



*The Guildford Vivace Chorus performs in Austria on the evening that the EU Referendum result was announced.*

## Chorus celebrates European ties

MEMBERS of Guildford's Vivace Chorus are back in town after a successful tour to Austria, including a concert in Vienna on the evening the EU Referendum result was announced.

The choir, which regularly tours Europe, was visiting Austria for the first time and performed concerts in Salzburg and Vienna, with a lunchtime concert in St

Stephansdom, Vienna's cathedral, and in Peterkirche, the church in Vienna where Mozart was married.

"It is always fantastic to take our choir overseas," said chairman James Garrow.

"Previous tours have included Freiburg, our twin town, and it's a privilege to have sung in some of Europe's finest churches and to very appreciative audiences.

"Our visit to Austria came at a time when we were far more aware than usual of our ties with Europe, and it was our concert at Peterkirche that took place on the Friday evening - when the result of the UK's referendum on the EU was known."

Members of the choir said that it was sobering to talk to Austrians after the result was announced.

The choir celebrates its 70th birthday in 2016/17 and has a season of concerts planned, including a celebration of Shakespeare in a collaboration with the Guildford Shakespeare Company at GLive in November, Mozart's *Mass in C Minor* at Guildford Cathedral and a grand concert at the Royal Festival Hall in London on May Day.