

PRESCOT FESTIVAL OF MUSIC & THE ARTS

Accessible - Affordable - All-embracing

Founded in 2005 by local composer, musician and teacher Dr Robert Howard, the Prescot Festival now runs to 10 days, welcoming more than 1,500 people in 2015, and providing an unrivalled programme of diverse artistic and musical talent.



Our Patron

The Prescot Festival is delighted to have as its patron the esteemed musician Professor Dr Ian Tracey, Organist Titulaire of Liverpool Cathedral and Chorus Master to the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir. Ian is affectionately referred to as an "honorary Prescotian", having spent his formative years as the parish organist.



HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

- * Sign up to 'Come & Sing' Mozart's *Requiem* on Saturday 18 June (sopranos, altos, tenors & basses)
 - * Sing along & flag-wave at our Proms-style finale
 - * Volunteer to help or steward as a 'Friend of the Festival'
 - * Become a personal or business sponsor
- Find out more at www.prescotfestival.co.uk

2016 Prescot Festival Short Story Competition



Do you have an urge to put pen to paper? This year's theme is 'IN A PICKLE'—a phrase first written

down by William Shakespeare, in his play *The Tempest*. A £100 prize is on offer for the winning story. Full entry details are online at www.prescotfestival.co.uk.

Arts in Prescot is a not-for-profit, volunteer-run community group organising & promoting arts & cultural events in Prescot & the surrounding area.

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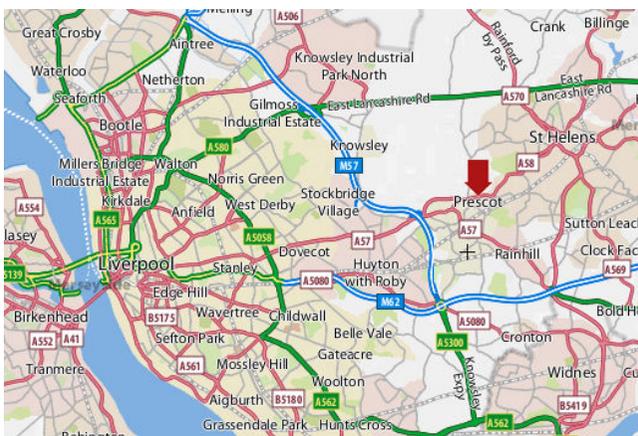


Contact Us

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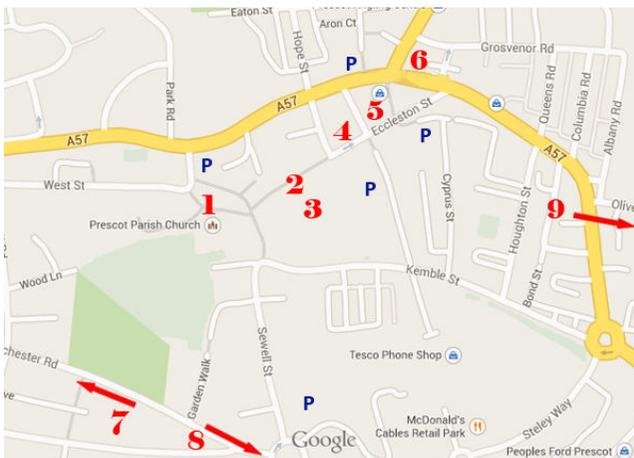
HOW TO FIND PRESCOT

From the M57—Junction 2
From the M62—Junction 6 (then M57 to Junction 2)
A58 from St Helens, A57 from Warrington or Liverpool



GUIDE TO VENUES

- 1 Prescot Parish Church, Meeting Room & Vicarage Gardens, Church Street, L34 1LA
- 2 Poco Coffee Shop, 30 Eccleston Street, L34 5QJ
- 3 Prescot Library & Museum, Prescot Centre, Eccleston Street, L34 5GA
- 4 Prescot Heritage Hub, 53 Eccleston Street, L34 5QH
- 5 Prescot Methodist Centre, Atherton Street, L34 5QN
- 6 Prescot Town Hall, 1 Warrington Road, L34 5QX
- 7 Brown's Field, Wood Lane, L34 1NU
- 8 St Mary & St Paul's C of E Primary School, & St Paul's Church, Bryer Road, L35 5DN
- 9 Evelyn CP School, Evelyn Avenue, L34 2SP



Friday 17-Sunday 26 June 2016

12th Annual Prescot Festival of Music & the Arts

2016 highlights include:
Swingshift Big Band
Organist Nigel Ogden

Mozart's Requiem

**Willy Russell's
Our Day Out**

**Wigan Youth
Brass Band**

**Songs from
the Shows**

**with BOST
Folk Night**

**Prescot
Carnival**

**& more
for all
ages**

10 days of
arts, music,
culture &
entertainment
in the historic
Lancashire
town of
Prescot,
Merseyside



Plus: We pay tribute to Her Majesty the Queen at 90 & homage to Shakespeare on the 400th anniversary of his death

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Full Programme 17-26 June 2016

Fri 17 7.00pm . Parish Church . £8

Swingshift Big Band & BBQ One of the North West's finest big bands are joined by vocalist Chris James to pay tribute to Glenn Miller and the late, great Frank Sinatra, in what would have been his 100th year. A delicious interval BBQ is included in the ticket price.

