

PRESCOT PARISH NEWSLETTER



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

Sunday 28 November 2021—First Sunday of Advent



10am Sung Eucharist
6.30pm Advent Service of Light

Prayer for the lighting of the Advent candle

God of Abraham and Sarah, and all the patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world.
Blessed be God for ever.

Preacher

David Kernick

Readings

Old Testament Jeremiah 33.14-16
Psalm 25.1-9
New Testament 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13
Gospel Luke 21.25-36

Hymns

263 Hark! A herald voice is calling
128 Come, Thou, long-expected Jesus
343 Jesu, lover of my soul

Readers

Diane Hornby
Ann Capewell

Intercessions

Dyane Basinger

For your prayers:

- ◆ Departed: Iris Gregory, Christine Stott, Roger Yates, Norma Preston
- ◆ Anniversaries: Paige Jacobsen
- ◆ Baptisms Finley Bolan, Ronnie Lawson, Ellie Formby

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES

THE CHOIR'S ANTHEM this morning is *Alleluia*, by Robert Howard.

THE ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT is at 6.30pm this evening (Sunday 28 November). Please join us for hymns, prayers, readings and music from the choir as the season of hope and prayerful anticipation begins.

CHRISTMAS DINNER in the Meeting Room is on Friday 3 December and costs £6 per person. Please sign up by adding your name to the list at the back of church as soon as possible.

MESSY CHRISTINGLE takes place on Saturday 4 December at 3.30pm in the Parish Centre—a time of crafty Christmas activities and worship ideal for families with young children.

THE FRIENDS OF PRESCOT CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD'S Christmas Tree of Remembrance Service takes place at 1pm in the cemetery on Sunday 5 December.

THE LAST CHURCH OFFICE is on Tuesday 7 December. It will reopen on Tuesday 11 January.

THE MAYOR OF PRESCOT'S CHARITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT is on Thursday 9 December, from 7pm to 8pm. Brassworks quartet will be joined by our own church and school choirs and Bluebell Park Makaton Signing Choir. Entry is free, with a retiring collection.

BLUE CHRISTMAS takes place at 2pm on Saturday 11 December in St

Mary's. This is an ecumenical service for all who find the festive season a particularly difficult time.

MORE CHRISTMAS DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Friday 17 December, 5pm outside—**Christmas Carols around the Christmas Tree** (ecumenical); Sunday 19 December, 6.30pm, **Festival of Lessons and Carols**; Friday 24 December, 3pm, **Crib Service**, 11.30pm, **Midnight Mass**; Sunday 25 December, 10am, **Eucharist for Christmas Day**.

PRESCOT VICARAGE: After a thorough survey, the Diocesan Board of Housing deemed the current Parish Vicarage to be unviable—in terms of both housing quality and safety, given the isolated nature of the location. The PCC were informed in October that the Diocese were searching for a replacement vicarage, and during Tuesday's PCC a letter from the Diocese confirmed that a replacement vicarage has now been found on the new estate off Prescott Parkway. Ste and Kim (and Sky the greyhound!) are likely to be able to move to Prescott in the new year. The Walled Garden will not be affected and will be leased to the Parish.

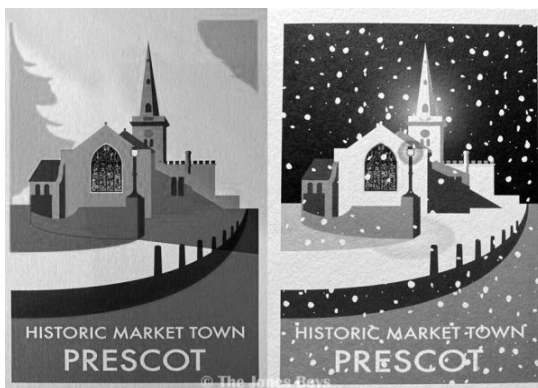
PLEASE HELP SHARE KNOWSLEY spread some seasonal cheer to refugees and asylum seekers living in Knowsley by donating gifts to their Christmas party. Hats, gloves, scarves, colouring books and items, and men's and ladies' toiletry gift sets are ideal. Please bear in mind that SHARe has more men than women. Donations can be dropped off at the Old School House, St. John's Road, Huyton, L36 0XL. Alternatively, donations of money are always well received. Please email admin@shareknowsley.org.uk if you would like to make a bank transfer, or call 07842 185100. Also, as bus fares are expensive, and clients live on less than £40 a week, SHARe always welcomes donations of bikes in good working condition. Please leave a message with Sarah on 07565208046 if you can help, and they will contact you to arrange collection.

PLEASE WEAR A MASK in church if you are able and comfortable. We encourage you to remain mindful of others, especially as the winter approaches and Covid and other viruses are on the rise again.

THE PRAYER LIST for those who are sick will be updated at the beginning of each month. See Norine if you would like your name or

that of a loved one to go on the next month's list, but please remember that names should only be added to the list with the person's express permission.

GREETINGS CARDS are now on sale to help raise parish funds. There are two designs, specially created by Prescot-born artists The Jones Boys, and featuring a spring/summer illustration of St Mary's and a winter one, ideal for Christmas. The cards cost £2 each and are available from Val



Sugden on 0151 493 9081 or Lesley Porter on 0151 426 1819.

PRESCOT FOODBANK is open 12pm-2pm every Wednesday at the Salvation Army (Ash Grove/Warrington Road). You can leave donations of imperishable foods and toiletries at Prescot Tesco Extra.

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If you're struggling & need pastoral support or practical help, please contact someone: Revd Kim Mannings—073059223920, revkimberleymannings@gmail.com; David Kernick—07835090752, kernick@gmail.com; Churchwardens: Marian Piert—01512890248; Val Sugden—01514939081, Steve Martin—07921835823.

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. The service covers such issues as bereavement, loss, separation, depression, anxiety, low mood, anger, social isolation, loneliness, phobias, panic attacks, stress, low self-esteem, health anxiety, domestic abuse and financial worries. Call 0151 488 6648 in confidence, and leave your name and number, and say you found out about the service through a parish church in the Huyton Deanery. They'll call back to arrange an appointment. Visit www.listening-ear.co.uk to find out more.