

Singing out for Christmas

FOR more than 50 years the Rotary Club of Guildford has staged its traditional carol concert in aid of the Mayor of Guildford's Christmas Distress Fund.

The first was held at Guildford's Methodist Church in 1951 and since then the concerts have become firmly established as a popular seasonal event to raise much needed funds for this local charity.

The Mayor's Christmas Distress Fund provides small sums of financial assistance to those in greatest need in the borough – particularly around this time of the festive season.

This year's concert will take place at Holy Trinity Church in Guildford High

Street on Sunday, December 11 at 6.30pm, when the Vivace Chorus – formerly the Guildford Philharmonic Choir – will be performing favourite carols and other seasonal music, under the baton of their chorus master Jeremy Backhouse.

Wine and mice pies will be served during the interval and the retiring collection will be in aid of Guildford Action, Mayor Tamsy Baker's chosen charity for 2005.

Tickets costing £7.50 for adults (including a programme) and £3 for children can be obtained from the Guildford Tourist Information Centre by calling 01483 444334 or from the Electric Theatre on 01483 444789.