Hampton-in-Arden Parish Church
Saturday 29th April 1995

MESSIAH

by G.F. Handel

Jacqueline Blake, *soprano*
Jo Dwyer, *contralto*
Philip Harradine, *tenor*
Stephen Garner, *bass*

The Hampton Singers
Orchestra, leader Jeremy Ballard
Conductor, Andrew Dicks

Programme

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A SACRED ORATORIO
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The words selected from Holy Scripture by
Charles Jennens

MAJORA CANAMUS

(Virgil, Eclogue IV)

And without Controversy, great is the mystery of Godliness:
God was manifested in the Flesh, justified by the Spirit, seen of Angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up in glory.

In whom are hid all the Treasures of Wisdom and Knolwedge.
(I Timothy iii,16; Colossians ii,3)

PART THE FIRST

1	SINFONY	
2	RECIT. (Tenor)	Comfort ye, comfort ye my People
3	SONG (Tenor)	Ev'ry Valley shall be exalted
4	CHORUS	And the Glory of the Lord
5	RECIT. (Bass)	Thus saith the Lord of hosts
6	SONG (Alto)	But who may abide the Day of his coming?
7	CHORUS	And He shall purify
8	RECIT. (Alto)	Behold, a Virgin shall conceive
9	SONG and CHORUS	O thou that tellest good Tidings to Zion
10	RECIT. (Bass)	For behold, Darkness shall cover theEarth
11	SONG (Bass)	The people that walked in Darkness
12	CHORUS	For unto us a Child is born

(The Incarnation announced to the Shepherds near Bethlehem - scene omitted)

18	SONG (Soprano)	Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Sion
19	RECIT. (Soprano)	Then shall the Eyes of the Blind be open'd
20	SONG (Soprano.1)	He shall feed his flock
21	CHORUS	His Yoke is easy, his Burthen, is light.

PART THE SECOND

22	CHORUS	Behold the Lamb of God
23	SONG (Alto)	He was despised
24	CHORUS	Surely he hath borne our Griefs and carried our Sorrows
25	CHORUS	And with His Stripes we are healed.
26	CHORUS	All we like Sheep
27	RECIT. (Tenor)	All they that see him laugh him to scorn
28	CHORUS	He trusted in God
29	RECIT. (Tenor)	Thy rebuke hath broken his Heart
30	SONG (Tenor)	Behold, and see, if there be any Sorrow
31	RECIT. (Soprano)	He was cut off out of the Land of the Living
32	SONG (Soprano)	But Thou didst not leave his soul in Hell
33	CHORUS	Lift up your heads, O ye Gates

(Christ's reception in heaven - scene omitted)

38	SONG (Soprano)	How beautiful are the Feet of them that preach the Gospel of Peace, and bring glad Tidings of good Things.
40	SONG (Bass)	Why do the nations so furiously rage together?
42	RECIT. (Tenor)	He that dwelleth in Heaven
43	SONG (Tenor)	Thou shalt break them
44	CHORUS	Hallelujah!

PART THE THIRD

45	SONG (Soprano)	I know that my Redeemer liveth
46	CHORUS	Since by Man came Death
47	RECIT. (Bass)	Behold, I tell you a Mystery:
48	SONG (Bass)	The Trumpet shall sound
49	RECIT. (Alto)	Then shall be brought to pass the Saying that is written: Death is swallow'd up in Victory.
52	CHORUS	Worthy is the Lamb that was slain Amen.

In tonights performance there will be an interval of 20 minutes after PART ONE, when light refreshments will be available in the Church Hall. There will also be a short break after PART TWO.

The Hampton Singers would like to thank Birmingham Library Services for assistance in providing music and the Principal of the Birmingham Conservatoire for additional orchestral players.

We also thank the George Fentham Trust for a generous grant which has helped to make tonight's performance possible.

THE HAMPTON SINGERS

Director - Andrew Dicks Accompanist - Margaret Possart

Sopranos

Thelma Borley, Vickey Cardwell, Christine Cook, Hilary Crosby, Mollie Else, Jean Hill, Sue Kiely, Betty Rackham, Margaret Roberts, Helen Roper, Ursula Smyth, Sandy Wasse, Patsy Priestman, Jan Pether, Judith Docker, Sarah Steele, Val Robeiro

Altos

Betty Blennerhassett, Bessie Earnshaw, Lesley Eno, Joan Fuller, Stella Imbush, Val Jackson, Pauline Oram, Gill Packwood, Anthea Purchase, Bernadette Simpson, Kay Street

Tenors

Robin Adams, Andy Cassey, Reg Gandley, Michael Gough, Ted Howarth, Richard Satchwell, Alun Thomas

Basses

Geoffrey Barnett, Kit Edwards, Chris Docker, Ivan Manders, Alan Smyth, George Thorpe, Michael Wells, Tony Worthington

Organ - Norman Ashfield

The Hampton Singers are always ready to welcome new members (especially tenors!). Rehearsals are held on Monday evenings and further details can be obtained from Anthea Purchase (01 675 442309).