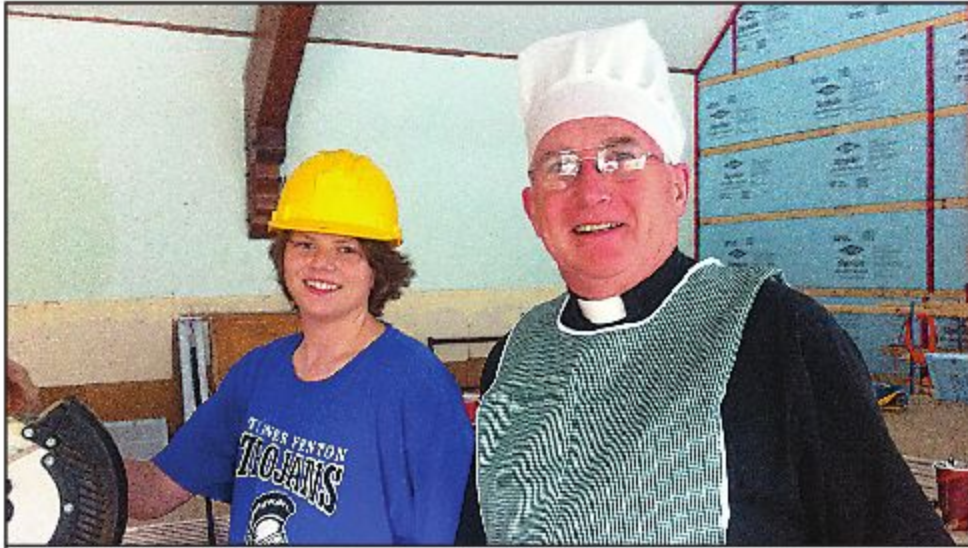


Community Kitchen coming to Acton



KITCHEN COMING: Rev. Brian Galligan chef's hat may have to wait a little longer before it put to good use, as Matthew Charette and many others continue the renovations to St. Alban the Martyr Anglican Church in order to create a community kitchen. - Jane Duncan photo

By Lisa-Dawn McKenzie

Something's cooking at St. Alban's - a new community kitchen in fact - and it fits the church like a glove. Or perhaps an oven mitt.

Renovations are currently underway at St. Alban's Anglican Church in Acton to install a new commercial grade community use kitchen.

Reverend Brian Galligan of St. Alban's outlines the renovations, made possible through a \$150,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, as well as an additional \$100,000 committed by the St. Alban's congregation:

- a six-burner range, new dishwashers, upright fridge and freezer
- pocket walls that allow the space to double in size
- multi level counters and sinks for full accessibility by wheelchair users
- upgraded insulation, lighting and flooring upstairs in the dining hall and small servery

Rev. Galligan lists a wide range of potential users: kids in cooking classes, schools, community garden canning classes, young moms forming collective kitchens, small

business rentals and corporate events.

St. Alban's has been running community dinners since 2010, is a hub for Food for Life, and a charter supporter of the Acton Community Garden. The church has resource people in place, certified as safe food handlers through training by the region.

The kitchen should be up and running by the end of October. The St. Alban's community kitchen, the

only one in Halton Hills, allows the church to keep "helping to build people up," says Rev. Galligan. "We've had people come here for food assistance, who get on with their lives, then come back six months later asking, 'Can I please help?'"

Reverend Galligan adds, "The kitchen expansion is really an extension of our mission. The church is called to feed body and soul."

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