

## PRESCOT FESTIVAL OF MUSIC & THE ARTS

Founded in 2005 by local composer, musician and teacher Dr Robert Howard, the Prescott Festival now runs to 10 days, welcoming more than 1,600 people in 2016, and providing an unrivalled programme of diverse artistic and musical talent. In 2016, Robert received the Exceptional Service Award from the British Arts Festivals Association.



### Our Patron

The Prescott Festival is delighted to have as its patron the esteemed musician Professor Dr Ian Tracey, Organist Titulaire of Liverpool Cathedral and Chorusmaster to the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir. Ian is affectionately referred to as an 'honorary Prescottian,' having spent his formative years as the parish organist. He returns to the festival this year to perform in St Mary's on Sunday 18 June (see overleaf).



## HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

- \* Sign up to 'Come & Sing' Rutter's *Magnificat* on Saturday 17 June (sopranos, altos, tenors & basses)
  - \* Sing along & flag-wave at our Proms-style finale
  - \* Volunteer to help or steward as a 'Friend of the Festival'
  - \* Become a personal or business sponsor
- Find out more at [www.prescotfestival.co.uk](http://www.prescotfestival.co.uk)



Do you have an urge to put pen to paper? The theme of this year's **SHORT STORY COMPETITION** is 'Clocking Off.' A £100 prize is on offer for the winning story. Full details are at [www.prescotfestival.co.uk](http://www.prescotfestival.co.uk).

Arts in Prescott is a not-for-profit, volunteer-run community group organising & promoting arts & cultural events in Prescott & the surrounding area.

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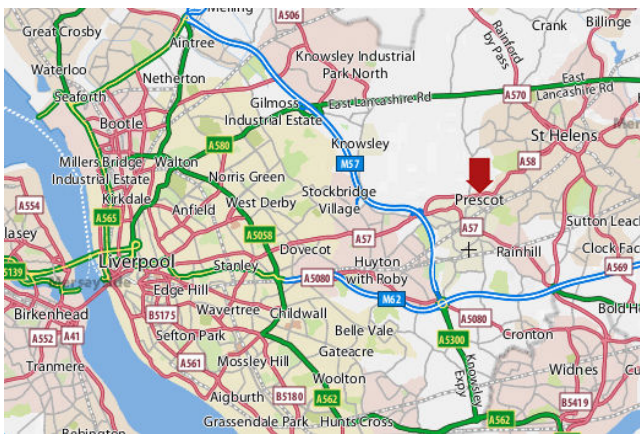


### Contact Us

To find out more about the festival, visit [www.prescotfestival.co.uk](http://www.prescotfestival.co.uk) or email us at [prescotfestival@gmail.com](mailto:prescotfestival@gmail.com).

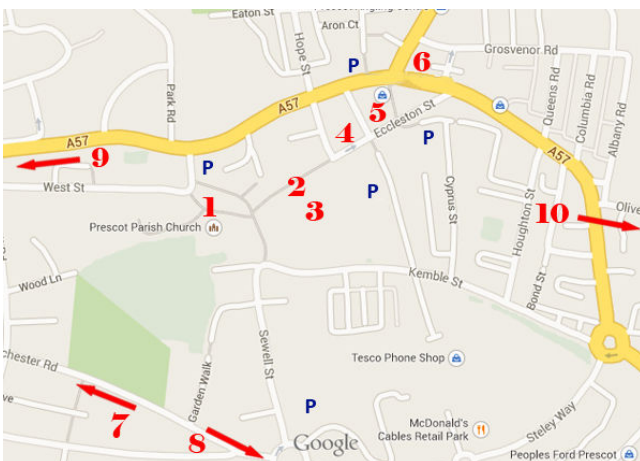
## HOW TO FIND PRESCOT

From the M57—Junction 2  
From the M62—Junction 6 (then M57 to Junction 2)  
A58 from St Helens, A57 from Warrington or Liverpool



## GUIDE TO VENUES

- 1 Parish Church & Meeting Room, Church St, L34 1LA
- 2 Poco Coffee Shop, 30 Eccleston St, L34 5QJ
- 3 Library & Museum, Prescott Ctr, Eccleston St, L34 5GA
- 4 Heritage Hub, 53 Eccleston St, L34 5QH
- 5 Methodist Centre, Atherton St, L34 5QN
- 6 Town Hall, 1 Warrington Rd, L34 5QX
- 7 Brown's Field, Wood Ln, L34 1NU
- 8 St Mary & St Paul's C of E Primary School & St Paul's Church, Bryer Rd, L35 5DN
- 9 Clock Face Pub, 54 Derby St, L34 3LL
- 10 Evelyn CP School, Evelyn Ave, L34 2SP



Friday 16-Sunday 25 June 2017

# 13th Annual Prescot Festival of Music & the Arts

2017 highlights include:

- Leyland Band**
- Metropolitan Cathedral Girl Choristers**
- Chilled Lemons Jazz Quintet with vocalist Chris James**
- Band of the Yorkshire Regiment**
- Mostly Musicals with Phoenix Concert Orchestra**
- Willy Russell's Our Day Out 40th Anniversary Screening & much, much more**

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## Full Programme 16-25 June 2017

**Fri 16** 7.00pm . Parish Church . £8

### Brass & Hot Pot with Leyland Band

We welcome for the first time one of the UK's finest brass bands—with an international reputation—now in its 71st year, to entertain us with nostalgic tunes and classic melodies. Celebrate the opening night—and the spirit of Lancashire—with a delicious Cottom's hot pot in the interval (included in ticket price).



