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Archdeacon Mark Whittall leads cyclists leaving St. Aidan's on Belong Ottawa's inaugural Ride for Refuge fundraiser on Oct. 4.

Belong Ottawa's first Ride for Refuge surpasses its goal

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

As the cyclists, runners and walkers prepared to set off from St. Aidan's Anglican Church in Ottawa on a hot, summery Oct. 4, Belong Ottawa's executive director Shauna-marie Young shared the happy news that they had just passed their

fundraising goal of \$20,000.

Young welcomed and thanked everyone for their support. "What a beautiful day and what a beautiful group. This is Belong Ottawa's very first formal fundraising event, and we could not be more grateful or excited to share it with you....We have 56 participants registered and

49 of you here today. We have 14 teams and 23 volunteers.

"As of a few moments ago, Belong Ottawa has exceeded our first fundraising event goal, and we are at 101%. We have raised \$20,300," she announced to cheers. She noted that donations were being accepted until the end of October, so there

was still potential to raise more funds.

Young added that the event was also about raising awareness of the vital work that happens at Belong Ottawa's three sites, where they welcome about 600 people every day.

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Construction begins for Perth affordable housing project

BY DAVID HUMPHREYS

Construction is under way on the 15-unit affordable housing project in Perth that has been led by St. James the Apostle parish.

Shovels were literally in the ground and foundations were laid in September at the Halton Street site in the town.

David Kroetsch is chair of the St. James Outreach Committee and co-chair of the steering committee

of the Community Housing Initiative Perth (CHIP). He is confident that, thanks to the experience and expertise of Carebridge Community Support and the Saumure Group contractor, the building will be welcoming tenants next year, probably in late summer.

More than 300 residents in Perth are waiting for a safe, affordable home. Across Lanark County, more than 600 people struggle to find

housing within their means.

Kroetsch says the county, whose \$2.5 million capital investment made the project possible, has provided an additional \$700,000 in Ontario government Last Mile Funding.

Claire Smith, co-chair of fundraising, says the campaign to raise \$300,000 is close to the \$100,000 mark. The initial \$10,000 came from St. James.

She is optimistic the goal will be

achieved with increased support during the last quarter of the year, usually the best quarter for charitable donations. One of two prospective large donors has pledged but not yet delivered support.

Potential donors are savvy, she says, often asking how much goes to the cause. "In our case, it's 100 per cent."

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Service of thanksgiving honours Archbishop Shane Parker’s time as Bishop of Ottawa

PHOTOS: PHILIPPE OWEN

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Clergy and parishioners from across the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa gathered at Christ Church Cathedral on September 20, the last day of Archbishop Shane Parker’s time as Bishop of Ottawa.

“A Service of Thanksgiving for our Journey with Bishop Shane” offered a chance to worship together, to reflect on the diocesan church’s journey over the past five years, to pray for the archbishop as he began his new ministry as Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, and to pray for the diocese as it began a time of transition leading up to the election of a new bishop in February 2026.

In his homily, Archbishop Parker recalled his election as bishop on March 14, 2020. “Our journey together began the day before the world shut down,” he said, referring to the time when people began to isolate and lock down in response to the spread of the COVID virus for which no vaccine or treatment had yet been developed.

Helping him to prepare for his consecration by phone, former Primate Archbishop Fred Hiltz reminded the bishop-elect that the Holy Spirit was in the hands of all of the bishops who came before him and that it would be with him also. “It is very good to give thanks for our forebears, our predecessors, and those who precede us in ministry, because everyone offers their gifts to the best of their ability in ever-changing circumstances,” Archbishop Parker said.

“It’s a lovely thought that the Holy Spirit is in the hands of diocesan bishops. But there’s something ... far more important to consider,” he added. “The Holy Spirit is in the



Synod Secretaries, the Rev. Canon Stephen Silverthorne and Margaret Porter, thanked Archbishop Shane Parker for his years of devoted service to the diocesan church.

hands of the Church.... The Holy Spirit is in our parish ministries, in our Community Ministries, in Ascension House. The Holy Spirit is in the hearts and minds and wills of our diocesan church, which includes the laity, the clergy, and the bishop, and the many people of goodwill who join with us in serving the world that God loves. People of other faiths, people of no faith, people of good will and good heart who join with us.”

Archbishop Parker commended the way that the Community Ministries pivoted during the



Archbishop Shane offered the homily.

pandemic, quickly adapting to the restrictions and finding ways to bring food and care out to the people who used to come into their centres for meals and essential services. Parish ministries, too, quickly found ways to broadcast their worship services online while people could not gather and to care for one another and their neighbours.

This was also a time for listening, he said. “In every parish, we knew that our church was being changed by circumstances around it, not just the pandemic. and we had a heart to guide change instead of being changed.” In the course of the Shape of Parish Ministry Consultations, “we listened really carefully to where the joys were, where the struggles were, where the pain was, where we were being changed but we didn’t want to be changed.” The consultations led to three resolutions being passed with a high level of consensus at the Diocesan Synod and they in turn led to specific priorities, actions and results.

“We continue to try and self-fund our central operations. We continue to try to leave more money in parishes for parish ministry as we fund the operations that support both parish ministries and community ministries from Ascension House.

CLERGY NEWS

Archbishop Shane Parker appointed two new regional deans, effective Sept. 17, 2025.



The Rev. Dr. Caroline Ducros has been appointed Regional Dean of West Quebec.



The Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer has been appointed Regional Dean of the Southwest.



Returning the Diocesan Crozier to Chancellor Canon Henry Schultz.



The Cathedral choirs sang a beautiful arrangement of an Irish blessing by Philip Stopford.



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We have a very capable team of professionals and our senior staff, subject experts, along with everyone in Ascension House whose orientation is to serve the people of God in the parishes and Community Ministries of our diocese. ...We have courageously laid out a guide for parishes who know in their hearts they're facing change and want to embrace it because there is wisdom in the baptized," Archbishop Parker said. And he pointed to ongoing development of the Learning Commons, which will provide resources, tools and training to help parishes thrive.

"Your diocese, is strong, focused, disciplined, and filled with promise. Your diocese is filled with the Holy Spirit," he said. "In big ways and in small ways, you offer signs of the Kingdom of God. In acts of kindness, courage, and gentleness, and justice. In acts of faithfulness, compassion, trustworthiness, and mercy. In acts of generosity and prayerfulness, and forgiveness and patience. In acts of reconciliation, peace, hope, and love, you offer signs of God's caring. The Holy Spirit is in your hands. You are the beloved community of Christ, and you are very ready to embrace your future."

