

# St Mark's Episcopal Church Big Timber

## 125th Anniversary Edition

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### *What's Going On?!*

Dear Big Timber and Distant Friends,

#### The 125th Anniversary of St Mark's Church ~ That's What!

We are getting more and more excited about celebrating the weekend of the 21st & 22nd of August, please come and join us! Full details are on Page 2.

On Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Dinner catered by Brian Engle of Pioneer Meats, a member of St. Mark's. He will be serving up strip loin steaks, mashed potatoes and green beans, and dessert will be a slice of our 125th Cake.

Prior to Dinner will be a 'Happy Hour' from 4-6pm to give opportunity to catch up with all the folks not seen for a long time, and to wander through the Dallman Hall Historical Display.

Silent Auction Also in Dallman Hall will be items for you to view and bid on.

Circle T Taproom/Crazy Peak Brewery owned by Colter and Kendra Todd, have been wonderful to work with, and will be offering beer on tap and wine by the glass for for Happy Hour and throughout dinner. We will provide iced tea, lemonade and iced water.

Sasshay Boutique and Party Rentals are providing a tent, tables and chairs for the reunion. Opened by Kendra Edden in October 2019, it was unlucky timing, but they have survived and business is booming. We are excited to be able to use their services for our 125th. Should you wish to dress up, Sasshay sells beautiful wedding dresses, formal dresses, prom dresses and has tuxedo rentals!

And Don't Forget Sunday ...

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## Sunday Service & Brunch

Sunday August 22nd, 10:30 am

Bishop Marty will be with us for the weekend, as we hope will other priests that have served St Mark's, all taking part in the service.

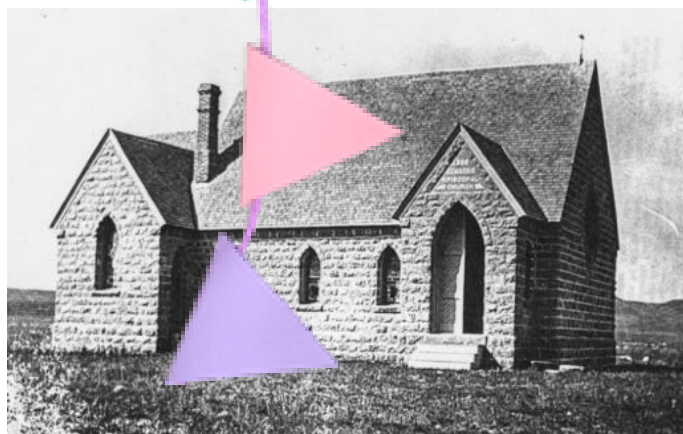
### Brunch

Following our 125th Anniversary Service, those Sultanas of Salad, the ladies of St Mark's, will be serving a delicious Brunch.

Both are an opportunity to celebrate 125 years of Ministry and Mission at St Mark's in Big Timber, and to gather again to meet old friends.

A perfect ending to a perfect time together.

... And don't worry about the weather! The new Masonic meeting room located at the corner of McLeod and Second has been generously offered in case of rain.



## St. Mark's 125th Anniversary August 21 & 22, 2021

### Schedule of Events

#### Saturday August 21st

4:00pm – 6:00pm

Historic Display in Dallman Hall

Happy Hour and gathering. No-host happy hour with Circle T Brewery serving wine and beer.

6:00pm: Dinner

Brian Engle's prize-winning meat:

Strip Loin, mashed potatoes, fresh green beans, & dessert

Program to follow:

Sharing our remembrances of St. Mark's and our hopes and dreams for its future.

#### Sunday August 22nd

10:30am

Church with Bishop Marty and visiting Clergy.

Brunch to follow church, and you all know what good cooks the Episcopal women are.

Come and enjoy!

#### Price:

\$45.00 for the weekend.

\$35.00 for Saturday night dinner

\$12.00 for Sunday Brunch

Children: 10 and under: ½ price

#### Historic Display & Silent Auction

In Dallman Hall, with lots of items you will want to buy: Jessica Zemsky print of the church, Barbara Van Cleve Image, a beautiful Quilt & more.

View Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 am

And all during the Weekend.

**Tickets are needed so for further details  
and to reserve your spot - Contact:**

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# The Rector's 125th Ramblings

Fr. Bryan Beveridge

A 16th Century French poet is thought to have uttered the phrase "these lovely lamps, these windows of the soul", a phrase that today has become "the eyes are the window of the soul". In the early days of the Christian Church, some say in the 4th Century, as houses of worship began to be built and worship gatherings moved from homes to dedicated buildings, those who built the structures began to include windows of colored glass, which were illuminated by the light from without.

The oldest example of multiple pieces of colored glass used in a window may be found at St. Paul's church in Jarrow, England, founded in 686 AD (or CE). Soon, those who commissioned those houses of worship, the leadership of the faith communities, realized that the windows gave an opportunity to educate worshipers, who were by and large illiterate. They were then designed to teach about a particular Bible truth; it might have been Jonah's encounter with a whale; or St. Paul's encounter with God's bright presence that knocked him off his horse and for a time blinded him. Windows in churches became 'windows which speak to the soul'. They were also called 'the poor man's Bible'.



The windows of St. Mark's, Big Timber also have a story to tell. Some of the symbols depicted are the cup, a reminder of the common cup of Holy Communion; the three flowered Lily, a reminder of our Easter faith; two bunches of grapes, perhaps helping us to recall Jesus' words about the vine and the branches, and God's role as the vinedresser; the two Greek letters A and Ω, not a reminder to set your watch but rather recalling Jesus' words that he is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and end of all things. This list could go on, but I simply ask that, as you have occasion, look at a particular window and see what the symbols contained within the window suggest to you.



If you are able to join us, you will hear during your time with us at the 125th Anniversary Weekend Celebrations that our windows, given as thank-offerings and memorials by those who have gone before us, are now 'first in line' as we seek to renew and restore St. Mark's Church. Please review the material that will be made available to you, either directly through the weekend events or via a personal mailing, and if you are able to consider assisting us as we continue the ongoing task of the renewal and restoration of beautiful little St. Mark's.

With hope for a wonderful celebration of 125 years, and with hopes for many more,  
I am,

Yours in Christ,

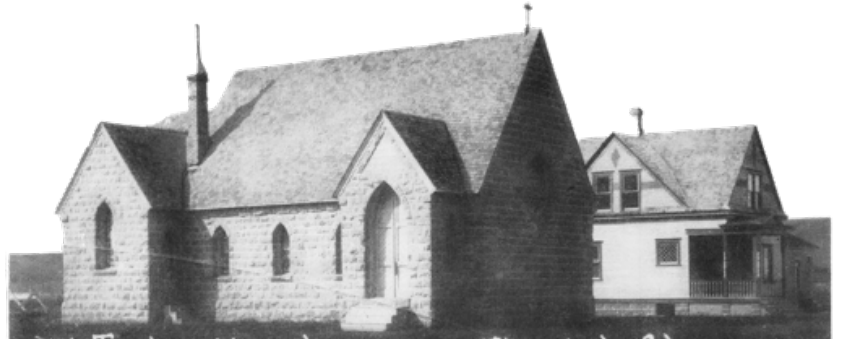
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The Rev. Bryan M. Beveridge  
Rector, St. Mark's Episcopal Church,  
Big Timber, Montana.



# 125 Years ~How Has St Mark's Fared?

The wonderful old church that we know as St. Mark's has been showing signs of wear and tear for some time. After a local assessment, the AGM in January 2020 voted funds to contract Ken Sievert, an eminent Montana historic architect, to undertake a full assessment of St Mark's, and deliver a Historic Structures Report (HSR).



