

03.02.25, Monday Mail

Good morning, all,

Great to see you last week for our first rehearsal with Brett; welcome back to those returning this week.

FIRST CONCERT FOR 2025

- **Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 12-1pm (NB time!) at City Hall: Peace and Remembrance (ANZAC).**
Please lock this date and time in your diary and ensure you are free that weekday lunchtime!
 - Call time will be c 11am. Please confirm your attendance on the sign-up sheet at rehearsal, because we need to get a clear picture of numbers and voices. Thanks!
 - **NB** A lunchtime concert at City Hall offers us a new audience and a chance to attract more people to our other concerts throughout the year.
- **Regular weekly rehearsals, Tuesdays @6.30pm**
 - February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8
- ***Extra weekend rehearsal: Sunday 2 March, 2-5pm*, St Andrew's Indooroopilly**
 - Again, please confirm your attendance on the sign-up sheet at rehearsal.
 - A weekend rehearsal used to be a regular feature of the choir's prep for each concert, so we hope as many as possible of you can join in to add a special shine to the performance.
- **Music for the April concert**
 - Hard copies are available at the rehearsal. Alternatively here again is the link from Barbara for the online folder, including the latest piece: thanks, Barbara!
<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1d5ni-NQjrtjYCRF7oHA62pm8GmgjLNwE>
 - You should also have received the playlist link from Brett. LISTEN AND PRACTISE!!
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL9k3Gi3PaDZg0of9QowSQ4D-O6m24R-5k>

OTHER CONCERT DATES TO NOTE (more details to follow in due course)

- **Sunday, July 20, time tbc, St Peter's Lutheran College Chapel, Indooroopilly: Songs of Meditation**
- **Sunday, December 7, 3pm (tbc), Lightspace, Fortitude Valley: Christmas in Blue**

FEES

- Our treasurer Jan has emailed members about fees and how to pay.
- The committee voted not to increase fees but to keep them at the 2024 level, which means the cost per week is approximately \$10 pp. (NB We will still need to sell tickets and fundraise, such as with carolsinging in December, to cover all our costs!)
- You can either pay upfront for the whole year, or spread the cost over two payments (not three as in previous years). If you have any questions or problems about the cost, please see Jan or email her in confidence.
- Thank you to those who have been ready and waiting for the starting gun to pay, and to every one of you for making Jan's life easier by arranging payment promptly. And thanks to Jan!

AND FINALLY:

February 3 is the anniversary of the birth of Felix Mendelssohn in 1809. Not only did this extraordinary man compose exquisite music for voice, piano, violin, orchestra (the list goes on!), but in 1829 at the age of 20 he also organised and conducted the first performance of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* since Bach's death in 1750, thus playing a pivotal role in reviving Bach's music in Europe. Without Mendelssohn it's possible that Bach would have remained a footnote in music history, and we'd also never have heard his own masterpieces, like this beauty from the *Elijah*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMN61VMsY0s>

Janet