

Prescot Festival of Music & the Arts

Our Director

Founded in 2005 by local composer, musician and teacher Dr Robert Howard, the Prescot Festival now runs to 10 days, welcoming more than 1,700 people in person in 2019, and providing an unrivalled programme of diverse artistic and musical talent.



Our Patron

The 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 known as an 'honorary Prescotian,' having once been organist in the parish.



How You Can Get Involved

- * Sign up to 'Come & Sing' Handel's *Messiah* on Saturday 18 June (sopranos, altos, tenors & basses)
 - * Submit art on a theme of 'Jubilee' to the Prescot Festival Community Art Display
 - * Take part in our Barn Dance on Thursday 23 June
 - * 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

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Do you have an urge to put pen to paper? This year's theme is 'Of kings and queens and royal realms.' £100 is on offer for the winning story. The closing date is 27 May. For full details, visit www.prescotfestival.co.uk.



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



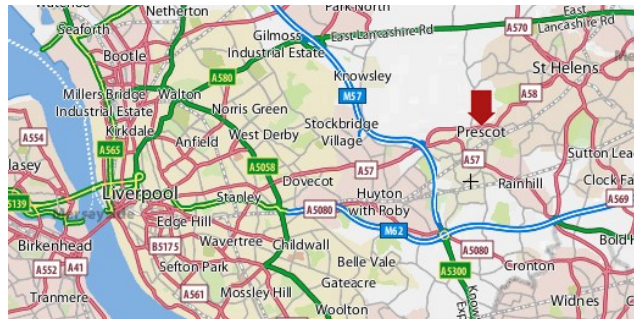
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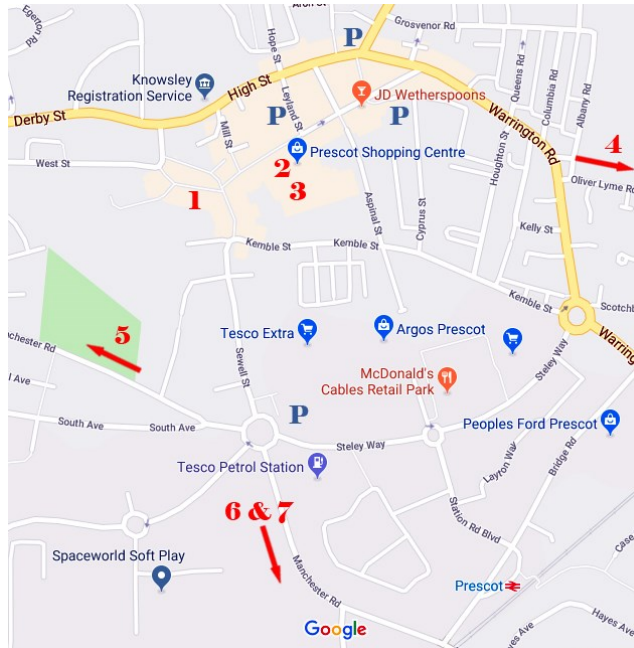
How to Find Prescot

From the M57—J2
From the M62—J6 (then M57 to J2)
A58 from St Helens . A57 from Warrington or Liverpool



Guide to Venues

- 1 Parish Church & Centre, Church St, L34 3LA
- 2 Poco Bar & Cafe, 30 Eccleston St, L34 5QJ
- 3 Library & Museum, Prescot Ctr, Eccleston St, L34 5GA
- 4 Evelyn CP School, Evelyn Ave, L34 2SP
- 5 Brown's Field, Wood Ln, L34 1NU
- 6 St Paul's Church, Bryer Rd, L35 5DN
- 7 Whiston Town Hall, Old Colliery Rd, L35 3QX



**Dr Jazz & the Cheshire Cats . Foden's Band
Liverpool Cathedral Outreach Choirs
Ken Pye . Liverpool Bach Collective
Handel's Messiah . Phoenix Concert Orchestra
BOST & more for all ages**

10 days of arts, music, culture & entertainment in the historic Lancashire town of Prescot, Merseyside



Full Festival Programme

Friday 17—Sunday 26 June 2022

Fri 17 7.30pm . Parish Church . £7

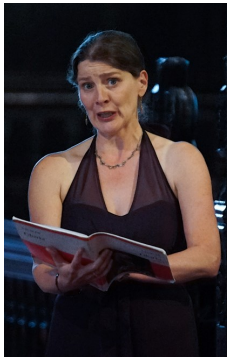
Opening Night: Dr Jazz & the Cheshire

Cats The Lymm-based jazz band, with vocalists, are back in town for the third time, promising an evening of sensational swing. Enjoy a decadent cupcake in the interval, courtesy of Prescot's Down in Albion (included in ticket price).

