



*Jazz Vespers at Holy Trinity Anglican Church*  
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# *Jazz Vespers*

*Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Stratford ON  
Sunday, June 7, 2026, ~ 4:00 p.m.*

## **Clergy:**

**The Ven. Rob Lemon & the Rev. Tianna Gocan**

## **Musicians:**

**Our Little Band:** Dave Manning, trumpet; Steve Gruchy, tenor saxophone; Steve MacDougall, bass; Tim Adair, drums; Tim Elliott, piano; Beverley Maranger, vocals.

*Jazz Vespers is a very present form of a very ancient tradition. From the earliest days of the Christian church, there has been some sort of reverence made to mark the end of the day. The name Vespers began to be used as long ago as the sixth century. Today, Vespers is a time when people can gather to chase away the shadows of the coming night or the day that's been; seek comfort and sustenance; renew energy for the coming days; or find peace for an hour or so from an all too harried, complex, and busy world. Come and be moved, comforted, uplifted, challenged, encouraged, or whatever else you may need. And come and hear how these musicians interpret the centuries.*

## **Order of Things**

Music as we gather.

Word of welcome

Thanksgiving for the Light (said together)

**Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You led your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ. May his word be a lantern to our feet and a light to our path; for you are full of loving kindness for your whole creation, and we your creatures glorify you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.** <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Anglican Church of Canada, Book of Alternatives Services, Evening Prayer.

Music

READING: Matthew 5: 17-19 read by Tyner Murphy.

Music

Reflection by the Rev. Tianna Gocan

Music during which an offering is received for the work and ministry of Holy Trinity

Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Just a closer walk with thee

(Beverley sings the verses; congregation joins in the chorus)

Chorus: Just a closer walk with Thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Bless you for coming today.

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The next Jazz Vespers will be held on Sunday October 18 at 4 pm. Featuring the Tyson Kipfer Trio.

Support for the musicians comes from the parish budget and is augmented by individual community sponsors so that we can experience high quality jazz music. If you'd like to be a sponsor for future Jazz Vespers please contact the Rector, Archdeacon Rob Lemon.

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Our Little Band:

DAVE MANNING (trumpet and flugel horn) plays with the Stratford Concert Band, Festival City Big Band, Full House Brass Quintet, Ebytown Brass, Our Little Band, and the Jazz Gents. Dave was a music teacher for 30 years at both Stratford Central and Northwestern Secondary Schools.

STEVE GRUCHY, (tenor saxophone) has played with the Stratford Concert Band and the Festival City Big Band for over twenty years. He has also played many shows with The Community Players of New Hamburg and the Stratford Community Players. Before moving to Stratford, Steve played with the National Band of the Naval Reserve and the Band of the Royal Regiment of Canada.

STEVE MACDOUGALL (bass) started playing bass when he was 13 years old and after a 10-year hiatus is playing bass again with Our Little Band. Growing up in Montreal, he spent many years as the bass player for Ukrainian dance bands and toured the UK and Canada. He plays guitar, ukulele and tenor banjo as well as electric and upright bass. Steve is an avid jazz fan, record collector and is learning to play jazz piano.

TIM ADAIR (drums) started playing drums at the age of nine under the tutelage of his dad. He's played in concert bands, a polka/pop trio, country groups, big bands, jazz combos, rock groups, blues groups, a Celtic group, and as a pit drummer in musical productions. "Drums are the only instrument that allows you to play so many genres of music. It's been so much fun!" Tim is a member of the Stratford Concert Band, Festival City Big Band, and Thundering Velvet who perform at the Upper Queen's Park Band Shell. He's taught lots of kids, and adults, how to hit things through the years.

TIM ELLIOTT (piano) has always loved playing the piano. He has played piano with several groups including the clergy band The Preachers with the late Kelly Walker at the Skydome in 1989. Before he retired from the Anglican ministry, Tim and percussionist Brian Barlow founded Jazz Vespers at Christ Church Deer Park Toronto in 1999. He has co-ordinated the Jazz Vespers here since it began in November 2015.

BEVERLEY MARANGER (vocals) has been singing all her life. With a background in gospel, she joined the band to sing jazz standards and old favourites. She also performs with Tim Elliott as Velvet & Ivory, a vocal/ piano duo. Beverley has recorded and released two solo albums.

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Our Little Band will be performing at the Stratford Farmers' Market on Saturday June 20 at 10 a.m. in support Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth. They will also launch the Kiwanis Club Concerts in the Park on Sunday June 21 at 7 pm. in Upper Queens Park.

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