Later in the service, the Synod Secretaries offered words of thanks on behalf of the diocesan church.

Lay secretary Margaret Porter recalled the moment she heard the news that Archbishop Shane had been elected to be Primate. "There was the pain of realizing we would be losing our dear bishop and the gratitude that the national church would be blessed by his leadership as Primate. And today, with deep gratitude and heartfelt appreciation, we gather here to give thanks to you, Archbishop, for your five years of faithful, visionary, and compassionate service. Thank you for your leadership, your patience,

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be ever at your back...
May the sun make your days bright.
May the stars illuminate your nights.
May the flowers bloom along your path;
your house stand firm against the storms.
And until we meet again, may God hold you in
the palm of his hand. Amen.

your sense of humor, and genuine care you have shown for the diocese. From the very beginning, you have led with humility, strength, and a shepherd's heart....Your presence has brought comfort and courage. Your leadership has inspired a new energy and purpose... Your impact has been both clear and lasting. We thank you for the prayers you have offered, the hands you have held, the wisdom you have shared, and the example you have set. You have been a servant leader in the truest sense."

The Rev. Canon Stephen

Sliverthorne spoke on behalf of the clergy and said it was hard to know what to thank the archbishop for because there were so many things. As the Clerical Synod Secretary, he had worked closely with the bishop on the minutiae of governance in many parts of the diocesan church. And he pointed out that in the minutiae, the foundations are laid for transparency, clarity, and accountability. "It has been my privilege oftentimes to work closely beside him, and to see not only the things that we all see, those times in which he has dealt with important

people on grand topics, but also where he has devoted tireless attention to the small things that make our diocese thrive."

Silverthorne added that the archbishop's guidance and certain leadership through the Shape of Parish Ministry Consultations provided a platform for people in the diocesan church "to share our hopes and our dreams, but also our great fears and our challenges" And he noted that behind the scenes, the bishop encouraged everyone to not just "debate hopes but to weave these things together into solid action plans.

"In his devotion to the small things, as well as the great, I believe that God has shown us in Bishop Shane what our God taught. Not just that God has done great things, placed the stars in the sky, and the planets in their orbit, but is also a god of small things — a god of a manger, a god of a shepherd... and also the god of a weeping woman named Martha at the grave of her brother Lazarus....For that, we give thanks to God, and for the privilege of serving alongside you, Archbishop Shane."



Bidding their bishop goodbye: Dean Beth Bretzlaff, Cathedral Altar Guild president Dawn Bell-Jack, Canon Dr. Sarah Kathleen Johnson

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

People from across the **Parish of the Valley**, shown at right, gathered at Holy Trinity Pembroke on Sept. 28, its 100th anniversary. The congregation was awash in orange. During the service, 41 quilts and quilt tops, and 34 quilt blocks made with love by quilters in the parish were blessed before being packed up for the journey to Timmins, Ont. where the Quilts for Survivors organization distributes the quilts to survivors of Indian Residential Schools. Marie Cheesman says the outreach project is near and dear to the hearts of the quilters in the Valley, adding her thanks to Jean and Byron Ostrom who volunteered to deliver the quilts again this year.



PHOTO: THE REV. MARIA NIGHTINGALE

PHOTO: LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS



Above: The Rev. Canon Aigah Attagutsiak shows friends the beautiful wrap she is wearing — a gift from the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition.

Above, left: All My Relations co-chair Kathryn Fournier offered teachings about sweet grass braiding and smudging at **St. Thomas the Apostle** in Ottawa. Centre: Clergy including the Rev. Maria Nightingale, the Rev. Canon Rhondda MacKay, the Rev. Canon Aigah Attagutsiak, and the Rev. Colin McFarland gathered after a special worship service at **St. Margaret's**, Vanier in Ottawa on Sept. 30.



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Perspective acknowledges that we publish on traditional Anishinàbeg Algonquin territory. We recognize the Algonquins as the customary keepers and defenders of the Ottawa River Watershed and its tributaries.

Parishioners from **St. Bartholomew** and the Rev. Canon Catherine Ascah followed a reconciliation pilgrimage walk at Beechwood Cemetery. Some also walked in the labyrinth behind the church on the evening of the 30th. They were invited to pick up a stone from the pile in the centre and carry it with them as a symbol of what they were going to carry with them into the coming year by way of reconciliation.



The Rev. Rosemary Parker took this photo of parishioners Lois Wynn and Lise Gervais at Parliament Hill. The long red banner carries the names of thousands of children who did not live to return home from Indian Residential Schools. PHOTO: THE REV. ROSEMARY PARKER



Elder Louella (centre front) offered teachings about the Medicine Wheel at **St. John the Evangelist** in Ottawa. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED



Archdeacon Rhonda Waters said that members of **St. Helen's** who are either residential school survivors or the children of survivors spoke about their experiences and what it means for them to share their stories in church. "We displayed the Survivor Flag sign during the service and prayed that it would serve as an ongoing prayer of commitment and solidarity before placing it in our Quiet Garden." PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED



All Saints' Westboro placed a heart underneath the survivors' flag in front of the church. The Ven. Kathryn Otley explained that when the heart went out, there were no ribbons on it, but a bin with ribbons was placed beside it. Each person who passed by for the whole week was invited to pin a heart with a prayer for those children who never returned from residential school and also to take a ribbon and pin it on their heart. The bin was replenished throughout the week. From September 28 to October 4, we remembered and honoured those children. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

Journeying as Allies

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October 5, 2025

For Joshua
by Richard Wagamese

November 16, 2025

What I Remember, What I Know
by Larry Audlaluk

January 18, 2026

North of Nowhere
by Marie Wilson

 **Zoom discussion**

March 22, 2026

Waiting for the Long Night Moon
by Amanda Peters



Meetings are on Sundays from 2pm-4pm. Join our mailing list to receive updates and location information before the book discussions.

Contact All My Relations: allmyrelations@ottawa.anglican.ca

► Ride for Refuge, from p. 1

Hopefully, we keep this up and make it bigger!

