

NANTWICH

□ **NANTWICH** choral society's presentation of Handel's *Messiah* combines the Baroque splendour of Handel's music with the medieval glory of St Mary's Church in Nantwich.

The Society's sparkling performances attract audiences from far and wide. This year's performance on Saturday December 6 begins at 7pm, tickets at £8, concessions, £5, are available from 01270 625641, St Mary's Church shop and society members.

Venue change for festivities

TENOR James Gilchrist, who sings Evangelist in this Sunday's performance of Bach's Christmas Oratorio in the Chapel at Keele University, has had a dramatic change of career.

Until a year ago he was working as a hospital doctor. Then he took up singing full-time.

James has received critical acclaim for his rendering of Evangelist roles in Bach's Passions, and recently recorded songs by Percy Grainger with the Royal Northern College of Music.

Last Saturday he was a soloist in the Nantwich Choral Society presentation of Tippett's oratorio *A child of Our Time* at St Mary's parish church.

Nantwich Choral Society has its annual performance of Handel's *Messiah* at St Mary's on Saturday (7pm).