Received in October 2020, the HSR revealed significant challenges, ranging from rapidly deteriorating stonework, through structural instability in the crawlspace, to inadequate electrical wiring, and more. After discussion Vestry decided that it must address the most pressing needs ~ those that presented safety issues, or threatened structural integrity. This became known as Phase I, which began with upgrading of the electrical system in late 2020/early 2021, and continued in early summer with rebuilding of an area of collapsed foundations; placement of columns under a main underpinning beam which had been inadequately supported when cut to install the heating system; the re-pointing of two courses of the most damaged stonework; and the renovation and sealing of the surrounding buttress. Phase I is now complete, and to date the work has taken \$85,000 from St Mark's reserves.



Phase I has bought breathing space, but there is much remaining in the HSR to be addressed during future phases for our 125-year-old church home. Amongst the outstanding work is restoration of the damaged stained-glass windows, which will require removal, renewal and re-installation; a skilled heritage woodworker will be needed to renovate the window frames, which we are told are salvageable; the rest of the stonework needs properly re-pointing and, in some areas, stone replacement; and multiple gaps into the

roof-space need to be sealed without harming the resident bat colony. The estimated cost of that work is in the order of \$400,000, however, doing the renovations in stages over a number of years may increase costs.

Future phases, which will be undertaken as a number of smaller projects, will involve the stained glass and window frame restoration, and the renovation of the rest of the stonework. The challenge before us now is how to address the future of this 125-year-old historic building, Big Timber's first stone church. How can we assure that future generations of worshippers will not have to deal with the physical structure, but rather will be able to focus on the Worship and Ministry of St. Mark's?





We are blessed to receive from those who have gone before us a wonderful, warm and comforting place of worship, which may have played an important part in many of your families' significant life events.



In the weeks and months ahead, it is our hope that we can start the work of the first of the remaining four phases. To that end, we are applying to the Diocese for a small grant and a \$40,000 interest free loan. If successful, we can begin removal of the first set of windows for renewal and re-installation. The experts tell us that work should be done in the order of: windows, woodwork, stonework; which is why we intend sequenced projects, tackling each of these in succession, based on the urgency of stonework repair.



If you would like to be a part of the renewal of St Mark's Episcopal Church please contact us by completing a Contact Card in the church or in Dallman Hall, and placing it in the box provided. Alternatively, please e-mail us and leave a message for the Restoration Fundraising Committee; our e-mail is [officeofstmarks@gmail.com](mailto:officeofstmarks@gmail.com).

With sincere thanks in advance for your attention and consideration, we are,

Yours in Christ,

*Rev. Bryan Beveridge. Sandi Blake. Suzanne Wilson.*

# *A View From The Senior Warden's Pew*

It occurred to me while we were preparing the Newsletter prior to the 125th celebration that it would be fun to look at the names on the pews, etc. and comment on the ones that I knew. I hope that you will read through these and if you have any information about them, please let me know so we can put it in the archives of the church. Enjoy the walk down memory lane with me.

Clyde Everett Davis (1894-1971). Clyde and Bryan Manley had the Davis-Manley grocery store on main street when we moved here in 1960. He and Ruby (1895-1965) did not have any children and Clyde delighted on having the kids help themselves to the candy he put on the lower shelf of the store. The only problem was that my kids thought they could do that in any store. I asked Clyde if he would hand the kids the candy and not give them free reign to take the it off the shelf. He was exceedingly kind and did as I asked. The kids still got their candy but learned that you cannot just pick what you want off a store shelf. A couple of years after Stan and I moved here Stan had a headgate freeze up on him. Since he could not complete the job, we did not have the money. Things got pretty slim, and I went and asked Clyde and Bryan if we could charge for a couple of months. No credit cards those days!!! They were very gracious, and I was so embarrassed. I never forgot their generosity. Ruby had been the treasurer of Guild for years. After being a part of the church for a few years they asked me to be treasurer. Ruby was resigning. I said I would but that I would only do it for three years and not forever like Ruby!!! I stuck to my guns, and they started rotating the offices. ☺

Howard (1882-1959) and Alice Mason. are a couple of names on a couple of pews. They were Hazel Ewan's parents. I never met them because they passed away before we came.

