The choir performs "Messiah."

'Messiah' celebrates spring

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The chorus and chamber choir, under the direction of Carole Bean, made music to celebrate spring with as they presented George Frederick Handel’s “Messiah” Sunday. The event took place in St. John’s Church.

The turnout for the event was good with St. John’s being just over half full.

There was a positive audience reaction throughout the program. This was especially true after the chorus sang the well-known “Hallelujah!”

The favorable response of the audience could also be seen at the end when Bean was given a standing ovation.

A lot of time and practice went into the production. One chorus member said practices began in November.

Many have referred to “Messiah” as being a misunderstood work, partly because it is usually thought of as Christmas work. However, according to Sir Thomas Beecham, musicologist, “for Handel was the music of spring, because it is not merely of birth but of death and redemption.”