

PRESCOT PARISH NEWSLETTER



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

Sunday 2 May 2021—Fifth Sunday of Easter



Presiding Priest

Revd Kim Mannings

Preacher

David Kernick

Readings

New Testament Acts 4.5-12
Psalm 23
New Testament 1 John 3.16-24
Gospel John 10.11-18

Reader

Lesley Davies

Intercessions

Val Sugden

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

For your prayers:

- Departed: Keith Thomas
- Anniversary: Bill Buxton

The funeral of Keith Thomas takes place this Wednesday, 5 May, at 10.30am in St Mary's.

NOTICES

AT THE APCM, Marian Piert, Dave Friar, Steve Martin and Val Sugden were re-elected wardens; Norine Jones, Ray Mercer, Mary Oldfield and David Kernick were elected or re-elected to the PCC; and Geoffrey Appleton was elected to the Deanery Synod (and by extension the PCC).

GEOFFREY APPLETON AND SUE PRIESTLEY have been elected by the PCC to be Parish Representatives in the selection process for our next vicar. They will sit on a panel with the Dean of King's College, Cambridge, to select and interview candidates, and choose the next Vicar of Prescot. The Revd Mal Rogers and the Venerable Pete Spiers, our Area Dean and Archdeacon, 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 between candidates and the panel are strictly 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 be going ahead from 18 to 27 June with a mixture of online and offline arts, music, culture and entertainment. The 10-day programme will incorporate the Sung Eucharist on Sundays 20 and 27 June, as well as a virtual art display, the annual short story competition, an in-person Prescot Cultural Trail and web contributions from Liverpool Cathedral, Shakespeare North and others. See prescotfestival.co.uk.

THANK-YOU for using the new booking system to reserve your place at the Sunday Eucharist. You can find details of upcoming services at

prescotparish.eventbrite.co.uk and book your place after 11am on the Sunday before. If you have any issues using the website or don't have internet access, please call Dave on **07835090752**. If you book and are then unable to attend, please cancel your booking, as this will free up space for others to attend.

HOW TO BOOK USING EVENTBRITE

1. Go to prescotparish.eventbrite.co.uk
2. Click 'Register'
3. Select the number of places you want to book
4. Click 'Register' again
5. Type in your contact details, as well as the details of each attendee. (NB 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,' and if you've entered an email address, you'll receive a confirmation email.

NOTICES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED...

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

12 STEPS FOR STAYING COVID-SAFE IN CHURCH

1. Enter your details via the QR Code (if you have a smartphone)
2. Pop your mask on
3. Sanitise your hands
4. Have your name ticked off the booking list & collect your service sheet
5. Wait for the team to show you to your seat (filling up front to back)
6. Remain seated, as this will help avoid touching of multiple surfaces
7. Wait to be asked up to Communion & keep 2m from the person in front
8. Remove your mask to receive, then replace it & sanitise your hands
9. Follow the one-way system
10. Please remain seated at the end of the service, & a team member will let you know when it's safe to exit
11. Leave church as quickly * safely as possible
12. Keep your mask on outside while saying goodbye, & remember to stay 2m apart

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to help sanitise and steward the church for private prayer on Wednesdays (10am-11am). Please see the Revd Kim if you can help (revkimberleymannings@gmail.com, 07305922392). If you

can help the cleaning team at 11am each Wednesday, please see Norine, or call her on 01512890211.

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.

Stay in Touch

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

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Churchwardens: Marian Piert—01512890248, Val Sugden—01514939081,

David Friar—07707787937, Steve Martin—07921835823

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.

DEDICATIONS

Loving birthday remembrance of Gordon Robinson,
from Marjorie

Happy 1st Birthday, Ben!
from all your family and friends