

PRESCOT PARISH NEWSLETTER



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. SHARING THE LOVE & LIGHT OF CHRIST IN PRESCOT, THROUGH WORD & ACTION .

Sunday 16 May 2021—Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension)



Preacher

Revd Jeff Engel

Reader

Geoff Almond

Intercessions

Dyane Basinger

Readings

New Testament Acts 10.44-48

Psalm 98

New Testament 1 John 5.1-6

Gospel John 15.9-17

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen

us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For your prayers:

- Departed: May Skeath, John Lund, Dorothy Daburn, Geoffrey Lambertsen, Mary Moore

NOTICES

THY KINGDOM COME continues until Sunday 23 May. We'll be taking part in this global prayer movement by having an online activity or in-person event on each of the 11 days. Please pick up a leaflet on the door, or find out more by visiting facebook.com/prescotparishchurch or prescotparish.org.uk—or keep reading below!

A PRESCOT PRAYER JOURNEY takes place this Tuesday, 18 May, at 4pm and will take 60 to 90 minutes. We meet outside church, then walk around Prescot (pick up your map on Sunday), It's designed to be an enjoyable occasion and a spiritually rewarding experience for all ages.

PRIVATE PRAYER resumes this Wednesday, 19 May, from 10am to 11am. Feel free to drop in and spend anything from a few minutes to an hour in quiet prayer and reflection.

PLEASE leave church as soon as you are asked, following the Sunday service, and catch up with friends outside, rather than remaining inside to chat. This gives space to our volunteers to press on with ensuring the church is sanitised and Covid-safe for all of us. A massive thank-you to all those who help with this—you're doing a fantastic job.

TIPS FOR STAYING COVID-SAFE IN CHURCH

1. Check in by scanning the QR Code (if you have a smartphone)
2. Pop on your mask & sanitise your hands on entering
3. Give in your name & collect your service sheet
5. Wait for the team to show you to your place, then remain seated
7. Go up for Communion only when asked, keep 2m from the person in front, remove your mask to receive, then replace it, sanitise your hands & follow the one-way system back to your seat
10. Stay seated at the end, & wait to be asked to leave
12. Stay masked & socially distanced as you say your goodbyes outside

THANK-YOU for using the booking system to reserve your place at the Sunday Eucharist. As well as booking online, please be sure to cancel if you find out you can't make it, as this frees up space for others to attend. Details of upcoming services are at prescotparish.eventbrite.co.uk and booking opens at 11am on the Sunday before. If you have any issues using the website or don't have internet access, please call Dave on **07835090752**.

NOTICES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED...

IF YOU WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE APCM and would like a copy of the Parish Annual Report and Accounts, please contact Keith on 0151 426 1819 or keithp040486@gmail.com, or one of the wardens, or download the PDF from prescotparish.org.uk.

GEOFFREY APPLETON AND SUE PRIESTLEY have been elected to sit on a panel with the Dean of King's College, Cambridge, to select and interview candidates for the next Vicar of Prescot. The Area Dean and Archdeacon, Mal and Pete, respectively, are also on the panel to supervise and ensure transparency. The Archdeacon has asked parishioners not to press Geoffrey and Sue for updates, as once the vacancy has been advertised, all proceedings are confidential. There is no fixed timescale, so we appreciate your patience until an announcement has been made.

BIBLE STUDY NOTES are now available for those who have ordered them. Please make sure that any monies owed are posted through Brenda Burgess's letterbox.

PARKING NOTICE: Please park between the church and the Meeting Room *only* if you are infirm or have a disability, and when parking, please be considerate and leave enough room for others to manoeuvre if they have to leave before you. Parking is permitted on nearby streets and in the Prescot Shopping Centre car park for those who are able to walk the short distance. We appreciate none of the parking solutions is ideal, but it would make a big difference to those who have no alternative but to use the limited parking space available outside the west doors.

THE PRESCOT FESTIVAL will go ahead from 18 to 27 June, with a mixture of online and offline arts, music, culture and entertainment. The 10-day programme incorporates the Sung Eucharist on Sundays 20 and 27 June, as well as a virtual art display, the short story competition, an in-person Prescot Cultural Trail and web contributions from Liverpool Cathedral, Shakespeare North and others. See prescotfestival.co.uk.

HOW TO BOOK USING EVENTBRITE

1. Go to prescotparish.eventbrite.co.uk
2. Click 'Register'
3. Select the number of people, then click 'Register' again

4. Type in your contact details & those of each attendee (note that Registration 1 is you, so you will fill in your details again)
6. Click 'Register' again
7. Voila! You're all done. Your screen should say, 'Thanks for your order,' & if you've entered an email address, you'll receive a confirmation email.

WHEN YOU COME UP TO RECEIVE COMMUNION, please receive from the same side on which you are seated, to avoid crossover.

PRESCOT FOODBANK is open 12pm-2pm every Wednesday at the Salvation Army (Ash Grove/Warrington Road). You can leave donations of perishable items, household products and toiletries at Prescott Tesco Extra.

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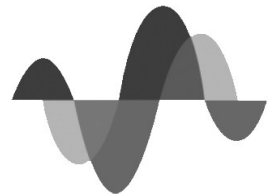
If you're struggling & need pastoral support or practical help, please contact someone:

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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 073 0043.

LISTENING EAR—SOMEONE TO TALK TO: If you're struggling with any of the following issues and feel you need to talk to a professional counsellor, Listening Ear can help.

Bereavement · Loss · Separation · Depression ·
Anxiety · Low Mood · Anger · Social Isolation
Loneliness · Phobias · Panic Attacks · Stress
Low Self-esteem · Health Anxiety
Domestic Abuse · Financial Worries



Call 0151 488 6648 in confidence, and leave your name and number, and say you found out about the service from Huyton Deanery. They'll call back to arrange an appointment. Visit www.listening-ear.co.uk to find out more.