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present

Handel's oratorio  
"Messiah"

at

Greensborough Baptist Church  
16th December 1992  
8:00 pm.

Conductor: Ian Lowe  
Chorus: Beryl Nichols

19. Then shall the eyes Mary-Anne Neal (mezzo)  
Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.  
Then shall the lame man leap as an hart and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.
20. He shall feed Mary-Anne Neal (mezzo)  
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd, and He shall gather the lambs with His arm,  
and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.
- Come unto Him Nancy Cornwallis (soprano)  
Come unto Him, all ye that labour,  
Come unto Him, ye that are heavy laden and I will give you rest.  
Take His yoke upon you and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and  
ye shall find rest unto your souls.
21. His yoke is easy Chorus  
His yoke is easy, His burthen is light.
22. Behold the Lamb of God Chorus  
Behold the lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.
23. He was despised Kim Kocijan (contralto)  
He was despised, despised and rejected, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.
24. Surely He hath born our Grief Chorus  
Surely He hath born our grief, and carried our sorrows.  
He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities.  
The chastisement of our peace was upon Him.
25. And with His stripes Chorus  
And with His stripes we are healed.
26. All we like Sheep Chorus  
All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way  
And the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
27. All they that see Him David Cox (tenor)  
All they that see Him laugh Him to scorn.  
They shoot out their lips and shake their heads saying:

1. Overture Orchestra
2. Comfort ye David Cox (tenor)  
Comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem.  
And cry unto her that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.  
The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness.  
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."
3. Every Valley David Cox (tenor)  
Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill made low,  
the crooked straight and the rough places plain.
4. And the Glory Chorus  
And the glory, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
5. Thus saith the Lord Graham Ford (Baritone)  
Thus saith the Lord, the Lord of Hosts:  
"Yet once, a little while, and I will shake all nations, I'll shake the heavens, the earth,  
the sea, the dry land, all nations. I'll shake, and the desire of all nations shall come.  
"The Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of  
the covenant, whom ye delight in, behold he shall come." saith the Lord of Hosts.
6. But who may abide Graham Ford (baritone)  
But who may abide the day of His coming? And who shall stand when he appeareth?  
For He is like a refiner's fire
7. And He shall purify Chorus  
And He shall purify the sons of Levi,  
That they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness
8. Behold a Virgin shall conceive Judith O'Shea (mezzo)  
Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel.  
"God with Us"
9. O Thou that tellest Judith O'Shea (mezzo) & Chorus  
O Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain.  
Lift up thy voice, with strength lift it up, be not afraid.  
Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God.  
O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, arise, shine, for thy light is come and the  
glory of the Lord is risen upon them.
28. He trusted in God Chorus  
He trusted in God that He would deliver Him, let Him deliver Him if He delight in  
Him.
29. Thy Rebuke Michael Try (tenor)  
Thy rebuke hath broken His heart.  
He is full of heaviness, thy rebuke hath broken His heart.  
He looketh for some to have pity on Him, but there was no man, neither found He  
any to comfort Him.
30. Behold, and see Michael Try (tenor)  
Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto His sorrow.
31. He was cut off Michael Try (tenor)  
He was cut off out of the land of the living, for the transgression of Thy people was  
He stricken.
32. But Thou didst not leave Michael Try (tenor)  
But Thou didst not leave His soul in hell, nor didst Thou suffer Thy holy one to see  
corruption.
33. Lift up your Heads Chorus  
Lift up your heads, o ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King  
of Glory shall come in.  
Who is the King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.  
Who is the King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.
38. How beautiful Carolynn O'Brien (soprano)  
How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad  
tidings of good things.
39. Their sound is gone out Chorus  
Their sound is gone out into all lands, and their words unto the ends of the world.
40. Why do the Nations Colin Chapman (baritone)  
Why do the nations so furiously rage together?  
Why do the people imagine a vain thing?  
The kings of the earth rise up and their rulers take counsel together against the Lord  
and against His anointed.

## Diamond Valley Singers

In 1985 Ian Lowe, conductor of the Diamond Valley & Eltham Community Orchestra, invited Graham and Mavis Ford to help in staging "Trial by Jury" with the orchestra in aid of "World Vision". Rehearsals began and the "Valley Musical Society" (later "Diamond Valley Singers") was formed to provide local singers with opportunities to be heard in public and raise money for charity. This year \$9,000 was donated to Community Aid Abroad and the Eltham Emergency Relief Fund.

Since then the singers and orchestra have combined in seven more Gilbert and Sullivan performances, now performed at Warrandyte High School, as well as numerous oratorios and cantatas, and concerts such as today. They have also performed at local Carols by Candlelight services as well as in the massed choir at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl on Christmas Eve.

The Diamond Valley Singers are currently in rehearsal for Handel's "Messiah" which will receive seven performances in the November/ December period. Soloists will come from within the group.

Anyone interest in joining the group or being on the mailing list to learn about future performances should contact Graham Ford on 439-3267.

## Diamond Valley & Eltham Community Orchestra

This orchestra has been in existence for about seventeen years and performs three or four programs annually. These have involved symphonies, concertos (some with Ian Lowe as piano soloist), musical comedy and other lighter works. Teaching is incorporated into the program for each year, with separate wind and string sessions, as well as rehearsing for public performances. The Orchestra is a resource for classical-type musicians and for local endeavours such as festivals and art shows and for other performing groups. The Orchestra looks forward to tackling ambitious works and to continuing its enjoyable and productive association with the Diamond Valley Singers.

The Shire of Eltham has given financial support to the orchestra for over a decade and this support is gratefully acknowledged. If you would like to join or support the Orchestra, call Ian Lowe, Conductor, on 435-5841 or David Sadedin, Secretary, on 434-7130.