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Prayers for the world with a swing

Local church raises funds for China's earthquake
victims through an evening of jazz

Ring dem bells is just one of the jazz favourites that will raise the roof at Trafalgar Presbyterian Church on Sunday night June 1st. They also hope it will be an opportunity to pray for—and reach out to—the world. There is no admission fee, but a freewill offering will be collected for the people of China, where a recent earthquake has left thousands dead and many more homeless. “This is a night for soulful music, earnest prayer, and the recognition that we are connected to people all over the world”, says Trafalgar’s minister Rev, Kristine O’Brien.

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Oakville jazz pianist Brian Hayman and local sax player Toby Stewart as well as Toronto vocalist Mae Cromwell will join Trafalgar’s skilled regulars all led by Andrew Donaldson. Music by Duke Ellington and Billie Holiday are in the lineup along with other beloved jazz standards. “People will also be invited to join in with gospel songs like “Just a closer walk”, says the church’s music leader Andrew Donaldson.

Begun in New York City in the early sixties, jazz vespers services have since spread across the continent. Jazz Vespers services are now held in churches all over the United States and Canada, in many different forms and in many different denominations.

The service starts on Sunday evening June 1 at 7:30 pm at Trafalgar Presbyterian Church near Upper Middle and Trafalgar. “The service begins at 7:30, but come early,” he said. “You don’t want to miss the prelude!”

To reach Trafalgar Presbyterian Church (905-842-2800 or www.trafalgarchurch.ca) take Trafalgar Road to White Oaks Blvd; turn onto Litchfield Rd. and follow the signs to the end of the street.