is a member of the Bishops' Advisory Panel on Housing Issues. She has served as Territorial Archdeacon for 8 years.

At the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, Kathryn served as diocesan representative for 15 years – chairing the Homelessness and Affordable Housing working group in that time. She now serves at the National Church level, chairing the Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice Coordinating Committee.

Kathryn has three adult children and one grandchild. She enjoys many outdoor activities with her pets, including camping, kayaking, hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. She loves to create art through many kinds of needlework and multi-media art projects. She is an avid reader, a fierce puzzle solver and board game enthusiast.



Bishop-Elect Kathryn Otley will be consecrated and formally installed as Bishop of Ottawa on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at Christ Church Cathedral. The service will gather clergy and lay representatives from across the Diocese, together with ecumenical partners, civic leaders, and guests from across Canada.

We give thanks for the faithful participation of all who were part of this discernment process and invite the Diocese to hold Bishop-Elect Kathryn Otley and her family in prayer as she prepares to undertake this new ministry among us.

The Coldest Night of the Year

On February 28, 2026, communities across Canada participated in the “Coldest Night of the Year.” In Pembroke, walkers and runners took to the streets in support of those facing homelessness and insecure housing, raising funds for The Grind.



St. Paul's Cobden, through its 2025 Yates Bequest Donations, generously sponsored a rest stop on behalf of our Parish of

the Valley. The rest stops, spaced throughout the 2.5km route, provided warming refreshments for participants throughout the walk.

The Parish of the Valley had a team walking and raising funds for The Grind as a part of the Coldest Night of the Year this year. In addition to the \$1,000 contributed by St. Paul's, our parish team raised \$972, for a total of \$1,972!

Overall, our community raised over \$120,000 for the important work of The Grind in our region.

Thank you to all donors and walkers who supported the Parish of the Valley team and the Coldest Night of the Year – we appreciate your support to this initiative to care for our neighbours through these cold winter months.



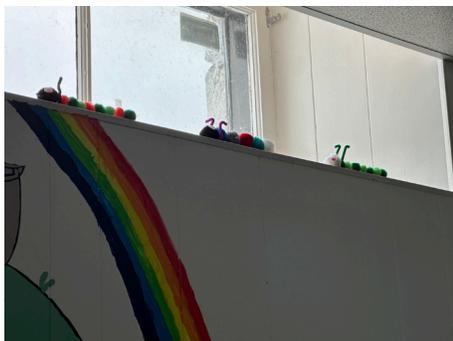
Messy Church in Eganville!

What was your favourite part of Messy Church?

Butterflies!

Caterpillars!

No, we did not re-tell The Very Hungry Caterpillar, but we did craft all manner of pompom caterpillars and coffee



filter butterflies as an entry point into conversation about the events of Holy Week.

We began by washing the feet of our family members, sitting on chairs in the chancel at St. John's Eganville – thank you to everyone who loaned us washbasins. We then returned to St. Mark's Hall to create caterpillars, butterflies, and more butterflies of all colours imaginable!



The caterpillars and butterflies returned to the chancel with us as we gathered around the cross,

breaking bread and wine as we retold Jesus' story of death and resurrection life. The butterflies now hang in the church to remind us of that brilliant new life each time we gather.

After some song and dance, we returned to the hall to share a meal. As always when the Parish of the Valley gathers, we feasted!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make this event possible.

Messy Church is a way of being church for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. Our next Parish of the Valley Messy Church will be on Friday, June 5th in Micksburg.



Upcoming Events Across the Parish

March 29 - April 5: Holy Week & Easter Services

Friday, April 24 - 11:30am - 1:30pm: **Soup & Sandwich Lunch at Epiphany, Barry's Bay**

Saturday, April 25 - 9am - 12pm: **Spring Rummage Sale at All Saints, Petawawa**

Saturday, April 25 - 6pm: **Macaroni & Cheese Cook-Off at St. John's, Eganville**

Saturday, May 2 - 8:30am - 11am: **Spring Rummage Sale at Holy Trinity, Pembroke**

Sunday, May 3 - 7pm: **Chapel Service at St. Augustine's, Beachburg**

Friday, June 5 - 4pm: **Messy Church at St. Stephen's Micksburg**

2026 Revelations Publishing Schedule

Our Parish newspaper, *Revelations*, is published four times per year: Lent/Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving and Advent/Christmas. The submission deadlines for the next three newspapers are as follows:

Pentecost edition: Wednesday, April 8

Thanksgiving edition: Wednesday, Sept 23

Advent/Christmas edition: Wed., Dec. 2

Please email submissions to revelations@valleyanglicans.ca. We look forward to sharing your stories across the parish!

2026 Food Bank Sundays

We are grateful to our parish for consistent support of our local food banks throughout the year, not only on Food Bank Sundays.

The remaining three Food Bank Sundays for 2026 will be: May 24, October 11, and December 6.



Holy Week & Easter Services

Wednesday in Holy Week (April 1)

10am - Eucharist at Holy Trinity Pembroke
7pm - Tenebrae with Cygnet Consort at Emmanuel Anglican, Arnprior

Maundy Thursday (April 2)

7pm - Holy Trinity Pembroke
7pm - St. John's Eganville

Good Friday (April 3)

10am - St. John's Eganville
11am - Epiphany Barry's Bay
11am - St. Stephen's Micksburg
11am - St. George's South Alice
1pm - All Saints Petawawa
3pm - Ascension Killaloe
3pm - Holy Trinity Pembroke

Saturday Easter Vigil (April 4)

Parish-Wide Service at 7:30pm at Holy Trinity Pembroke

Easter Sunday (April 5)

8am - Holy Trinity Pembroke
9am - St. Stephen's Micksburg
9am - Ascension Killaloe
9am - St. Anthony's Whitney
9:30am - St. George's South Alice
10am - Holy Trinity Pembroke
11am - St. Paul's Cobden
11am - St. John's Eganville
11am - Epiphany Barry's Bay
11:15am - All Saints Petawawa

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