Sat 18 7.00pm . Parish Church . £5*

Choral Spectacular

The Prescot Festival Chorus assembles once again to perform highlights from perhaps the best-loved choral work of all time, Handel's *Messiah*, featuring the famous 'Hallelujah Chorus.' Our musical guests for the second half are Liverpool Cathedral's Community choirs Liverpool64, the Gilbert Scott Singers (Youth Choir) and Junior Choir, under the direction of Ian Wells. Choral singers: See overleaf if you'd like to 'Come & Sing' Handel's *Messiah*.



Sun 19 6.30pm . Parish Church . Free

Liverpool Bach Collective Formed at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King in 2013 by the cathedral's Master of Music (1966-1996) Philip Duffy, the Liverpool Bach Collective have a mission to take sacred choral music to churches across Merseyside. Before singing Bach's Cantata 30, with instrumentalists, chorus and solo singers, they will lead the congregation in a traditional service of Choral Evensong.

Poco

TICKETS ON SALE 1 MAY 2022
from Poco Bar & Cafe (cash only),
30 Eccleston St, L34 5QJ,
or online at

www.prescotfestival.co.uk

Booking fee applies to internet sales

* Under-16s free if with an adult at asterisked events

Mon 20 6.00pm . Parish Church . Free

Primary Schools' Choir Festival Join us in celebrating an array of choral talent from local primary schools with this second annual choir festival.

Tue 21 9.30am . Evelyn School . Free

Young Instrumentalists of Prescot

Specially selected local children of all ages showcase their musical skills. Featuring the Reverend David Rose Trophy.

Wed 22 7.00pm . St Paul's Church . £5

Film: Violent Playground (1958) Stanley Baker (*The Guns of Navarone*), David McCallum (*The Man from UNCLE*) and Peter Cushing (*Dracula*, *Star Wars*) star in this classic drama, shot in Liverpool and capturing many recognisable, nostalgic locations on film. Cert. PG.

Thu 23 7.00pm . St Paul's Church . £5

Barn Dance Whether you love to dance or prefer to sit, listen and watch, you're invited to join four-piece band Two Left Feet for a traditional family barn dance, with caller. Feel free to bring your own food and drink.

Fri 24 7.00pm . Parish Church . £8*

Foden's Band England's highest-ranking brass band—and now also number two worldwide—returns with soloists for another brilliantly entertaining evening of music. The ensemble has been making music for over a century; in 1908 it achieved the prestigious championship section status that it has retained ever since.



Sat 25 11.30am . Parish Centre . £3

Talk: Ken Pye's Curious Tales of Prescot & Huyton The popular author and historian returns to Prescot to entertain and inform with more fascinating stories of the area's illustrious past.

Sat 25 7.00pm . Whiston Town Hall . £6

Songs from the Shows with BOST

The award-winning musical theatre company are back on the festival stage for more classic Hollywood, Broadway and West End tunes. Bar available.



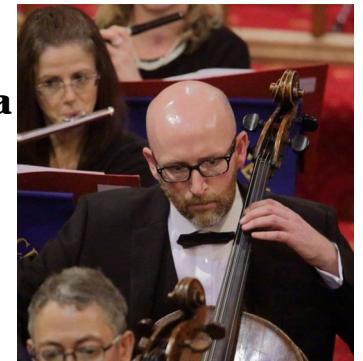
Sun 26 12.00 noon-4.00pm
Brown's Field . Free

Prescot Carnival Prescot Town Council present their annual afternoon of stalls, games, food, fairground rides, live entertainment and more for all ages.

Sun 26 6.00pm . Parish Church . £6*

Festival Finale with Phoenix Concert Orchestra

Welcome to a belated celebration of two decades of this local community light music orchestra, presenting a selection of much-loved melodies from stage, screen and the concert hall, conducted by Dr Robert Howard. Founded in 2000 by former King David High School Head of Music Jill Hyde, with some former pupils, the orchestra has made successful tours of Italy, Spain and France, and is a frequent guest and firm favourite of the Prescot Festival.



Plus:

* **Schools' Artwork** in the Parish Church during events
* **Prescot Museum & Library**—Saturdays & Thursday 10am—1pm, Monday—Tuesday & Friday 10am—5pm

Friday 1 July 7pm at Prescot Parish Church FREE

POST-FESTIVAL CONCERT:
AN EVENING OF SACRED CHORAL MUSIC
WITH THE CHOIR OF
ST PETER'S COLLEGE, OXFORD
Part of their Merseyside tour
Directed by Quintin Beer