

PRESS RELEASE

COMBINED CHOIRS MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC AT  
FISH CHURCH GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT

March 2005 -- First Presbyterian Church of Stamford will host a Good Friday performance of John Rutter's 1985 Requiem and other sacred choral music on March 25 at 8:00 p.m. in the church's distinctive fish-shaped sanctuary located at 1101 Bedford Street in Stamford. The Good Friday Concert has been a Stamford tradition for more than half a century.

Sixty voices will rise in song as The Wilton Singers join the First Presbyterian Church choir under the direction of James Wetherald. Also featured will be critically acclaimed soloist Adele Crawford, who for the last four seasons has been on the roster of The Metropolitan Opera in New York. In 2002 Ms. Crawford was principal soprano for Theater St Gallen in Switzerland. She has performed with the Cleveland, Lake George, Chautauqua, Tacoma and Toledo Opera companies.

Ms. Crawford will perform with a specially selected orchestra of strings, harp, horns, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and timpani. This orchestra has been part of the Good Friday event since 1997. The Wilton Singers and the First Presbyterian Church choir have been singing together for eighteen years.

The concert is open to the public and no ticket is necessary. A freewill offering will be collected. Call the church at 203 324-9522 for more information.