

Review

A musical mission into Germany



Bound for Freiburg: Guildford Philharmonic Choir in rehearsal.

THE highlight of Guildford Philharmonic Choir's next season will be a trip to Freiburg, Germany, to sing Handel's *Messiah* on September 1.

This follows the recent visit of Freiburg Bach Choir to Guildford to sing Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis* at Guildford Cathedral with Sir Charles Groves and the Guildford Philharmonic.

Freiburg is Guildford's twin town and so the Mayor of Guildford Mrs. Mary Lloyd-Jones, will also be going as well as the borough's chief executive, Mr. David Watts, in order to support the borough's own choir.

The philharmonic choir recently visited Paris to sing Berlioz's *Te Deum*.

It will be performing in three major concerts with the Guildford Philharmonic Orchestra next season: Verdi's *Requiem* with Sir Charles Groves, Bach's *St. John Passion* with Neville Creed and *The Dream of Gerontius* with Vernon Handley.

The choir will begin rehearsing the *Requiem* on September 3 for a performance with Sir Charles Groves on November 3.

● The choir is looking for new members with good — but not necessarily trained — voices. Weekly rehearsals are held in Guildford on Monday evenings.

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