

A Concert for Peace marks 100 years since end of WWI



DAME Penelope Keith joins Guildford choir, Vivace Chorus, to commemorate 100 years since the end of the First World War at a Concert for Peace at GLive tomorrow (Saturday).

The choir will bring together music and readings based around the years from 1914 to 1918.

Readings by Dame Penelope Keith and Michael More-Molyneux, Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, will be accompanied by music from the 150-strong choir and the award-winning Friary Guildford Band.

The evening will be compered by Colonel Patrick Crawley, and a

retiring collection will be taken in aid of the Royal British Legion.

"This is such an important year across the world," said Vivace Chorus chairman James Garrow, "and it was something we wanted to mark in a special way.

"The choir has already sung at the dedication of the new war memorial in the centre of Guildford and we wanted to put on a larger concert that is very different from our usual programmes.

"We'll be singing everything from excerpts of Fauré's Requiem to first World War troop songs, and the band will be playing well-known pieces such as Elgar's Nimrod and

sections from The Planets by Gustav Holst."

Readings come from war poets including Thomas Hardy and Wilfred Owens, as well as lighter letters from The Wipers Times and reflections by women in war. A bugler from The Princess of Wales's Regiment will play The Last Post and parties from the Royal British Legion and local cadet groups will present their colours.

"For those who want a moving and memorable way to join in this year's significant celebrations, this is the ideal event," added Garrow.

"As partners with Guildford Borough Council, this concert is a key

part of the 'Guildford Remembers' weekend, and we are expecting G Live to be full of local people who want to pay their respects in this way."

The concert is preceded by a range of events in the G Live foyer in the afternoon, including the Pipe and Drum Band from Gordon's School, First World War re-enactors and a special sound installation commissioned by Guildford Borough Council for the 1918-2018 anniversary.

Tickets for the evening are £20 across all seating, £10 under-18s and serving or retired forces personnel, available from glive.co.uk.