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West  
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## Choral Classics

8 pm Friday 16th Sept

2 pm Sunday 18th Sept

2016

Wesley of Warragul



Program includes:

Zadok The Priest (Handel)

Sicut Cervus (Palestrina)

Crucifixus (Bach)

Hear My Prayer (Mendelssohn)

Cantique de Jean Racine (Faure),

Ave Verum Corpus (Mozart)

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings

Fair (Brahms)

## West Gippsland Chorale

**Soprano:** Margaret Carlile, Sue Carson, Janette Clark, Marion Cohen, Lynne Davine, Miriam Hood, Judy Hopkins, Rhonda Kemsley, Elizabeth McCaffery, Marion McIvor, Julia Malcolm, Wendy Mandel, Vivian Morton, Fiona Powell, Helen Sewell, Diane Wilkie.

**Alto:** Leonie Broeren, Lisa Campbell, Helen Chambers, Robyn Gray, Lynn Jones, Jan MacLean, Millie McLean, Cobie Polman-Short, Venetia Somerset, Jenny Steele, Sally Woollett.

**Tenor:** Simon Fraser, Marie Kitching, John McCaffery, John Reilly, Sam Stephens.

**Bass:** Gerard Dovey, Peter Eshuis, Ghandi Mandel, Allan Richards, David Tanner, John Taylor, Alan Woollard.

## Guest performance

### St Paul's Senior School Choir

The St Paul's Senior School Choir comprises a passionate group of non-auditioned vocalists from years 7 to 12, who meet weekly along with their director, Lisa Fraser, and accompanist, Heather Mason, to rehearse a repertoire that encompasses a wide range of styles from classical to contemporary and everything in between. The choir enjoys performing for special occasions at St Paul's, Eisteddfods and local events and is pleased to have the opportunity to be sharing their musical education with you today.



### West Gippsland Chorale Inc.

is a member of the Australian National Choral Association and is listed on the Register of Cultural Organisations. Donations are gratefully accepted and are fully tax deductible under subdivision 30-B of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

### *Ave Verum Corpus*

Hail, true Body  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
Who has truly suffered  
was sacrificed on the cross for mortals,  
Whose side was pierced  
whence flowed water and blood,  
Be for us a foretaste (of Heaven)  
during our final examining.

### *Wie Lieblich*

How lovely are thy dwelling places, O Lord of Hosts!  
My soul requires and yearns for the courts of the Lord;  
My body and soul rejoice in the living God.  
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house;  
they praise you forever.

### *Locus Iste*

This place was made by God  
a priceless holy place  
it is without fault.

### *Cantique de Jean Racine*

Word of God, one with the Most High,  
in Whom alone we have our hope,  
Eternal Day of heaven and earth,  
We break the silence of the peaceful night;  
Saviour Divine, cast your eyes upon us!  
Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace,  
That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice;  
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,  
That brings forgetfulness of your laws!  
O Christ, look with favour upon your faithful people  
Now gathered here to praise you;  
Receive their hymns offered to your immortal glory;  
May they go forth filled with your gifts.

## Translations

### *Sicut Cervus*

As the hart yearns for the water springs  
so longs my soul for thee, O God!

### *Il Bianco e Dolce Cigno*

The gentle white swan, singing, dies;  
and I, weeping approach the end of my life.

The difference is strange: he dies disconsolate, and I die blessed.  
That death, which is not to die but to fill me with all joy and desire:

if in dying thus I will not feel sorrow,  
I will be pleased to die a thousand times each day.

### *Oime Il Bel Viso*

Ah me, the beautiful face, ah me, the gentle look,  
ah me, the graceful noble manner of her:  
ah me, the speech that made every harsh  
and bitter mind humble, and every coward brave!

And, ah me, the sweet smile, from which the arrow  
of death, the only good I hope for now, issued:  
regal soul, worthiest to reign,

if only you had not descended so late among us!

It is fitting that I burn for you, and breathe for you,  
since I am yours: and if I am parted from you,  
I suffer less from all my other grief.

You filled me with hope and with desire,  
when I departed, living, from the highest delight:  
but the wind did not carry my words to you.

### *Crucifixus*

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate  
he suffered death, and was buried.

## Simon Loveless ~ Musical Director

Simon has long been active in choral music as a conductor, accompanist, singer, administrator and advocate. He joined West Gippsland Chorale as accompanist in 2011 and moved to the role of Musical Director at the start of 2012. He is also the Musical Director of Casey Choir, and Assistant Artistic Director and accompanist for Berwick Youth Choir. He has also directed the Da Capo Singers chamber choir and the RMIT Choir, and accompanied many choirs around Melbourne. In addition to his choral involvements, Simon works extensively as a freelance accompanist.

## Lisa Fraser ~ Accompanist

Lisa Fraser has worked in several musical and educational fields including classroom music teaching, VCE music programmes, music education research, choral conducting workshops, vocal and instrumental accompaniment and has enjoyed repetiteur work for various school musicals. Lisa is presently a tutor at St Paul's Anglican Grammar School in Warragul in addition to her home studio and works as a freelance accompanist for concerts, exams and auditions for Melbourne and Monash Universities and various local competitions.

## Are you interested in joining the Chorale?

Please call Simon Loveless (5622 3275)  
who will arrange an audition.

**Tenors and basses** especially welcome!

## Would you like to be on our mailing list?

Please complete the form located in the foyer or email our  
secretary (see contacts below).

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# Program

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## ***Zadok the Priest***

G.F. Handel

## ***Sicut Cervus***

G.P. da Palestrina

## ***Il Bianco e Dolce Cigno***

J. Arcadelt

Words: Alfonso d'Avalos

## ***Oime Il Bel Viso***

C. Monteverdi

Words: Francesco Petrararch

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## ***Guest choir***

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## ***Crucifixus***

J.S. Bach

## ***Ave Verum Corpus***

W.A. Mozart

## ***Hear My Prayer***

F. Mendelssohn

Words: W. Bartholemew

**Soloist: Lynne Davine**

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## Interval

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## ***Wie Lieblich***

J. Brahms

## ***Locus Iste***

A. Bruckner

## ***Cantique de Jean Racine***

M. César Franck

Words: Jean Racine

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## ***Guest choir***

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## ***See the Chariot At Hand***

R. Vaughan Williams

Words: Ben Jonson

## ***The Road Not Taken***

R. Thompson

Words: Robert Frost

## ***Sure On This Shining Night***

M. Lauridsen

Words: James Agee

## ***Stars***

E. Esenvalds

Words: Sara Teasdale