



HISTORY  
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ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, BYNG

## HISTORICAL REVIEW OF ST. ALBAN'S THE MARTYR CHURCH, BYNG

St. Alban's The Martyr Church was built in Byng in 1920, during the rectorship of Dr. Wm. A. Kyle. Mr. John Webber furnished all the stone free that went into the church, and he also gave his time as he worked the whole summer helping to erect the building.

The official opening took place on September 8, 1920, but two days before the opening on September 6, George Hornibrooke of Dunn Township and Dora Voakes of Byng were united in marriage in the Church, by Dr. William A. Kyle. St. Alban's became another church along with St. John's and Christ's Church under the same rector. Dr. Kyle continued with his work until September of 1921, and following the first anniversary of the Church, he left the charge and was succeeded by Dr. A. Grasset Smith, M.A. of Carcross, Yukon Territory. Dr. Smith was in charge of the Parish for seventeen years. During his term, an event of importance that occurred was the 50th anniversary of the Rector's Ordination to the Priesthood on June 19. The Right Reverend L. W. B. Broughall, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese, was the special speaker for the service. The celebration began on Sunday, June 18, 1933, with confirmations at the three churches in the Parish, and also the baptism of the Rector's grand-daughter, Nancy Smith at St. John's Church.

On Monday, July 5, 1933, St. Alban's was consecrated by The Right Reverend Bishop Owen, and on October 30, 1938, Dr. Smith retired from active ministry. Rev. F. C. Wahling supplied here until the end of April, 1939. Rev. G. Moore W. Smith had his first sermon on May 7, 1939, and continued in the work until Easter Sunday, March 28, 1948, when he went to St. Matthias Church in Toronto. Mr. Caslor took over on July 11, 1948 as acting rector until April 16, 1950, when his health failed. For the months from June 15 to September 9, 1951, Mr. Ripley, a student, supplied. Rev. A Hamilton Powell of Hamilton supplied from September 30, to January 13, 1952. From that time until November 9, 1952, laymen looked after the services.

On November 1, 1952, Rev. Evan Jones, B.A., LTh, became rector until 1954. Rev. F.C. Musson followed as Rector of the Parish until 1967, being the last full-time Rector for the Parish. From then until the closure and sale of St. Alban's Church in 1980, part-time rectors took Sunday Services.

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