“At a recent townhall meeting with our participants, those who use our centres, I met a gentleman [who gave Young permission to share his story]...His name is Red. He’s a regular visitor to at least two of our three sites. He shared how Belong Ottawa has made a difference in his life, and that having a place to get clean, to wash his clothes, to rest, to eat, and to work with our team and meet with other participants and our staff and our most valuable volunteers is very important to him. ‘If it weren’t for places like Belong Ottawa, I would have starved a long time ago,’ he said.”

Young added that Red’s story’s not unique. Between early June and the end of September, Belong Ottawa’s three locations served 67,000 meals. “Those meals are for people, our neighbours, our brothers and sisters experiencing poverty, homelessness, substance abuse and mental health challenges. The need is urgent ... and the need is growing. And that’s why today matters, because every dollar raised today is going directly to programming that provides life-giving support for our most vulnerable community members,” Young said. “Thank you for walking, for riding, for fundraising, for volunteering, for standing with us together.”

City councillor Marty Carr, who serves on the Public Health



Belong Ottawa staffers Jordina Vancsody and Tracy Cape.

Board, the Community and Social Services Committee, and is also the vice-chair of the Police Service Board, thanked Belong Ottawa for supporting vulnerable individuals. ‘In many cases, [they] are not only experiencing addiction and crises, inability to afford housing and homelessness but are also often some of the people that are the most vulnerable and being put in positions such as human trafficking and abuse on the streets. That is something that we talk about

often in the Police Services Board is, ... seeing that rise and how these people are being victimized further,” she said. “It’s just wonderful to have a place where people can go to a safe place, where they can get their wound care, where they can get food, where they can get their clothes washed and I just really want to thank everyone who helps support the most vulnerable.”

The Rev. Jarrett Carty, a deacon who serves as a chaplain for the Anglican Community Ministries to support participants in the programs and staff, said that Belong Ottawa is always in the thoughts and prayers of people in the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa. Parishes want to lend their support and care for their



Belong Ottawa executive director Shauna-marie Young



Peggy and Peter Martin

neighbours, he said. He offered special praise for the staff at Belong Ottawa, who clearly care deeply for the people they serve. “I just want to do a shout out to them and to say what a great success this is. Hopefully, we keep this up and make it bigger,” he said.

And with that, everyone set off on foot or by bike to do laps in the neighbourhood surrounding St. Aidan’s before returning to the church to eat a celebratory lunch together.

Those who wish to support Belong Ottawa can make donations until the end of October here: <https://en.rideforrefuge.org/location/ottawaelmvaleacres>



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Developer's drawing of the building proposed for 63 Halton St.

► Perth Project, from page 1

The project originated when the St. James outreach committee decided to focus on affordable housing but realized the way forward would require broad-based community support.

St. James reached out to recruit prominent members of the community and contacted Carebridge, the Lanark County non-profit that operates 225 units across 35 properties.

“We were amateurs,” Kroetsch says. “We heard about Carebridge

and contacted them. We could not have done it without them.” The CHIP team convinced Perth town council to transfer the land at 63 Halton St, to Carebridge as owner and operator.

Kroetsch says Carebridge has been instrumental in overcoming the objections of “only a few people” by going to their homes, discussing their concerns and providing accurate information. The site is 40 feet from the nearest private property and adjacent green space will not be encroached.

Donations: www.perthhousing.ca

Parish outreach work making news

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

In a largely secular, information-overloaded culture, many Anglican parishes are engaged in compassionate outreach work, helping their neighbours or those in need, but that work remains almost unknown in the broader community. That’s okay because making a difference in someone else’s life and expressing God’s love in the world is what it is all about.

But a little positive press can add momentum to the work and raise the profile of the parish and the church. So, *Perspective* is sharing some good news that both All Saints Greely and All Saints’ Westboro have both been in the media spotlights for very good reasons recently.

All Saints Greely

CTV sent reporter Katelyn Wilson to All Saints Greely on a Tuesday evening in September to report on a community effort that weaves milk bags into mats that people who are living on the streets can use to sleep or sit on. The project also has an environmental benefit of diverting the plastic bags so that they don’t go directly to landfill.

Wilson interviewed Grace Jones, a parishioner and church warden who got the project at All Saints started in 2022. Most of the volunteers are people from the community who meet in the church hall every Tuesday, and in CTV’s news clip they are busily working and weaving. They demonstrated how the donated milk bags are cut, tied and then woven into mats. and Jones said the reporter tried her hand at the weaving.

Jones told *Perspective* later that she heard the segment aired not only on the evening television news broadcast but also the next morning on CFRA radio, and also aired in London and North Bay. “I have had a number of emails with one this morning from north of Windsor wanting to compare notes. I must say I am a little overwhelmed, but it is all good. I didn’t imagine such an outpouring of support,” she said.

But how did the milk bag mats first come to CTV’s attention? It happened through All Saints’ partnership with the environmental group Earthhub, which collects the milk bags to keep the plastic out of the landfill and was seeking an end user for the bags when Jones got involved in 2022.

“Brittanny [Belanger], the founder of Earthhub, came to visit weaving one Tuesday evening,” Jones explained. “She took some pictures and videos as she was trying to increase the number of milk bags coming in. On the night of Sept 4, she reposted a 21 second sped up video of the process on a whim because her social media



had been lacking and messaged me the next morning that it had had 50,000 views so far. Last week, CTV reached out to her because of the emails they were receiving as to where they could donate milk bags and wanted to do an interview during the day.” She believed the whole story needed to be told and so worked with [CTV] to arrange for them to come on a Tuesday evening.”

“It is just providing a little bit of comfort, one bag at a time,” Jones told the reporter.

Each mat comes with a tag that says, “Made with caring hands by All Saints Anglican Church Greeley and friends.” The mats are distributed through outreach organizations, who report that people gratefully received the mats, and that they are well-used. Shawna from Shawna’s Outreach told Jones that she met a man who was carrying a mat and asked how he liked it. “He said it was the reason he’s still alive. He told me he has carried to Montreal and back and can’t imagine being without it. He pointed out how the colours of the companies were worn off and that it was still strong and together. Thought you should know,” she said.

So far, the All Saints group has mad about 400 sitting mats and about 420 sleeping mats. Jones says the group will keep on making the mats as long as there is a need for them.

All Saints’ Westboro

All Saints’ Westboro was also featured in a CTV news segment and on the local CBC radio show *All in a Day* and on Rogers TV.

Whispers was a popular neighbourhood pub for many years, but it closed down in 2022. Its walls were covered with an eclectic mix of memorabilia — antiques, sports equipment, musical instruments and much more — and the developer who bought the building wanted to clear it out.