Rausie Roecher Solberg (1891-1954). I met her at my grandparents' home in Bozeman. They used to play cards together when the Solberg's lived in Bozeman. She was Sigrid Fjare's mother.

Earl Frederick Bouse, Sr. (1903-1960). He had the Chevrolet garage when we moved here. It was on the corner of Main and Third. He had a tragic death shortly after we moved here, and his wife Josie had no knowledge of how to even write a check. Their son came back to BT and managed the garage and sold it. Jose would watch our kids sometimes and she told me to never be left like she was. To know my husband's business and how to take care of myself. Good advice!

Elmer (1895-1967) and Melva (1895-1966) Arneson. One of the first times I walked into Dallman Hall he was on his hands and knees laying the hardwood floor. Melva was known for her hospitality and wonderful meals. Kind of like Marlis Arneson her daughter in law.

Edward Niles Adam (1888-1961). His wife Ella was a historian for St. Mark's for years. She was the first person to move into Hillcrest Retirement Home in Bozeman. Not having any children, she moved there while she was still able to make those decisions. I greatly admired Ella.

Hazel Mason Ewan (1916-2011). I cannot say enough about Hazel, the rock of St. Mark's and the one that always had a new idea. I remember her saying we should have a kids after-school program for those whose parents worked, saying it was a good use of Dallman Hall. It took time for the idea to materialize because the right person had to come along (Jennifer); but she planted the seed as she did for many things. Many of you reading this Newsletter knew Hazel and know what I mean when I say I cannot say enough. We all loved her.

Alice Tyler (1922-2014). Alice is like Hazel, a rock at St. Mark's. Dudley was a one-man choir and boy do we miss that!!! Alice and Dudley were always there with a helping hand, a willingness to do whatever was needed, and loved by all. We were privileged to travel to several Diocesan Conventions with them and get to know them better. Dudley served on lots of committees for the Diocese and St. Mark's. A wise man! Alice was our 'cook' organizing the potluck dinners and the pinata for the kids at Christmas time.

# The Pew View Cont'd ...

Here are some other names.....can you give me any information about them?

Ralph Jarrett 1904-1950. I think this was Rick Jarrett's father.

Stuart Henry Nicholson 1888-1960. I did not know him but knew his wife and many of his relatives.

George Alden 1878-1959. I did not know him, either.

Charles William Campbell 1885-1953. I did not know him but I believe his wife was Agnes.

Frank Chase, Jr. (1924-1948)

H. Robert Hart (1910-1949)

Edwin Webb (1925-1945)

John William Davis (1870-1949)

Carrie Lee Tolan Davis (1874-1949)

Cornelius Van Schaack

Jean McNaughton Bristor (1922-1954)

Charlie Benjamin Lamb is the name on both of the candlesticks.

George A. and Eva M. Loasby – These were Bess Kellogg and Alice Hoofnagle's parents.

Robert Bray (1900-1948) – I went to school with a George Bray and his wife, Karen was a classmate of mine from the 4th grade.

Edward Leigh Bray (1909-1960)

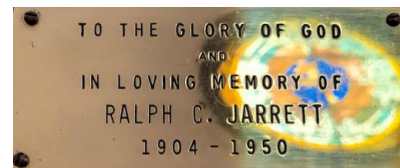
Dorothy Bray Traver (1904-1962)

W. J. Boelter (1890-1966) His wife Elvera was a real mentor of mine. A beautiful lady.

It has been fun to walk through memory lane with these names. I hope you enjoy the walk as much as I did. We will see you at the 125th and you can fill me in on what you remember about these people.



Daryl Todd  
Senior Warden  
St Mark's Church





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We, the family of St Mark's, are a diverse group of Christians seeking a deeper, loving relationship with God and each other through prayer, worship, study, fellowship and ministry to our community.

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### Services

We are now gathering in St Mark's Church for worship each Sunday at 10:30am, with fellowship and coffee thereafter in Dallman Hall. As of the 4th of July, as well as the Host, the Common Cup will be offered at Holy Communion.

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Please consider joining us, we would love to see you.