

Weekender



Hexham Orpheus Choir will be performing in Hexham Abbey on Saturday.

Choir prepares for Abbey date

HEXHAM Abbey will be filled with glorious voices this weekend as one of the district's best-loved choirs prepares for its next concert.

Hexham Orpheus Choir will perform on Saturday, with *The Armed Man* and *Five Days that Changed the World* performed with Hexham Orpheus Choir director Mark Edwards and orchestra in

Hexham Abbey.

The choir, which has been going for more than 60 years and has around 80 members, was formed in 1955 by a group of Hexham Abbey Festival chorus singers who wished to perform all year round, rather than solely at the annual Abbey event.

The Armed Man is a 'Mass for

Peace' by Welsh composer Karl Jenkins.

The piece was commissioned by the Royal Armouries Museum for the Millennium celebrations and is dedicated to victims of the Kosovo crisis.

Written originally for chorus and full orchestra, Hexham Orpheus choir will perform the version with

a reduced orchestra on Saturday night.

Meanwhile, *Five Days that Changed the World* was written by Bob Chilcott for the Worcester International Festival for Young Singers in the summer of 2013, where the theme was peace and unity.

The choir will be performing in

the transept in the historic Hexham Abbey.

Seats in the nave will also be available at a reduced rate with a restricted view.

The concert will begin at 7.30pm and tickets are available from Cogito Bookshop or online at www.hexhamorpheus.brownpapertickets.com.