Judy Lincoln, executive director of the Westboro Business Improvement Association (BIA) suggested donating the items to All Saints’ Westboro, which has operated the Westboro Food Bank for more than 40 years, to auction off and use the proceeds to support the food bank.

In the spring, All Saints’ volunteers moved items out of the pub, cleaning and preparing them for the auction on Sept. 20.

That week, All Saints’ associate incumbent the Rev. Chung Yan Lam told *Perspective* that they had raised \$3,700 in a combination between

the online auction, online shop, and also the community meal on the day of the event. “People were very generous with their offers for the items, and we still have many historical items taken from Whispers Pub that could still find a good home. We will continue to sell them on Facebook Marketplace to hopefully keep things out of the landfill,” she said. “At the community meal, we also prepared 40 portions of food that were delivered to our neighbours at Cornerstone Princeton location.”

Lam added that the partnership between All Saints’ Westboro Anglican Church, Westboro Region Food Bank, and the Westboro BIA has been wonderful, especially in providing support to the neighbours who are experiencing food insecurity. “The Westboro BIA has organized two separate fundraisers this past year that allowed the food bank to hold a total of four free community meals. At each of the meals, we cooked more than 200 portions of food. We look forward to other partners who are interested in sponsoring and partnering to prepare community meals for our neighbours. It’s not just about feeding the hungry,” she said. “We hope that All Saints’ Westboro can provide a friendly face and a community where everyone is welcome.”

Peace Pole installed at All Saints’ Westboro



Rev. Dr. Dorcas Kanana Muketha of First United, the Rev. Chung Yan Lam, and Larry Chop of All Saints’ Westboro and the Rotary Club at the blessing of the Peace Pole.

On Sept. 21, the congregations from All Saints’ Westboro and First United, which share their building, gathered outside the church in between their two Sunday worship services along with members of the Rotary Club of West Ottawa for a ceremony to bless a Peace Pole.

Peace Poles are a global initiative that began in Japan after World

War II and have the words “May Peace Prevail on Earth” written in multiple languages on all four sides. The Rotary Club of West Ottawa sponsored and funded the pole installed near the church’s healing garden and its outdoor labyrinth after consulting with the parishes and the Indigenous community.



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Belong Ottawa provides low-barrier, accessible social services for people living on low income - with a particular focus on those experiencing homelessness. We help meet the basic needs of our community (e.g. food, laundry, showers) while also providing a point of social connection and referrals to other community supports. Our services operate across three sites: Centre 454, St Luke's Table, and The Well (services to women, children and diverse-gender people).



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PARISH NEWS

Irish delights begin St. Mark's fall outreach program

PHOTO: SUZANNE BISSON

BY LAURIE SLAUGHTER

Coffee, Company and Conversation, a community outreach program for older adults that St. Mark's Anglican Church in Ottawa has offered weekly for six years now, had an especially fun and lively kick-off for this fall season.

On Sept. 11, CCC partnered with the New Horizons program for seniors that is under the Nepean, Rideau, Osgoode Community Resource Centre's (NROCRC) umbrella of services for the wider community. As two groups providing morning programs for older people, we collaborated to hold a cultural event at St. Mark's on the first morning of CCC's fall program. New Horizons, as a government sponsored activity under NROCRC, has been funded so that they might have events highlighting different cultures. One of the people who attends both programs suggested that the two groups combine to have/host an Irish cultural event at St. Mark's.

The result was a very special gathering of more than 88 people from both morning programs, as well as guests. Brian Armstrong,



The Ottawa Celtic Choir charmed with Irish melodies.



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who suggested the idea, created a lovely program, an ode to the Irish culture and country. A power point presentation highlighted the history and beautiful scenery of Ireland. Then the Ottawa Celtic Choir entertained. Ten singers brought the beautiful music of this culture in Gaelic to the event. To end this journey to the Emerald Isle, seven Irish dancers performed and then led those brave enough to join them in Irish line dancing. It was delightful!

As always, to start the morning, CCC's talented bakers provided goodies to go with tea and coffee. For this occasion, they outdid themselves by adhering to the Irish theme. Guinness cake, Bailey's coffee cake, Bram Brack and shamrock shortbreads were accompanied by Irish cheeses and fruit.

After the program, New Horizons (NROCRC's program) provided an Irish lunch of lamb shepherd's pie and halibut fish pie catered by Tulips and Maple. The CCC volunteer bakers from St. Mark's made delicious Irish apple cake for dessert.

The two outreach program teams, with a lot of help from volunteers on both sides, created this first joint event, which brought the two groups together and offered a fun opportunity to meet new people. People have asked that we do it again — a major success!

The CCC volunteer team at St. Mark's church shared their space with a group who needed one to hold a larger event. Setting up, proving coffee, serving food and doing the clean-up afterwards was CCC's contribution to an unforgettable morning for both groups. It was a great way to kick off our 2025-2026 seasons!



Georgia Roberts, Pat Sinclair and Suzanne Bisson show off Irish cheeses, fruit and baked delights from the expert volunteer bakers at St. Mark's.

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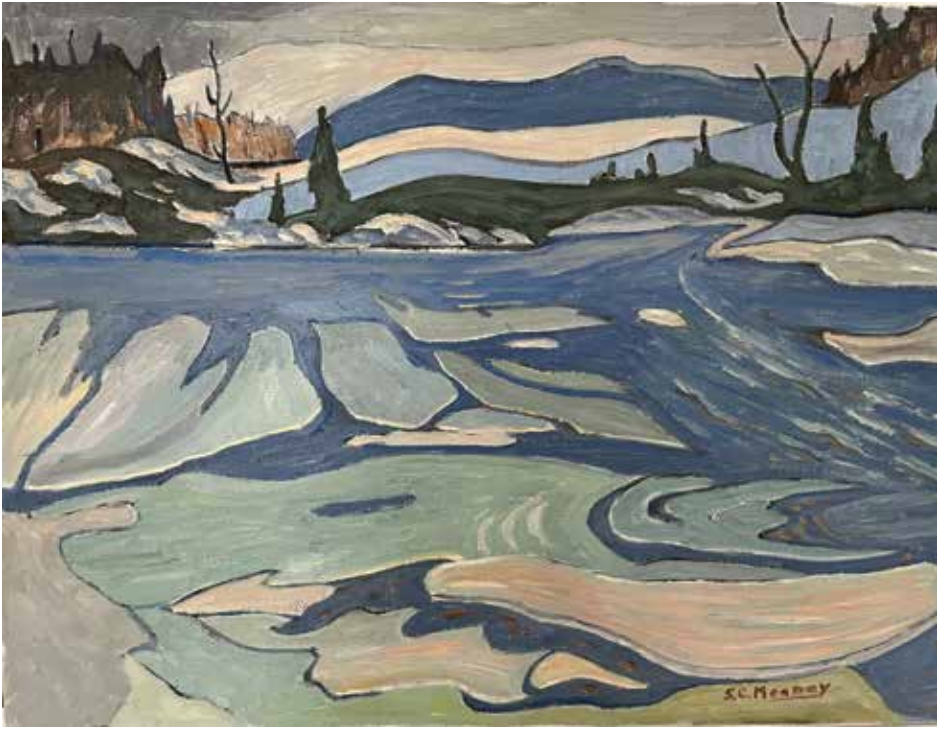
St. Matthew’s Online Treasures Auction returns

