

A campaign to
preserve historic
St. Michael
Anglican Church
and Hall, to enable
the next 125 years
of service to the
Bow Valley

This is our generation's legacy
opportunity—to develop these
sacred spaces, to serve the
parish and community today
and for future generations.

Raise the Roof

Our place in the community

Its tall spire and belfry make St. Michael Anglican Church, a 125-year-old heritage building, a Canmore landmark in one of the most scenic areas in the world. Just off Main Street, the church's rustic wood interior and vaulted ceiling offer a beautiful place to worship God and mark life events. The Fellowship Hall hosts a multitude of services, events and community groups, including Canmore Community Food and Friends every Monday, which serves a free dinner to 300 to 400 diners each week. St. Michael's is an active, welcoming, transformational parish, rooted in tradition, worshipping and celebrating in holiness, and witnessing to Christ through pastoral care, discipleship, and service to one another and our neighbours. For many, St. Michael's has become the heart of Canmore, because we care.

Restoration needs and support opportunities

To continue serving Canmore, St. Michael's requires immediate restoration. The kitchen and accessible washrooms have recently been upgraded and the historic church interior is in good order. But other areas of the building need urgent care.

- The roof of both the church and hall urgently need to be replaced.
- The floor in the Fellowship Hall, now 30 years old, needs to be replaced. It sees heavy traffic with the Food and Friends dinners.
- We need to set up a capital reserve fund. We have estimated the cost of replacing major items as they come to the end of useful life.



The plan for St. Michael's

We plan to replace the roof of the church and hall this summer at a cost of approximately \$130,000; to replace the church hall floor next year for an estimated \$30,000; and to establish a capital reserve fund of \$140,000 for future replacements.

How can you help?

We are initiating a financial pledge campaign to raise \$130,000 in 2019, and a total of \$300,000 over three years. A generous supporter has already committed to match all pledges made to the campaign before October 26, 2019, up to a total of \$65,000.

Please consider making the restoration of St. Michael's one of your choices for charitable gifts this year. We encourage you to generously support this campaign to help sustain the next 125 years of parish life and community service of St. Michael Anglican Church.

To contribute, use the pledge form provided. For more information, contact the church office at 709-7th Street, Canmore; stmikes@telusplanet.net ; (403) 678-5191.

About St. Michael Anglican Church

History

St. Michael's has served Canmore and the Bow Valley for more than 125 years. In 1887, the first mines opened in Canmore. A miner literally trusted his life to the men working beside him. This interdependence fostered qualities of respect, caring, co-operation, diligence, and citizen involvement that shaped our community then and now.

In 1893, Anglican Christians in the Bow Valley decided to build a church, although they had no land and little money. In 1896 the project was completed and a year later the building was debt-free. A project like this was only possible through the grace of God, with the hard work and commitment of the church and the Canmore community.

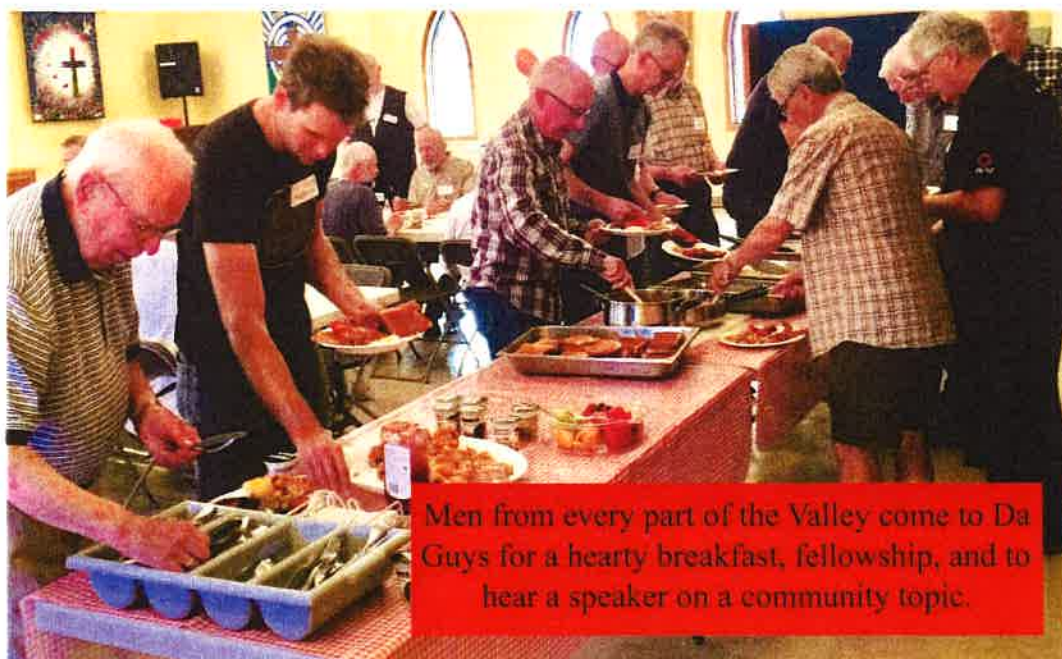
Faith, worship, and committed service have formed the character of St. Michael's as Canmore developed from a railway stop to a mining town to a tourist town, and will be a hallmark as we move into the future.

Liturgy

Our enjoyment of God expresses itself in liturgy, loving God and our neighbour, and serving our community. We celebrate two services every Sunday morning with a traditional service at 9:00 in the historic church and a contemporary service at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall, and at many special services through the year.

Serving our community

From earliest days, St. Michael's has identified and met needs, which made it central to the life of the community. In our quiet sanctuary anyone can take time away from the stress of life. In 1991, adding a spacious hall and well-equipped kitchen created more opportunities for community outreach. We offer a men's breakfast, seniors' lunches and a Thanksgiving dinner.



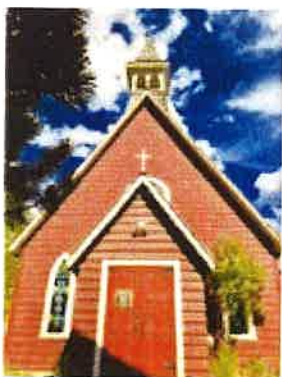
Men from every part of the Valley come to Da Guys for a hearty breakfast, fellowship, and to hear a speaker on a community topic.



Every Monday, in co-operation with other churches, organizations, and businesses, we host Canmore Community Food and Friends, a free dinner open to everyone. It hosts 300 to 400 diners each week, and since it began in 2013 it has served more than 53,000 meals.

Our bazaars and our huge annual “pay-what-you-can” garage sale give people an affordable shopping venue. We host rehearsals and concerts, art classes, and spoken word, theatre, health and wellness, and Bow Valley Music Festival events. We are a gathering place for many community groups. And St. Michael’s is here when a family in the community is celebrating a baptism or a wedding, or coming together to say goodbye to a loved one.

Value our heritage and invest in our future



Improving our facilities for future generations will help to preserve one of Canmore’s most historic buildings, a vital community resource, precious to the Bow Valley. Our parish mission is clear, and needs to be rekindled for a new generation. This project will support vibrant ministry to the parish, to the growing and changing community around us, and to a troubled world—today and for the future.

Please support this campaign generously.

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