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DEDICATION

Wonderful Christmas memories of our dear parents, Reuben & Barbara Dodd, from Joyce, Lesley, Norma, Margaret & families

PRESCOT PARISH NEWSLETTER



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

Sunday 26 December 2021—Feast of St Stephen



Preacher

Revd Kim Mannings

Readings

New Testament Acts 7.51-60

New Testament Gal. 2.16b-20

Gospel Matt. 10.17-22

Hymns

242 Good King Wenceslas

876 O when the saints go
marching in

37 Angel voices ever singing

Readers

Diana Crompton
Derek LeBrocq (TBC)

Intercessions

David Kernick

Collect

Gracious Father, who gave the first martyr Stephen grace to pray for those who took up stones against him: grant that in all our sufferings

for the truth we may learn to love even our enemies and to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt, looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us, Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, we thank you for the signs of your mercy revealed in birth and death: save us by the coming of your Son, and give us joy in honouring Stephen, first martyr of the new Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For your prayers:

- ◆ Departed: Himmin Stove, Dave Friar
- ◆ Anniversaries: Marjorie McEllin, David Stanton

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

Dear all,

Wishing you the peace of Christ this Christmas season, however you may be spending it. An enormous thank you from me, for your warmth, faithfulness and generosity over this past year: one which I know has been filled with uncertainty in so very many ways. I am a very lucky vicar to know so many inspirational people and I look forward to 2022 together.

Lots of love,

Kim xx

NOTICES

THIS TIME LAST WEEK we learned that our beautiful Dave Friar passed away unexpectedly. He was a man of joy, humour and humility who served his community as councillor and mayor several times, and served the parish as warden. Please hold Dave's family in your prayers as we wait for details of his funeral to be announced.

THIS WEDNESDAY, 29 DECEMBER, we would like to provide transport for anyone who is housebound to attend our special 2pm Eucharist. Please contact Dave on 07835090752 or kernick@gmail.com if you would like to arrange transport.

NEXT SUNDAY, 2 January, is the Feast of the Epiphany, when we celebrate the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus.

A BIG THANK-YOU to Sue Snow for spending the last few weeks serving us in Prescot. We wish her all the best and keep her in our prayers as she continues her journey of discernment in her ministry.

PLEASE SEE BRENDA BURGESS if you would like a copy of the next

Bible Notes, as she has some spares.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is now closed until Tuesday 11 January.

MOTHERS' UNION IMPORTANT NOTICE: From January 2022, meetings will be held on the fourth Friday of the month at 1.30pm. The first of these is on Friday 28 January at 1.30pm in the Parish Centre.

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 is updated at the beginning of each month. See Norine if you'd like your name or that of a loved one to go on the next month's list, but please only add names 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. Please note that FoodBank will be open over the holidays, on 22 and 29 December.

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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, separation, depression, anxiety, loneliness, phobias, panic attacks, stress, low self-esteem, health anxiety, domestic