BY MARGRET BRADY
NANKIVELL

Excitement is mounting. St. Matthew’s in the Glebe’s 2025 Online Treasures Auction will open for bidding on Thursday, Nov. 13, and run till Sunday, Nov. 23, closing at 4 pm. A preliminary catalogue will be available on Friday, Nov. 7. Registration is open now.

The catalogue will include paintings by important Canadian artists such as Georges Chavignaud, Langley Donges, Bruce le Dain, Hortense Gordon and Sidney Charles Mooney. International art includes works by English watercolourist George Stanfield Walters, Scottish landscape painter Robert McGowan Coventry, Japanese artist Nisabura Ito as well as British bronze/spelter dogs, and an Australian bark painting by England Bangala.

St. Matthew’s recently received the donation of seven stunning stonecuts from Povungnituk, which is located along the eastern shores of Hudson Bay in Nunavik (Arctic Quebec). Printmaking started there in 1961 as a project of the Povungnituk Cooperative, and



This landscape by Sidney Charles Mooney is part of the auction.

annual print collections were shown from 1962 until 1989 when the print shop closed after the death of several prominent graphic artists.

Several of the stonecuts are by Davidialuk (1910-1976), known as one of the best stone-cutting artists from the community. Unlike the print artists of Cape Dorset

who used print assistants to transfer the image onto the print block, Povungnituk artists carved the design onto the print block themselves. The distinctive style of these prints comes through the rough texture and uneven harsh edges of the stone blocks.

Once again, we have certificates

for vacation properties in the Caribbean and Panama which provide reduced per diem rates (airfare not included). Christmas baked goods and meals will be offered again.

And look for unusual books, Waterford crystal, fine china, fashion items, small pieces of furniture, jewellery and antique silver.

Capital Home Hardware in the Glebe and Amica The Glebe are supporting us again. These sponsorships help defray auction costs such as the website, graphic design and promotion. We have also received extremely important assistance from Antique Silver and Davidson’s Jeweller’s.

This year, the church’s outreach beneficiary will be the Youth Services Bureau in Ottawa. St. Matthew’s will sponsor a shelter room at the centre. Founded in 1960, the Youth Services Bureau of Ottawa is one of the largest and most comprehensive nonprofit agencies serving youth in this community.

To register, please visit: auctria.events/StMattsAuction2025



Remembering Loyalist history

BY CAROL GODDARD

CRYSLER – In a quiet but moving ceremony on Sept. 7, a Loyalist burial site plaque was dedicated near the entrance of St. John’s Anglican Cemetery by the Rev. Jonathan Askwith, rector of St. Clare’s Anglican Church in North Dundas.

The placing of the plaque was the result of a collaboration between members of the St. John’s Anglican Cemetery Board and members of the St. Lawrence Branch, United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada. The plaque was installed by SLB member Michael Eamer, U.E. with assistance from Lorna Armstrong.

This historic cemetery is the

burial site of Colonel John Cryslar, UEL who served during the Revolutionary War with Butler’s Rangers. Following the cessation of hostilities and the defeat of the British, Cryslar became a loyalist refugee eventually settling along the St. Lawrence front and then in the village of Cryslar that now bears his name. He and other members of his family were very involved in the social, cultural, political and religious life of their new home communities.

Lorna Armstrong, a member of the cemetery committee, gave a short but informative address on the role played by the Cryslar family, noting the land for Saint John’s Anglican Church and cemetery was purchased from one of Colonel Cryslar’s sons. Another son John

Pliny Cryslar donated the land for the construction of Holy Trinity Anglican in nearby Chesterville.

A beautiful stained-glass window, now located in the Cryslar Hall in Upper Canada Village, had been donated to Saint John’s Anglican Church in his memory by his wife following his death 1852. Darlene Fawcett-Montgomer, U.E, gave a brief outline of the loyalist burial site program noting this was the sixth plaque to be dedicated in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry including one at Trinity Anglican Church in Cornwall.

Askwith then dedicated and blessed the installation of the plaque by these words: “Gracious God, we remember before you those who were loyal to the Crown in times of

conflict, and whose earthly remains rest in this hallowed place. We ask that their life and witness may be to us an example of steadfastness and loyalty, and we dedicate this plaque to their memory, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Amen.

Those in attendance were able to gather afterwards to socialize and learn about Saint John’s Anglican Church and the cemetery where burials date from the early 1800s. People learned of vandalism that desecrated the church and of its subsequent demolition. They visited the memorial to its memory near where the church had proudly stood and served its community for decades.

Canon theologian shares some thoughts on pastoral care and Medical Assistance in Dying

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

This spring, Archbishop Shane Parker appointed the Rev. Canon Dr. Christopher Brittain, Dean of Divinity at Trinity College at the University of Toronto as Canon Theologian for the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa.

As Bishop of Ottawa at the time, Parker noted “Canon Brittain is a respected scholar of our Church, with published research and expertise concerning relations within the global Anglican Communion, theological responses to crises, political theology, and ethics. He is resident in the Diocese of Toronto and has graciously consented to share his wisdom with our diocesan church when we require learned counsel on complex theological matters.”

One of the most complex issues clergy and lay people are wrestling with is the matter of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD). Canon Brittain contributed an article to a book published in 2024 by the



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Anglican Church of Canada *Faith Seeking Understanding: Medical Assistance in Dying — Reflections by Canadian Anglicans*. In an interview with *Perspective* this past summer, he shared some of what was discussed when he was asked to speak on the subject at a clergy conference in another diocese.

