

# Museum Corner: A Page From History

## July 2017

### Looking Back: Ashcroft's Oldest Churches

#### Saint Alban's Anglican Church

Built in 1891, St. Alban's Church was the only church in the community of Ashcroft.

The church was built on the land of the Barnes Estate at a cost of \$500! The money to build the church was raised, collected, and donated by the community.

The committee formed to build the church was comprised of C. Semlin, P. Parke, I. Haddock, and W. Langley. Mr. Higginbottom built the church within three months; he also did the interior work, such as the pews, railing, and altar. Many of furnishings were donated by members of the community. The church bell was purchased in England.

**CHURCH SERVICES**  
Sunday, Oct. 11th.  
- Methodist -

Morning, 11 a.m.  
Evening, 7.30 p.m.  
"Fighting the Good Fight"  
Thursday, 8 p.m., Prayer meeting.  
Do not neglect the means of grace.  
Friday, 8 p.m. Choir practice.  
R. Stanley Bennett, Minister.  
A cordial invitation to all.

**Anglican**

A Prayer and Short Litany authorized by the Bishop for use in this Diocese will be said every Thursday in St. Alban's Church at 8 p.m. during the present time of War.  
W. Sandilands Vicar.

**Presbyterian**

Morning at 11 a.m. Subject, "Great Promises."  
Sunday School at 2:00 clock.  
Evening at 7:30. Subject, "The man on the Street as seen Through Mr. Titbottom's Spectacles"  
A hearty invitation to all.

John McGillivray, formerly of the Ashcroft Hotel here, has bought the Burrard of Vancouver. His ad appears in this issue. Ashcroft people can renew old acquaintance by staying with him when in the city.



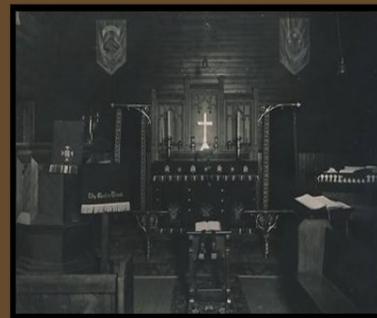
Stain glass window from St. Alban's Anglican Church



Outside views



Organ from St. Alban's Anglican Church



Inside view

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## Presbyterian Church

On April 6, 1892, a meeting was convened with the Presbyterian missionary in the chair, along with the trustees; G. MacLeod, C. Pennie, and J. MacKay, to arrange for the construction of the church. The church would be built and completed later on in the year.

The site for the church was donated by J.J MacKay and C. P. Rand. The church was to be 24ft x 44ft with a tower, and a loan of \$600 was applied for, from the Presbytery of Columbia.

The church activities varied with the ministers and the visiting missionaries, but always included the whole community.

## Churches continued...



## Methodist Church and the Zion United Church

The Methodist Church was built by Mr. Bell and W. Fearn, under the guidance of Reverend Turner in 1867. Before this time, the Methodists belonged to the congregation of the Presbyterian Church. This decision for the Methodists to build their own church and separate from the Presbyterians did not appear to make an up rise in the community.

The Church Union in 1925 brought the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations together once again. The Methodist Church was put on skids and taken to the back of the Presbyterian Church to become the United Church Hall.



The Ashcroft Museum is open from Monday to Sunday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Come on down and learn some fascinating history about the area.

Located at 4th and Brink.

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