



**MILESTONE CELEBRATION:** The congregation of St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church and invited guests celebrated its 140th anniversary and official opening of its new elevator on Sunday. The new elevator ensures that congregants, including Acton's Sydney Weaver (left photo), are able to take part on all aspects of the church. Weaver was joined by The Right Reverend Michael Bird (left) church member Bill Switzer and the Reverend Brian Galligan. – Ted Tyler photos

# Accessibility renovations completed at St. Alban's

Thanks to a \$150,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation last year, accessibility upgrades and the installation of an accessibility lift have been completed

at St. Alban's Anglican Church, ensuring that its community meeting space is fully accessible to all. Joining members of the congregation at a ribbon-cutting ceremony

on Sunday following services were local MPP Ted Arnott and Gayle Wadden, the Chair of the Foundation's Halton-Peel Grant Review Team. "We're very grateful

to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for approving this generous grant, which has helped to make St. Alban's accessible to everyone," said Wellington-Halton Hills MPP Ted Arnott.

In addition to the installation of the accessibility lift, upgrades included the raising of the sidewalk to the level of the primary entrance, installation of electronic door openers, motion activated light switches and redesign of internal hallways to allow enlarging of existing washroom facilities to make them fully wheelchair accessible.

St. Alban's, which also celebrated its 140th Anniversary on Sunday serves a free "Food for Life" and "Refresh Foods" food distribution centre every

Thursday morning, and partners with other community groups to host a free Community Dinner and Movie night on the third Friday of every month. The community meeting facilities are regularly used by a variety of organizations for meetings, exercise groups, youth training and counselling and charity fundraisers. Now, with the work's completion, even more people will be able to participate at events held at the church, located on St. Alban's Drive.

"The church facilities exist for the use of all throughout our region and it is our belief that none should ever feel excluded, by virtue of a physical, or any other form of disability," said the Reverend Brian

Galligan, the Priest at St. Alban's. "Since the renovations were completed using the grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, we are already receiving more requests from groups wanting to use our facilities and have seen a notable increase in participation from those persons who were previously unable to safely participate in the programs that are available here." On September 30, we are participating in "Open Doors Ontario" and we welcome everyone to come and visit for a tour of our beautiful 140 year-old church," Reverend Galligan added.

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