“In the conversations I had with the diocesan leadership, they really wanted me to know that their clergy were pretty divided on this issue,

which I certainly took to heart. And so, the conversation we had was not about whether clergy should be for or against MAiD... particularly since this was not the conversation I was asked to have. Instead, we talked about how difficult it is for clergy to inhabit situations where people are approaching them for advice about MAiD or possibly asking them to accompany them during the procedure, and how bewildering it can be. We talked about the challenges of being a pastoral leader in this situation and then how to help members of the church think about MAiD in a pastoral way as opposed to sort of an ideological way.”

For clergy who are comfortable accompanying people who choose MAiD, they discussed what challenges and concerns that they need to keep in mind, Brittain said.

For clergy who are less comfortable, they discussed the fact that priests and deacons are not obliged to accompany someone

choosing MAiD, but they are still obliged to care for them pastorally. “Can you help them find someone who can support them or their family and talk about a range of alternatives rather than only MAiD?” he suggested.

Brittain noted that in discussing alternatives, such as hospice and palliative care, it is important to ask if those services are available and accessible in that area. If not, “and if we think there should be other options for people, which I hope the church does believe, we need to lobby to make sure these options are available,” he said.

“The church must respond pastorally to those who are dying or who have family who are dying and be the best support we can be.... [MAiD is] a legal option. Some people take it for very good reasons even if they might not be our reasons. And so, we need to try to help people navigate the situation they’re in.”

Spotlight on The Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre (The OPC)

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

The Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre is one of the five Anglican Community Ministries, but because of the confidential nature of counselling, it is a challenge to include stories about the OPC in Perspective. This is a third in a series of articles introducing readers to the OPC’s team members and their work.

November begins with All Saints Day, a time to think about and pray for loved ones who have died. Lorrie (Margaret) Beaton specializes in grief, loss, anxiety, depression, conflict resolution, personal growth, and personal transformation. She previously worked extensively with the Bereaved Families of Ontario, so we asked for her insight.

Grieving can be a long process. Is that out of sync with a culture that generally wants everything to be done quickly?

At first, people ask ‘Is there anything I can do? Can I help in any way?’ And what I find is that might last a couple of weeks or may be a month, where people can understand that you are going to be emotional around this loss, but then their lives go on and they’re not really thinking about what you are experiencing because they haven’t had that loss, so it’s a mystery. ...Something as simple as the music in a restaurant or a smell... it is very sense-oriented, might cause ... a grief burst or a grief bomb, I might call it, and that makes it hard. Because people may



Lorrie Beaton

say, ‘Oh my gosh, what’s wrong with you?’ [The answer is] ‘I’m grieving. ... I’m going to have waves of grief that show up.’ That can really create a discomfort, seeing a friend who looks like they are in distress. But grief really goes against everything that we’ve been taught...

People often say that someone at a funeral was very strong, meaning they didn’t shed a tear, but I say that’s not strong. ...We have this fear that someone is going to cry... but that’s what you have to do when you’re grieving. You have to let it come when it comes in those waves and just let it flow and not judge it for being there because this is your body’s way of trying to understand what is something that seems unimaginable.”

How can therapy help?

It gives someone a neutral place where they they won’t feel judged.

...Sometimes it takes a few sessions for people to understand that because they’re used to saying ‘Oh, it’s fine, because I walk with my best friend every day and we talk about this.’ But usually a friend will jump into fix-it mode. “You’ve got to get out there....You’ve got to start living again,” that kind of thing.

With therapy, or counselling for grief, often we’re just sitting with what’s there. And we’re not trying to shift it in any way. It’s just allowing it to be there and not judging it.... It’s more of just accepting [emotions.] “Okay, so you’re really angry right now. Let’s talk about that. Where is that coming from? And why would why would the anger be showing up now?” And really understanding that it doesn’t mean that anger is going to be there forever. It’s just this is what you have to process right now. Next week, it’s probably going to be something different.” And then having the guidelines and the resources to offer someone.

... I’ve an article that I share that says “No, you’re not going crazy. You’re grieving.” Because it can feel very crazy making when you can’t concentrate, you have no energy, you’re not sleeping, you’re not eating, or you’re eating too much... You can’t get back into your daily routine. That’s grief. You’ve just got to let that be there for now. “

[Grief counselling is] compassionate inquiry and the neutral stance.... We’re not trying to take that pain away from someone. We’re just helping them process the

pain of where they’re at right now, without judging. So, compassion, that’s it.

Are your clients themselves are sometimes impatient with the grieving process?

[Yes] someone will ask, ‘So how long is this going to take?... I’m really uncomfortable with these feelings that keep coming up and messing up my life.’ And I always ask them, ‘Well, how did, how long did you know that person?’ Sometimes people say, “Well, it was my mom.” And I say, “Okay, so you’ve known this person even months before you were born. It’s a part of you, so it’s going to take however long it takes to unravel that relationship and for you to make sense of this and adapt to this new relationship. It’s not a switch. People think after a year they are supposed to turn that grief switch off and not have to feel this anymore.

“The first year is really just making sense of the absence of that person and really understanding that relationship. Where and how do they fit now? ... I used to support a lot of more children, and [many years ago] one of my little guys said, ‘You know what? This is great.’ And I said, ‘Really? Grief is great? What do you mean?’ And he said, ‘Well, before I used to always have to call my loved one, and they’d have to call me back. And we’d have to make time for each other. But now I can talk to them anytime.’ ”

CLERGY REFLECTION

Listening for God's voice in a time of change

BY THE RIGHT REVEREND
MICHAEL BIRD

It is a great honour and privilege for me to serve as the Diocesan Administrator and to journey with the people and parishes of our Diocese during this period of transition. The term "Diocesan Administrator" that encompasses most of the work and responsibilities of a Diocesan Bishop sounds very administrative in nature, and yet I am drawn at this moment to the pastoral and spiritual aspects of this ministry. I find myself pondering what our work of discernment will look like in the next several months. How will we make room for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we prepare for and anticipate new episcopal leadership for our diocese? How will we open ourselves up to the stirrings of our God who is forever doing something new and profound in our midst?

