

Choir's Vienna date

A WEALTH of music is planned for Nantwich Choral Society's new season. The choir will be particularly busy this autumn with four concerts in the north-west region — plus a singing trip to Vienna.

St. Mary's church, Alsager, is the setting for the first concert, a performance of the Fauré Requiem and the Cantata 106 (J. S. Bach) this Saturday (7.30 pm).

At the organ will be 19-year-old William Munks, of Nantwich, who recently gained his LRAM and ARCO awards. In this year's ARCO examinations he came first in the whole country for organ playing and first for the complete exam.

Until recently he was organist and choirmaster at St. Andrew's Church, Crewe. Next month he goes to Jesus College, Cambridge, to study mathematics.

Soloists will be Sarah Wright (soprano), Benjamin Odom (baritone)

and Joy Roberts (piano-forte).

Coming events by the choral society are: November 21, Alexander's Feast (Handel), Nantwich Parish Church; December 5, Messiah, Nantwich Parish Church (proceeds for cancer research); December 19, Carols for choir and audience (afternoon and evening performances).

Meanwhile, about 50 choir members are preparing for an exciting trip — taking Nantwich's music-making to the city of music — Vienna. They will fly out at the end of November to give several performances as a choir and in concert with others for the Advent services. The visit has been arranged by the conductor Mr. Stephen Buckman.

Tickets for this weekend's concert are available from Nantwich Information Centre, the parish office of St. Mary's, Alsager, at the door or on phone 625752.

Publicity officer Mrs. Shirley Burton said: "We welcome enthusiastic singers who enjoy the challenge of performing a wide repertoire

of choral music."

The Society rehearses at Malbank School, Welsh Row, Nantwich, on Wednesday evenings.

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