

# PRESCOT PARISH NEWSLETTER



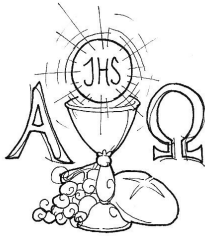
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. SHARING THE LOVE & LIGHT OF CHRIST IN PRESCOT, THROUGH WORD & ACTION .

**Sunday 30 July 2023—Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

**The 10am Sung Eucharist takes place at St Paul's, as St Mary's is closed for electrical works.**



## **Preacher**

Kim Mannings

## **Hymns**

- 108 Colours of day  
689 Thy hand, O God, has  
guided  
67 Be still, for the presence of  
the Lord  
409 Lord, for the years

## **Readings**

- Old Testament 1 Kings 3.5-12  
New Testament Romans 8.26-39  
Gospel Matthew 13.31-  
33,44-52

## **Readers**

Sue Priestley  
Lisa Preston

## **Intercessions**

David Kernick

## **Collect**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. Amen.

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS:**

- ◆ Anniversary: Joan Hall

**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 119

**RESPONSE:** Lead me, O Lord, in the path of your commands.

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. With open mouth I pant because I long for your commandments. **R**

Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name. Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me. **R**

Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts. Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes. My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept. **R**

### NOTICES

**THE SUNG EUCHARIST TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY (6 AUGUST)** takes place at St Paul's, while St Mary's is closed for the final stage of electrical work. There will be no midweek Communion for the next two Wednesdays (2 and 9 August).

**A MESSAGE FROM KIM:** Huge congratulations to our own Dave Kernick who, it was announced on Sunday, has been recommended to train for ordination in the Church of England. We are so proud of, and delighted for, Dave as he follows with obedience this path which God has called him down.

**ON SUNDAY 27 AUGUST** an all-age service takes place in church at 10am, followed by an all-age teddy bears picnic in the walled garden. Please bring along a teddy bear/stuffed toy to this service, as well as a picnic-style lunch. There will be activities for children during the picnic afterwards, and chairs will be available for anyone who needs one.

**WE CELEBRATE OUR PATRONAL FESTIVAL** on Sunday 3 September with a Sung Eucharist for the Feast of St Mary the Blessed

Virgin at 10am, followed by the usual celebratory lunch.

### **NOTICES YOU MAY HAVE MISSED**

**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.

**THE CATHEDRAL JUNIOR CHOIR KNOWSLEY** will take place every Tuesday, 4.30pm—6pm during term-time, beginning in September, and will join our Parish Choir for some key services throughout the year. While the children rehearse in church, we would love to be able to offer refreshments to parents as we did this Tuesday (thank you to those who served!) If you think you could commit to being on a rota one Tuesday per month to help to offer this form of hospitality, there is a sign-up sheet in the resource area of church.

**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](http://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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