**Sat 17** 7.00pm . Parish Church . £5\*

### Magnificat!

Choral singers from across the North West gather to form the Prescott Festival Chorus in a performance of Rutter's *Magnificat* and Parry's *I Was Glad*. James Luxton (Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral) conducts, returning in the second half with the Metropolitan Cathedral Girl Choristers to complete this stunning concert. Sopranos, altos, tenors and basses are welcome to 'Come & Sing'—see our official website, [www.prescotfestival.co.uk](http://www.prescotfestival.co.uk), for more information.



**Sun 18** 12.00pm . Brown's Field . Free

**Prescot Carnival** Prescott Town Council present their annual afternoon of stalls, games, food, fairground rides, live entertainment and more for all ages. The parade assembles on Eccleston Street at 11.15am, arriving at the carnival at 12 noon for the official opening.

**Sun 18** 3.00pm . Parish Church . £5\*

**Ian Tracey in Recital** More than an hour of sacred and classical music from the celebrated organist, followed by wine and nibbles (included in ticket price). Patron of the festival since its inception, Professor Dr Ian Tracey began his career in the Parish of Prescott and now pursues a highly distinguished international touring career.

**Mon 19** 6.30pm . St Mary & St Paul's School . Free

**Schools' Poetry Showcase** The third year of this competition features highly talented local primary pupils in a recital of their own and others' poetry.

**Tue 20** 8.00pm . Clock Face Pub . Free

**Clockfest** Enjoy a medley of specially invited local musical talent in one of Prescott's most popular traditional pubs, once part of the Earl of Derby's estate.

**Wed 21** 6.00pm . Evelyn School . Free

### Young Instrumentalist of Prescott

Local pupils of all ages demonstrate their exceptional musical skills in pursuit of the Revd David Rose Trophy.

**Thu 22** 7.00pm . St Paul's Church . £5

### Film: Our Day Out (40th Anniversary)

By popular demand, we present the third festival screening of the comical yet moving film *Our Day Out*, by Whiston-born playwright Willy Russell. A BBC 'Play for Today,' it first aired in 1977, four decades ago this year. Choc ices will be served in the interval (included in ticket price). Suitable for ages 11+.

**Fri 23** 7.00pm . Town Hall . £8

### Chilled Lemons Jazz

**Quintet** Relax to the smooth swing sounds of our old friends the Chilled Lemons—some of whom you'll recognise from last year's opening night with Swingshift Big Band—with guest vocalist Chris James. Tuck in to a fish-and-chip supper, courtesy of The Big Chippy. A licensed bar is available, and food is included in the ticket price.



**Poco**

TICKETS ON SALE 1 MAY 2017  
from Poco Coffee, 30 Eccleston St,  
L34 5QJ or online at  
[www.prescotfestival.co.uk](http://www.prescotfestival.co.uk)

(booking fee applies to internet sales)  
\* Under-16s free if with an adult at asterisked events

**Sat 24** 11.30am . Meeting Room . £1

### Talk: Highlights from the Prescott

**Archives** Lin Rice and Dan Copley take us on a fascinating journey through some of our Lancashire town's historical treasures from the Knowsley Archives.

**Sat 24** 7.30pm . Methodist Centre . £6

### Mostly Musicals with Phoenix Concert

**Orchestra** Jill Hyde and Robert Howard conduct the Liverpool-based ensemble with selections from the canon of great shows, following a successful French tour in 2016.

**Sun 25** 6.00pm . Parish Church . Free

**Festival Choral Evensong** A traditional musical service in the elegant surroundings of Prescott's Jacobean parish church. The parish choir sing, with Tim Hall on the organ. Featuring music by festival director Dr Robert Howard. Refreshments follow.

**Sun 25** 7.30pm . Parish Church . £7\*

### Festival Finale with the Band of the Yorkshire Regiment

For the first time we welcome a world-class military band to close the festival in jubilant fashion, also marking Armed Forces Day, being held in Liverpool this year. We end this Proms-style concert with patriotic favourites, in the 65th year of HM The Queen's reign.

Bring your flags or buy one on the night!



#### Plus:

\* **Coffee Mornings** at Prescott Methodist Centre Friday & Saturday, Tuesday—Saturday 9.30am—11.30am  
\* **Schools' Artwork & Vintage Prescott Poster Display** (from the old Station Road Printers, courtesy of the Jones Boys) in Prescott Parish Church during events  
\* **Prescot Museum & Library**—Saturdays & Thursdays 10am—1pm, Monday—Tuesday & Friday 10am—5pm  
\* **Open Archives** at Prescott Heritage Hub Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 10am—1pm & 2pm—4pm