In retirement, or perhaps I should say semi-retirement, I have had more time these days to sit and reflect upon my 41 years of ordained ministry, and I have thought a great deal about the times when I have endeavoured to discern God's call to the best of my ability and the times when the busyness and the distractions of my life and work have prevented me from listening carefully for the leading of the Holy Spirit. The work of Christian discernment involves the intentional carving out of time in our schedules for prayer, meditation, the reading of scripture, and listening for



Bishop Michael Bird is Administrator of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

God's voice in the voices and conversations we have with trusted colleagues, spiritual directors, mentors, loved ones and friends. We also must be prepared at times to hear such a call in the life or voice of a stranger or someone we disagree with. I pray that we will do all these things to discern who will offer leadership as the 11th Bishop of Ottawa.

As I write this article, news has just been released that Bishop Sarah Mullally, the Bishop of London in England, is to become the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury, and her appointment is yet another sign of the transforming and restoring work of our God who is so often full of wonderful surprises! In welcoming Bishop Mullally to this new ministry, Bishop Anthony Poggo, the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion invited the churches of

the global Anglican Communion to pray for the archbishop-designate that God might grant her wisdom and discernment, as she seeks to listen to member churches, encourage mutual support and foster unity. May we in the Diocese of Ottawa also be granted this gift of discernment in the days ahead.

We are putting together some prayers and liturgical resources to offer the members of our Diocese in preparation for the episcopal election and we will put them on the website under the "Episcopal Election 2026" heading.

In the meantime, I offer one of my favourite prayers for the church from the BAS:

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light,
look favourably upon your whole Church,

that wonderful and sacred mystery.
By the effectual working of your providence,
carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation.

Let the whole world see and know
that things which were cast down
are being raised up,
and things which had grown old are
being made new,
and that all things are being brought
to their perfection

By him through whom all things
were made,
Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Right Reverend Michael A. Bird brings over four decades of pastoral and episcopal leadership to the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa. Since completing his tenure as the eleventh Bishop of Niagara, Bishop Bird has served in the Diocese of Ottawa in a variety of roles that reflect his steady and thoughtful approach to ministry.

In 2018, at the invitation of Bishop John Chapman, Bishop Bird became the Incumbent of the newly formed Parish of the Valley—a regional ministry spanning multiple congregations across the Upper Ottawa Valley. He also served as Archdeacon of Pembroke and, during a period of medical leave, was appointed Bishop's Commissary, providing oversight and continuity at the diocesan level.

These experiences have given Bishop Bird a strong familiarity with the Diocese's clergy, congregations, and administrative structures. He understands the regional and pastoral dynamics of ADO and has earned the respect of both lay and ordained leaders through his collaborative and steady presence.

Currently residing within the diocese and engaged in part-time ministry, Bishop Bird is well positioned to serve as administrator during the episcopal transition. His prior leadership within ADO, combined with his episcopal experience and understanding of diocesan governance, provide a solid foundation for this interim role until a new bishop is elected and installed.

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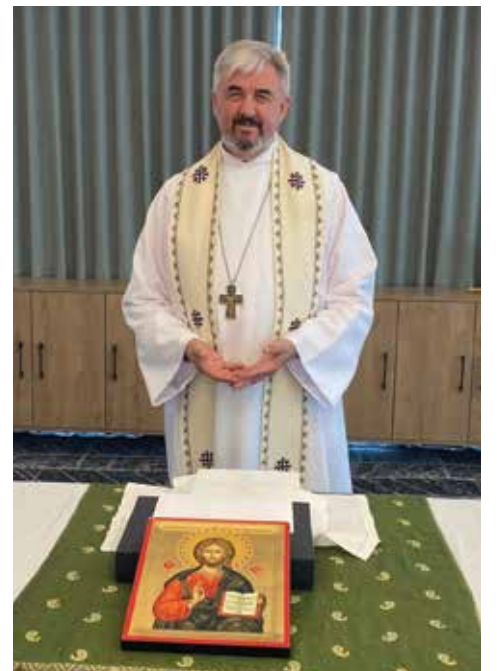
Four former bishops of Ottawa—John Baycroft, Peter Coffin, John Chapman and now Shane Parker—did some reminiscing in the Great Hall of Christ Church Cathedral in Ottawa on Sept. 20.

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Bishop Michael Bird and his wife Susan came from Barry's Bay to attend the service.

PHOTO: THE REV. GARY VAN DER MEER



The clergy presented Archbishop Shane with a parting gift — a reproduction of Christ Pantokrator "The Teacher" icon.

DIOCESAN ARCHIVES

St. Augustine, Beachburg
Deanery of the Northwest

To Look Better or
to Tell the Truth.
Which?

BY GLENN J LOCKWOOD

What we see here seems straightforward enough. This is Saint Augustine’s Church, Beachburg, as photographed by Brian Glenn on 23 January 2007. So picture perfect is this photograph that it was chosen by Bishop John Chapman to grace his 2019 Christmas card. How could the good bishop possibly have guessed the intellectual Storm und drang controversy and discussion that lay behind this charming view of a traditional Anglican house of worship in the upper Ottawa valley? How indeed!

But first, let us appreciate the troubled early years of Saint Augustine’s Church, Beachburg. In 1863, an Anglican missionary meeting was held in Beachburg. Five years later, in 1868, the Mission of Beachburg was established, and the following year that mission was listed as consisting of stations at Beachburg, Cobden, Forester’s Falls, Stafford No. 1 (Saint Stephen’s, Micksburg) and Westmeath.

We are told that nothing succeeds like success. Or does it? From 1869 to 1876, Beachburg changed from a mission with five points to seven: Wilberforce was added in 1874, and Saint Patrick’s Stafford in 1876. In 1881, the Mission of Beachburg was dissolved, and we are left clutching a mystery. Beachburg, Forester’s Falls, Westmeath and Wilberforce were not listed in the Synod Journal. In 1882, the Beachburg mission was re-created, with services held at Beachburg and Cobden. Such was the state of things that the Beachburg services were held in an Orange Hall, but already the



DIOCESAN ARCHIVES BRIAN GLENN FONDS PE05 E100

house of worship we see here was a-building. On 26 May 1883, Saint Augustine’s, Beachburg was opened by Bishop John Travers Lewis of Ontario.

Clearly this house of worship was built in the flood tide of building Gothic Revival churches across the Diocese of Ottawa. In the 1880s, some 27 churches were built. Saint Augustine’s was not among the more lavish examples of this style, which may partly account for its charm and for its durability. Its solid red brick construction, its lack of excess, the steep roof beams supported by sturdy angled buttresses at the corners all combined for a picturesque yet enduring country house of worship.

