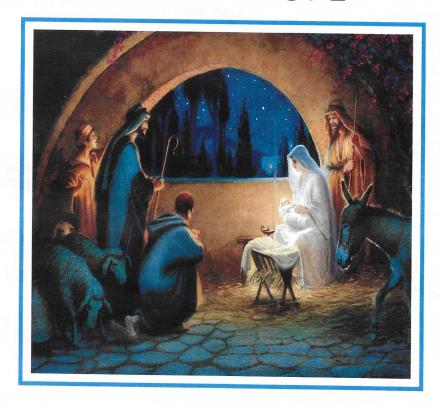


### Present

# FINDING HOPE



## **PERFORMANCES**

SUNDAY, 1 DECEMBER - ST. MARY'S, WESTHAM - 9:45 A.M

SUNDAY, 8 DECEMBER - NINFIELD METHODIST CHURCH - 10.30 A.M.

SUNDAY, 15 DECEMBER-CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CHURCH - 10.30 A.M.

# Finding Hope

Written and Produced by Alan Young

Directed by Jac Young

Music by Dave Chamberlin

Lyrics by Alan Young

Continuity and Stage Maureen Payne

Management Maggie Osgood

Programme Design Jac Young

Website Nigel Cox

# Musicians

Vocals Laura Young

Vocals Jac Young

Vocals, Keyboards,

Guitar, Bass and Drum
Programming Dave Chamberlin

# Cast

Mark Chris King

Martha Meryl Beamont

John Jamie King

Anna Maria Wheeler

Joanna Niamh Wheeler

The Shepherds Nick Cearns

Alan Young

**Rhett Thompson** 

The play is set at the time of the Census and a group of friends, living in Bethlehem, are unaware that the birth of Jesus is about to happen.

Mark, one of the group, has recently become a widower. He is trying to cope with the loss of his wife. What will give him hope that his life still had meaning?

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#### SONGS LYRICS BY ALAN YOUNG MUSIC BY DAVE CHAMBERLIN

#### 1. TRYING TO SAY GOODBYE

When I begin to explain I break down and I cry I can't believe that she's gone Now I'm left to carry on It's hard to say goodbye

I'll sit alone at home And think of the times gone by How our love was real and true And how much I really loved you It's hard to say goodbye

#### CHORUS:

I've been trying to say goodbye
To the life and love that I had
Never before have I been this
lonely and sad
I've been trying to say goodbye
To the dreams that now won't
come true
Knowing there will never again
be a me and you

The clouds are everywhere Rain falls out the sky She was the sunshine in my life And my best friend and my wife It's hard to say goodbye

#### **CHORUS**

#### 2. NOTHING

Hey! We must all understand The role we have to play (and) Hey! We must all be careful Not to impose the Lord's way We are all committed now To the gospels that we've read (and) Hey! We are all believers He'll judge the living and the dead

#### **CHORUS**

(and) Nothing can come between us
And the love of our Lord
Nothing can come between us
And the love of our Lord
If we have no food
And we have no clothes
We mustn't worry
Because he knows
We are people
Of one accord (and)
Nothing can come between us
And the love of our Lord

Hey! We'll go to distant towns (and) Who knows what we'll find?
Hey! We may all be ridiculed
But will anyone really mind?
There'll be hate and jealousy
And they're often intertwined (but)
With His words we'll heal the sick
And open the eyes of the blind

#### **CHORUS**

#### 3. HEAVEN'S WISH

Do not be afraid by what I tell you, Mary,
For the Lord has made a special plan for you, You see you've been chosen by Him so you will
Bear a son and have the happiness
You're due
And the Lord above will make Him King
He will reign over everything
Over land and sea to
All the stars up in the sky
And all men will come from every town
They'll come from places all around
To listen to the good word of the Lord.

I don't know how this can happen to me, For I'm just a simple girl who isn't even wed
Surely there are others that are more
Deserving so how
Am I to believe the things you've said?
If you pray and leave it in His hands
He will help you to understand
Why he has chosen you
To be the Handmaid of the Lord.
Although at times you'll have your
Fears by praying they will disappear
And His love for you will be your
reward.

Could this have been just a dream Or is it really true? Now I stand alone And the shining light Has gone and left me too

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Christian Voices was founded in 2008.

"Finding Hope" is our 29th production and we have performed our plays in over 25 churches.

You can find out more about Christian Voices and the plays we have performed, on our website:

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