Sat 18 12.00pm . Meeting Room . Free

Prescot Remembers Prescot THI presents a day to commemorate Prescot's role in the world wars, with an inflatable assault course (12pm-3pm, for children aged 5+), an exhibition of medals, letters, photos and other artefacts (1pm), excerpts from *Some Mother's Son*, followed by Q&A with a former POW (2pm), and 'Prescot War Memorial at 100,' a talk by historian Stephen Nulty (3pm).

Sat 18 7.00pm . Parish Church . £5*

From Darkness to Light To coincide with 'Prescot Remembers,' singers from across the region join the Prescot Festival Chorus for this special 'Come & Sing' performance of Mozart's *Requiem*, with conductor James Luxton (Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral), organist Peter Kwater and guest soloists. In the rousing second half, we look to the future with the award-winning Wigan Youth Brass Band, fresh from their tour of Italy.



Sun 19 12.00pm . Brown's Field . Free

Prescot Carnival Prescot Town Council presents live entertainment, including 'Pop-up Shakespeare,' stalls, games, a funfair and more for all ages.

Sun 19 3.00pm . Parish Church . £4*

Nigel Ogden in Concert Unmissable organ favourites from the star of BBC Radio 2's *The Organist Entertains*, in his Prescot debut. Includes wine and nibbles.

Mon 20 6.30pm . St Mary & St Paul's School . Free

Schools' Poetry Showcase The second year of this competition features highly talented local primary pupils, in a recital of their own and others' poetry.

Tue 21 7.00pm . Poco Coffee . £2

Folk Night Relax to the earthy sounds of our specially invited musicians. Plus, the 2016 Short Story Competition winner is announced. Snacks and light meals available.

Wed 22 6.00pm . Evelyn School . Free

Young Instrumentalist of Prescot

Local pupils of all ages demonstrate their exceptional musical skills in pursuit of the Revd David Rose Trophy.

Thu 23 7.00pm . Town Hall . £7

Film: Our Day Out A screening of the comical yet moving 1977 BBC drama *Our Day Out*, by Whiston-born playwright Willy Russell. We pay tribute to local actor Bill Moores (the coach driver) who passed away last year. Includes a delicious fish-&-chip supper, courtesy of the Big Chippy. Doors open at 6.30pm. Suitable for ages 11+.

Fri 24 7.00pm . St Paul's Church . £7

Barn Dance & Supper Join in or just sit back and listen to local folk group Change of Key, celebrating the 60th anniversary of St Paul's Church. Includes Cottom's hot pot and dessert. Bring your own drinks. Please contact us if you require the vegetarian option.

Poco

TICKETS ON SALE 1 MAY 2016
from Poco Coffee, 30 Eccleston St,
L34 5QJ or online at
www.prescotfestival.co.uk

(booking fee applies to internet sales)

* Under-16s free if with an adult at asterisked events

Sat 25 11.30am . Meeting Room . £1

Talk: Shakespeare & Prescot LJMU historian Elspeth Graham speaks about Shakespeare North's mission to bring Elizabethan theatre alive again in Prescot. Find out what connects the Bard himself to our historic Lancashire town.

Sat 25 7.30pm . Methodist Centre . £6

Songs from the Shows with BOST

The celebrated musical theatre company are back by popular demand with more movie, Broadway and West End favourites—plus, a few nods to Shakespeare, including classic tunes from *Kiss Me Kate* and *West Side Story*.



Sun 26 6.00pm . Parish Church . Free

Festival Choral Evensong A traditional musical service in the elegant surroundings of Prescot's Jacobean parish church. The parish choir sing, with Tim Hall on the organ. Refreshments follow.

Sun 26 7.30pm . Parish Church . £6*

Regal Festival Finale

A Proms-style concert paying tribute to HM the Queen in the year of her 90th birthday, and William Shakespeare, on the 400th anniversary of his death. Hope University's South Liverpool Orchestra is conducted by Rob Howard, with solo trumpeter Hannah MacKenzie (RNCM, pictured), and the evening ends with such patriotic favourites as *Jerusalem* and *Land of Hope and Glory*.



Plus: Coffee Mornings (Methodist Centre, Fri, Sat & Tue-Sat, 9.30am-11.30am), **Art Exhibition** of schools' artwork & vintage Prescot posters (Parish Church, viewable during events), **Open Historical Archives** (Heritage Hub, Mon, Wed & Thu, 10am-1pm & 2pm-4pm), visit **Prescot Library** (Mon, Tue & Friday 10am-5pm, Thu & Sat 10am-1pm) & **Prescot Museum** (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-3.30pm)