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Twin town music

CHORISTERS are to play host to their German counterparts for a special concert at Nantwich Parish Church.

Nantwich Choral Society and a group of 49 singers from the borough's twin town, Bischofsheim, are marking the 50th anniversary of the end of war in Europe on May 6.

They will perform a work by Gerald Finzi, *Lo the Full and Final Sacrifice*, and Faure's *Requiem*.

EVENING SENTINEL, Monday, May 1, 1995

NANTWICH Choral Society marks the 50th anniversary of the end of the European war with a commemoration concert at St Mary's parish church — this coming Saturday (7.30pm).

The Nantwich choristers will be joined by a group of 49 singers from Bischofsheim in Germany, and together they are to perform Faure's *Requiem* and Gerald Finzi's *'Lo, the full and final sacrifice'*.

The conductor will be Stephen Buckman, with Andrew Mildenhall playing the organ accompaniment.

Choirs unite

NANTWICH Choral Society will be marking the 50th anniversary of VE Day by entertaining a group of singers from Bischofsheim, Germany.

The 49 visiting singers will join forces with the local group for a concert in St. Mary's Church, Nantwich on Saturday, May 6. It will begin at 7.30pm.

The combined choirs will perform *'Lo, The Full and Final Sacrifice'* by Gerald Finzi and Faure's *'Requiem'*.

The conductor will be Stephen Buckman and the organ accompaniment will be provided by Andrew Mildenhall.

Tickets, price £5 (OAPs and Students £3) are available from Society members, the church shop, at the door, or by phone - 625641

THE GUARDIAN, Thursday, May 4, 1995

NANTWICH Choral Society present a 50th Anniversary Concert of Commemoration in association with the Okumenische Kantorei Bischofsheim (Director, Hans Joachim Steinbruck). The concert includes the Fauré *Requiem* and is to be held on Saturday, May 6 at St Mary's Church, Nantwich. Tickets cost £5.

'Twin' visitors share events

FIFTY German visitors from the borough's twin town of Bischofsheim will be sharing in local celebrations.

The commemoration service at St. Mary's Church, Nantwich on Sunday will be translated into their language.

Joining them for the VE weekend will be civic heads and other representatives of the French town, Macon, also twinned with Crewe and Nantwich.

The Service will begin at 3pm and will be preceded by a Parade through Nantwich Town Centre commencing at 2.40pm.

"We are pleased that a number of organisations in the Borough have been willing to be involved with the VE Day Celebrations in particular those connected with the Nantwich Parish Church and Nantwich Choral Society," said borough head of member and office services, Alan Warburton.

"We are also delighted that representatives from our twin towns will be joining us in helping give the celebrations a truly international flavour," he added.

The council is mounting an exhibition at the "Cheshire Reflects" celebration in Tatton Park on Saturday and the Mayor and Mayoress will be attending.

Choirs join forces for concert

ON SATURDAY evening Nantwich Choral Society will join forces with the Okumenische Choir from the borough's twin town of Bischofsheim, Germany to perform Faure's *Requiem*.

It will be in St. Mary's Parish Church, Nantwich, beginning at 7.30pm.



Nantwich Choral Society



A 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT
OF COMMEMORATION

With

OKUMENISCHE KANTOREI BISCHOFSHHEIM

FAURE REQUIEM

at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 6th May 1995

in

The Parish Church of St. Mary, Nantwich

Tickets

Adults £5 (White) : OAPs and Students: £3 (Blue)

Nantwich Choral Society is a Registered Charity No. 516572



Veterans and serving troops joined forces at the extravaganza organised by the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire William Bromley-Davenport.

On Saturday evening

Nantwich Choral Society performed the Faure Requiem with the Okumenische Choir from twin town Bischofsheim at St. Mary's parish church, Nantwich.



And on Sunday there were VE Day Commemoration Parades through Nantwich and Congleton. Both were followed by memorial services and at Nantwich it was translated for the benefit of a party of 50 visiting Germans.

CHORAL events in Nantwich over the May Day weekend reflected the new ties of friendship between the Borough's link towns of Macon in France and Bischofsheim in Germany. The 80 singers from Nantwich Choral Society joined with 30 singers from Okumenische Kantorei Bischofsheim to present a concert chosen to illustrate the theme of commemoration, peace, reconciliation and hope.

The choirs combined at the concert in St Mary's Church, Nantwich on Saturday, May 6 to sing Gabriel Faure's Requiem, conducted by Nantwich Choral Society's Mr Stephen Buckman. An audience of over 300, Borough Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor and Mrs R P Birchall, the Bürgermeister of Bischofsheim, Herr Berthold Doss and Frau Christel Doss and the Chief Executive in Macon, Monsieur Clame were spell-bound by the moving concert. The Nantwich Choral Society were reciprocating the hospitality they had received in 1991 in Germany.

THE Borough's VE Day Commemoration Service held in St Mary's on Sunday, May 7 gave a focus for reconciliation. Over 900 congregation, both inside and outside the church included a procession from the Civic Hall of Ex-Servicemen, Cadets, and uniformed organisations. The service was held in the presence of HM Lord Lieutenant for Cheshire Mr W Bromley-Davenport and Mrs E Bromley-Davenport, Borough Mayor and Mayoress, Chairman of Nantwich Town Council and consort, Mrs J Hallam and Mr T H Hallam and the Bürgermeister of Bischofsheim and his wife and the Chief Executive of Macon.

Rector of Nantwich, Canon J R Price welcomed the visitors to the service in which the St Mary's choir joined with Okumenische Kantorei Bischofsheim to sing "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring." The congregation found the short, informally presented apologia by Pastor Klaus Bastian, a member of the choir, particularly moving. The sermon was given by Rev Gordon Geddes. The service ended with a positive atmosphere of hope, expressed when the whole congregation sang the British, German and French National Anthems, together in the three languages.

Nations unite in town peace celebrations

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ON PARADE: The Mayor of Crewe, Cllr Peter Birchall, and the chairman of Nantwich Town Council, Cllr Jean Hallam, head the procession to St Mary's Church.

NATIONS were united in song and worship at VE Day celebrations in Nantwich. The town played host to visitors from Germany and France for two days of festivities, celebrating the end of the war in Europe, and the beginning of 50 years of peace.

Fifty members of the choir from the borough's twin town of Bischofsheim in Germany joined with the Nantwich Choral Society to perform the 50th anniversary concert of commemoration.

Joining the Mayor of Crewe and Nantwich, Cllr Peter Birchall, for the celebrations were the Mayor of Bischofsheim, Herr Berthold Doss, and the chief clerk of Macon, Monsieur

Jean Clame, along with a packed congregation of more than 350.

The same European guests were joined by the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, Mr William Bromley-Davenport, and his wife and the chairman of Nantwich Town Council, Cllr Jean Hallam, for a civic service.

The service followed a parade from the Civic Hall, led by the Cheshire Constabulary Band. Marching with them were men from the Cheshire Regiment Association and the Royal Air Force Association, old soldiers and associates from the men's and women's detachments of the Legion, Air and Sea Cadets and the Red Cross.