What is important is what you don’t see in this photograph. When Brian Glenn clicked the shutter to take this view, the resulting image included numerous hydro lines that made for an unlovely picture. It was only after patiently photo-shopping (a process by which undesirable elements are removed from a photograph) that he was able to produce the attractive photograph you behold here.

You’d think that would be an end of it. Not quite. While Brian Glenn worked away at removing hydro wires from this photograph, he doubtless thought of the then archivist’s bugbear about this being a form of lying. What the Archivist was saying, controversially, is that

photo-shopping works against the truthfulness of a photograph, by removing elements from it. For Brian Glenn, it simply came down to making the picture look better by removing distractions that that get in the way visually. Those distractions prevent us seeing the church.

The Diocesan Archives collects parish registers, vestry reports, service registers, minutes of groups and committees, financial documents, property records (including cemeteries and architectural plans), insurance policies, letters, pew bulletins, photographs (photo-shopped or not), paintings, scrapbooks, parish newsletters, and unusual records.

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Bishop, farewell!

Left—Among those attending the reception September 20 were Elizabeth Taylor and Dr. Glenn Lockwood from the diocesan Archives.

Right—From St. Margaret’s Vanier came Inuit readers and greeters including parish council co-chair Jeannie Kanayuk and Synod representative Leena Arreak (left and right of the archbishop).

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CALENDAR

Nov. 1

St. Bart's Bazaar
Church of St. Bartholomew
(125 MacKay Street, Ottawa)
12 pm to 4 pm
Gifts, jewellery, books, preserves, baking, attic treasures, toys & games, crafts, Christmas decorations, works of art and our famous tearoom. Funds support the parish and Community Ministries. Saintbartholomew.ca/pages/bazaar

Fall Fantasy Bazaar
St. Mark the Evangelist Church
(1606 Fisher Ave. Ottawa)
10 am to 2 pm
Homemade preserves and delicious baking, including Christmas puddings, handicrafts, gently used jewelry and books, exquisite handmade cards just in time for Christmas, and more. Luncheon selections in the Hall "Café" will include homemade soups, a ploughman's plate and sweets for a nominal fee. Watch our website www.stmarksottawa.ca for the opportunity to order baking in the weeks following the bazaar.

Nov. 8

Fall Food Fair
St. Stephen's
(930 Watson Street, Ottawa)
9:30 am to 1 pm
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Nov. 15

Holly Days Bazaar
Christ Church Bells Corners
(3861 Old Richmond Road, Nepean)
9 am to 1 pm
Explore our amazing selection of baking, deli items, soups, gift baskets, artisanal soaps, hand-crafted Christmas decor, sewing and knitting, jewellery, and more. All are welcome. <https://christchurchbellscorners.ca/>

St. Aidan's Yuletide Bazaar
St. Aidan's, Ottawa
(934 Hamlet Road, Ottawa)
10 am to 2 pm
Featuring home baking, jams and preserves, books and puzzles, a silent auction and a cafe for snack or light lunch. www.staidansottawa.com

All Saints' Westboro Village Fair/Bazaar
(347 Richmond Rd, Ottawa)
9 am to 2 pm
Crafts, knitting, used books, vintage collectibles, jams, preserves, baking, coffee and treats, a delicious lunch, kids' secret shopping, (new this year) a henna body art station, and more. The New-to-You shop will be open.

Watch our website for updates www.allsaintswestboro.com or contact bazaar@allsaintswestboro.com

Nov. 20

Holly Bazaar & Luncheon
Holy Trinity Pembroke
(68A Renfrew St.)
10 am to 4 pm
Shop quality Christmas goods, including handicrafts and jewelry. Luncheon is homemade soups and sandwiches and dessert for only \$15!
More Info: <https://www.valleyanglicans.ca/events/holly-bazaar-luncheon--458/2025-11-20>

Nov. 22

St. John's Christmas Market
St. John the Evangelist Church
(Elgin and Somerset St., Ottawa)
10 am to 4 pm
St. John's European-style Christmas market in the newly-renovated church will be full of artwork and Christmas craft offerings by 25 Ottawa artists and craftspeople. There will be hot drinks, snacks and baked goods. A great chance to pick up artworks, handmade gifts and Christmas ornaments!

The St. Barnabas Christmas Bazaar
St. Barnabas Ottawa
(70 James Street, Ottawa)
10 am to 2 pm
Homemade jams, jellies, pickles, soup, chilli, Christmas cookies, home baking, and fudge. Other treasures include tableware, silver, pottery, vases, curios or knick-knacks, framed art, handicrafts, jewelry, Christmas decorations, puzzles

and games, children's toys, scarves and mittens, various books and CDs, small furniture items, and kitchen items.

Christmas Tea and Bazaar
All Saints, Petawawa
(1173 Victoria Street, Petawawa)
11 am to 2 pm
The annual All Saints Christmas Tea and Bazaar features high tea in the church hall for \$15 and shopping at the bake table, "glitz and glamour," the Santa table, and a silent auction.
More Info: <https://www.valleyanglicans.ca/events/christmas-tea-bazaar--433/2025-11-22>

Nov. 28 & 29

St. Paul's Christmas Bazaar
St. Paul's, Hazeldean-Kanata
(20 Young Rd., Kanata)
Nov. 28, Chili supper 4 pm to 8 pm.
Nov. 29, Bazaar & lunch 9 am to 1 pm
Family fun! Christmas gifts and decorations, jams and jellies, baked goods, knitted and crocheted items, jewelry, toys, used books and CDs, household items, Silent Auction and more. Email parishadmin@stpaulshk.org

Nov. 29

Festive Tea and Market *See ad below*
Christ Church Cathedral
(414 Sparks St., Ottawa)
11: 30 am to 3 pm

Wine and Cheese Pairing Event
Church of the Epiphany, Barry's Bay
Hosted at the Barry's Bay Legion (250 John Street/Hwy 62 at Stafford).
2 pm to 5 pm
Join us for a tasting of gourmet cheeses paired with fine wines. Or enjoy some of Christmas baking and other tasty treats. Wines and cheeses will also be available for purchase by auction at the end of the event. Tickets (\$50) usually sell out, available from Shawn and Dave Eagles: shdaeagles@gmail.com or 613-756-6356 More Info: <https://www.valleyanglicans.ca/events/wine-cheese-pairing-event/2025-11-29>

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