

PRESCOT PARISH NEWSLETTER



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SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2020—ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Do not be
conformed to
the patterns
of this world,
but be transformed
by the renewing
of your minds.



Preacher

St Mary's Revd John Taylor

Reader

St Mary's Sue Davies

Intercessions

St Mary's Val Sugden

Readings

Old Testament Isaiah 51.1-6

Psalm 138

New Testament Romans 12.1-8

Gospel Matthew 16.13-20

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your

gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For your prayers:

- ◆ Deaths: Eddie Thompson
- ◆ Anniversaries: Audrey Fletcher, Harry Glover

An Announcement from the Vicar, the Reverend John Taylor

Dear Friends,

I have informed the Bishop and our Patrons King's College Cambridge, that I intend to retire in the New Year. There is much I would like to say, but now is not the time. Thank you for your prayers and support.

John

THE PARISH MAGAZINE is available for collection. If you normally pick one up from church, please see Norine Jones.

AS NUMBERS AT THE SUNDAY EUCHARIST ARE LIMITED, from now on please phone Brenda Fay on 0151 428 3541 to book your place ahead of time. If on any Sunday all 60 places are taken, you will be given priority the next week.

THE SUNDAY EUCHARIST will be broadcast live to people at home, beginning shortly before 10am at [facebook.com/prescotparishchurch](https://www.facebook.com/prescotparishchurch). You will *not* need a Facebook account to watch. Please bear with us in the first few weeks, as the technology is new to us. You can also go to the parish Facebook page each night at 9.30pm for Compline, or Night Prayer.

ST MARY'S will be open for private prayer between 10am and 11am each Wednesday (drop in).

A FREE PICNIC LUNCH takes place at Bryer Road Community Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10.30am to 12.30pm. It is organised by the Friends of Eaton Street Park.

THANK YOU to everyone who has purchased garden planters and plants (and marmalade!) from the virtual garden stall and contributed to church funds. You have raised over £150 so far. All the made-up planters have now gone, so last minute orders are on a commission-only basis. You can contact me on 07561170114. PS The Traidcraft Stall is still operating for fairly traded and ethical goods. Build back better after Covid!

KNOWSLEY FOODBANK continues to need your donations of food. All imperishable foods and toiletries are welcome, but items especially needed right now are juice/squash, tinned potatoes, tinned fish, tinned desserts and tinned fruit. You can leave donations in the marked bin inside the entrance to Tesco Extra Prescott. FoodBank itself is open in Prescott every Wednesday, from 12 noon to 2pm, at the Salvation Army on the corner of

Ash Grove and Warrington Road. It is there to help *anyone* who is struggling financially and cannot buy essential groceries at the moment.

SHAREKNOWSLEY continues its excellent work supporting refugees locally. They especially need donations of men's toiletries at the moment. The drop-off point is St Aidan's Parish House, 92 Adswood Road, Huyton L36 7XR. Contact the Revd Kim if you have any queries.

Public Worship at St Mary's

From Sunday 26 July we have resumed services of Holy Communion in the parish church, at the usual time of 10am. We are still in discussions about how we will ensure that numbers are limited (capping the total at sixty) and there will be strict practices in place, both in terms of current practices of social distancing/handwashing/cleaning, and also in regards to how we receive the Sacrament. There will be no singing and the liturgy will be reduced. Face masks will also be compulsory for all attending, including presiding clergy. Whilst we have taken every precaution and conducted thorough risk assessments, it is impossible to completely remove the risk of Covid-19—as is true of any setting. Therefore, whilst it would be really helpful if you could let those whom you speak to know of these plans and answer questions regarding safe practice, we do ask that you make it clear that it is down to each individual to calculate the risk of attending, and not to encourage them to come, as many will not feel ready/will fall into high risk categories. If you'd told me a year ago that I'd be sending an email which didn't actively encourage people to attend church, I would not have believed you! However, what matters most is the safety of God's children—made in His image and of infinite value to Him. *Kim*

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If you are struggling and need pastoral support or practical help, please contact someone:

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There is also a Knowsley Community Support and Volunteer Line open 9am-5pm Mon-Fri and 10am-2pm Sat-Sun on **0800 730 043**.