



The Return of the Champions Friday 8th February 2013

This is a Red Letter Day for your New Year Calendars! Friday 8th February sees the return of the Award Winning Warrington Male Voice Choir to Haydock. An event not to be missed!

Acclaimed as the best male voice choir in the British Isles, the 50-strong Warrington Male Voice Choir emerged victorious in the prestigious "Battle of the Choirs" held in Torquay earlier this year. Their varied repertoire and thrilling performance carried the day, and even the formidable Welsh choir was beaten into second place!

This famous choir does not rest on its laurels, cherishing its trophies. It helps others. Last year thieves and vandals ruined the church roof by stealing the lead. The consequential damage has landed the church with a huge repair bill. When the choir members heard of this, they stepped in to help. They generously gave their musical skills to mount an International Choir Concert to raise money for church repairs.

In February this magnanimous choir is back! If you weren't able to get a ticket for that concert, now's your chance to experience at first hand the stunning sound of the best choir of its class. The performance is scheduled for **7.30pm on Friday 8th February** here at the parish church of St James the Great, Haydock. Tickets will go on sale immediately after Christmas, so buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

Key Facts:

- The generous support of the Warrington Male Voice Choir has helped the church to raise around £10,000 towards the cost of repairs
- To complete the repairs needed to keep the building functioning at the heart of its community will require upwards of another £20,000
- Warrington Male Voice Choir has been a strong supporter of charities, churches and communities throughout its 100-year history
- Since the IRA terrorist bombing of Warrington town centre in 1993, the choir has been particularly active in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, promoting reconciliation and an end to sectarian violence.
- It has become known internationally as **The Choir For Peace**, and its crucial work for healing communities is recognised in many countries
- In 1996, Terry Waite CBE became Patron in recognition of the humanitarian role adopted by the choir
- Messages of appreciation have been received from the late Princess Diana, from two Irish Presidents, from two British Prime Ministers, from President Bill Clinton, and from the Primate of All Ireland.
- Funds raised by this concert will be used to repair the church and to support the humanitarian work of the Warrington Male Voice Choir.



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