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Choral Society's Majestic 'Child'



WITH Holy Week following immediately, the Nantwich Choral Society's concert in St. Mary's on Saturday, 11th April, is the splendidly appropriate oratorio by Sir Michael Tippett - "A Child Of Our Time".

Although not essentially a religious work, the oratorio tells a story of passion and suffering, and the "child of our time" is a martyr whose suffering stands for all. Sir Michael was moved by the story of Herschel Grynszpan, a Polish Jew who shot and injured a German diplomat in Paris in 1938, as a protest against the Nazi expulsion of his countrymen from Germany.

He started work on the oratorio two days after the war began and, although it is a product of those dark days, Tippett's message is one of hope . . . "the darkness declares the glory of light".

The music is majestic and on the grand scale, which should bring the best from the chorus and orchestra and their conductor, Stephen Buckman. Catrin Ley, who sang in the society's last "Messiah", will again be the soprano soloist.

Tickets £5 (£3 students and pensioners) are available from the Nantwich Information Centre, Church Shop, society members and at the door. (Tel. 625641)