

PRESCOT PARISH NEWSLETTER



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

Sunday 16 July 2023—Sixth Sunday after Trinity



‘But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit.’ Luke 13.23

Preacher

Tom Hurst

Hymns

- 21 All people that on earth do dwell
32 And can it be
625 Take my life, and let it be
19 All my hope on God is founded

Readings

Old Testament Isaiah 55.10-13
New Testament Romans 8.1-11
Gospel Matthew 13.1-9,
18-23

Readers

Geoffrey Appleton
Anna Strickland

Intercessions

Lesley Davies

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- ◆ Departed: Joyce Crow
- ◆ Baptism: Carter-James Sumner, Brookland Murray

PSALM: Please join in with the sung response. It is sung three times at the beginning of the Psalm: The organist will play the response once, the choir will sing it for you to hear, and then everyone joins in the third time, then at the end of each verse.

Psalm 65

RESPONSE: Happy are those whom you choose to live in your courts.

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

R

You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it. **R**

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. **R**

The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy. **R**

NOTICES

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE that current Deputy Head Paul Brooksbank has been appointed the new Head Teacher of St Mary and St Paul's CE Primary School.

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING in the Parish Church this Monday, 17 July, at 5pm, where we give thanks for the journey that our school, St Mary and St Paul's, has been on, and say a special thank-you and goodbye to headteacher Mr Iain Parks, as he leaves to take up his new role as Director of Education for the Diocese of Blackburn.

AN OPEN REHEARSAL FOR THE NEW KNOWSLEY JUNIOR CHOIR takes place this Tuesday, 18 July, from 4.30pm to 6pm in St Mary's. Parents are welcome to bring children aged 6 to 12 to a taster evening for this exciting new community choir run by the staff of Liverpool Cathedral Music Department.

THE NEXT PCC MEETING is this Wednesday, 19 July, at 7pm in the

Parish Centre.

ST MARY'S CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED from Monday 24 July to Thursday 10 August (inclusive) for the final stage of the lighting improvements. This involves replacement of fittings on top of the pillars, many of which have failed. They will all have LED bulbs. This means that services on Sundays 30 July and 6 August will be held at St Paul's, Bryer Road. On Wednesdays and Fridays through the whole period, there will be no Morning Prayer or Eucharist.

THE SERIOUS NONSENSE FESTIVAL is taking place again—this time over three days, from Friday 11 to Sunday 13 August. This festival brought much joy last year and it is wonderful that it is returning. However, traffic management will be in place and Church Street will be closed, meaning that only Blue Badge holders will be able to gain access in order to park in the church carpark. It may be worth speaking with friends in advance about car-sharing this day. There will be no refreshments served after the service on this Sunday only.

NOTICES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED

MOTHERS' UNION has now broken up for the summer and will resume in September.

MAKE YOUR SUMMER EVEN BRIGHTER! There won't be a plant stall this year, but Ann Capewell does have some black bucket planters at £8 and can also fill your own pots with compost and plants. All proceeds go to parish funds. Please see Ann or give her a call on 07561170114.

GEOFF ALMOND has a Church Pass for Westminster Abbey in London. It allows free admission for up to four adults and children. Please ask Geoff if you wish to borrow it.

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left in Prescot Tesco Extra, at the Big Help charity shop in the Prescot Centre, or at the Salvation Army on the corner of Warrington Road and Ash Grove.

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.

YOU CAN GIVE REGULARLY TO THE PARISH OF PRESCOT by

joining the Parish Giving Scheme. Please see Keith, Norine or any of the churchwardens for more information, or visit prescotparish.org.uk and click 'Giving.' Your continued generosity is hugely appreciated, as your donations ensure the parish can meet the needs of the community in Prescott both now and in generations to come.

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DEDICATION

Remembering Eric Orme (12 July 1930—19 July 2020),
a wonderful husband and father, loved and missed every day.

Nora, Elizabeth & John