

FRIDAY 21—SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2024

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 2023, 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. Ian is affectionately known as an 'honorary Prescotian,' having once been organist in the parish, and he has been the festival's patron since its inception in 2005.



How You Can Get Involved

- * Sign up to 'Come & Sing' Faure's *Requiem* on Saturday 22 June (sopranos, altos, tenors & basses)
- * Take part in our Barn Dance on Thursday 27 June
- * Volunteer to help or steward as a 'Friend of the Festival'
- * Become a personal or business sponsor
- * Enter the short story contest (details below)

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 What a score! £100 is on offer for the winning story. The closing date is 31 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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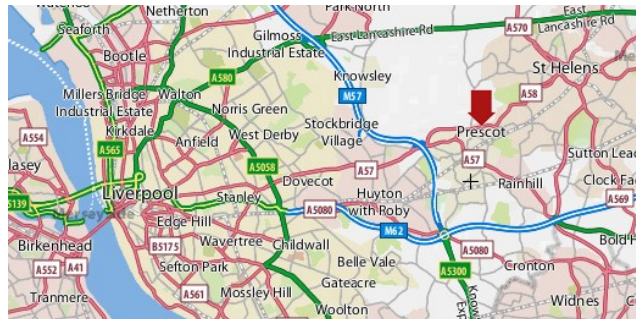
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To find out more about the festival, visit www.prescotfestival.co.uk or email us at prescotfestival@gmail.com.



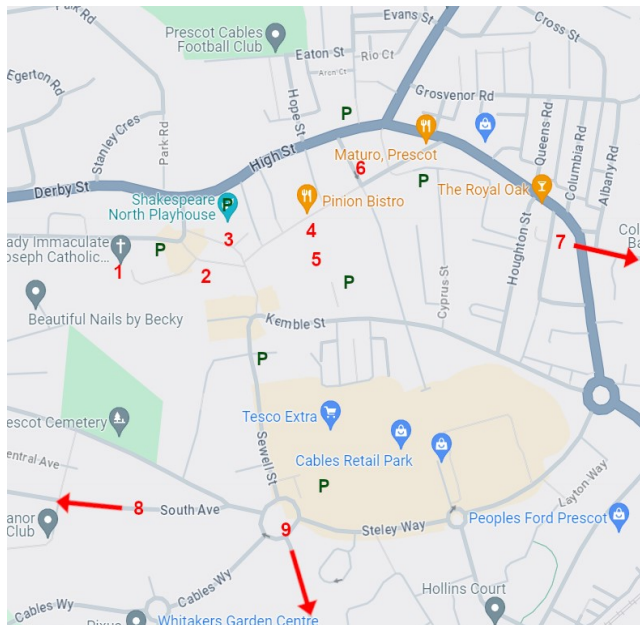
How to Find Prescot

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 Our Lady & St Joseph's Church, Vicarage Pl, L34 1LE
- 2 Parish Church & Centre, Church St, L34 3LA
- 3 Shakespeare North Playhouse, Prospero Pl, L34 3AB
- 4 Poco Bar & Cafe, 30 Eccleston St, L34 5QJ
- 5 Library/Museum, Prescot Ctr, Eccleston St, L34 5GA
- 6 Prescot Methodist Centre, Atherton St, L34 5QN
- 7 Evelyn CP School, Evelyn Ave, L34 2SP
- 8 Brown's Field, Wood Ln, L34 1NU
- 9 St Paul's Church, Bryer Rd, L35 5DN



20th Annual Prescot Festival of Music & the Arts

10 DAYS OF ARTS, MUSIC, CULTURE & ENTERTAINMENT IN
THE HISTORIC LANCASHIRE TOWN OF PRESCOT, MERSEYSIDE

2024 highlights include:

South Liverpool Orchestra
Liverpool Cathedral Choir
Liverpool Bach Collective
Wingates Brass Band
BOST: Songs from the Shows
Maghull Wind Orchestra
 & more for all ages

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Full Festival Programme Friday 21—Sunday 30 June 2024

Fri 21 7.30pm . Parish Church . £6*

Opening Night: South Liverpool

Orchestra A stirring evening of popular classics in celebration of the 20th Prescot Festival. This full-sized symphony orchestra is conducted by festival director Dr Robert Howard. Complimentary birthday cake will be served in the interval.

Sat 22 7.00pm . Parish Church . £6*

From Darkness to Light A performance of Gabriel Fauré's moving *Requiem* by the 100-strong Prescot Festival Chorus, followed by the Choir of Liverpool Cathedral (consecrated 100 years ago this year) in a second half of jubilant choral classics. Choral singers—see overleaf if you'd like to 'Come & Sing' Fauré's *Requiem*.



Sun 23 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 23 6.30pm . Our Lady's Church
Free

Liverpool Bach Collective Philip Duffy (Master of Music at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, 1966-1996) directs Bach's ceremonial Festival Cantata (129), with choir, soloists, organ and ensemble, following a traditional service of Choral Evensong.

Mon 24 2.00pm . SN Playhouse: Garden
£12**

Afternoon Opera: Solos & Soliloquies

A recital of exquisite Shakespearean opera and poetry by soprano Laura Hudson, with pianist and actor.

Mon 24 6.00pm . Parish Church . Free

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

Tue 25 7.00pm . St Paul's Church . £6

Film: Chariots of Fire (1981)

In anticipation of this year's Paris Olympics, a screening of the much-loved drama, using several Merseyside locations, telling the tale of two British athletes—exactly 100 years after the real-life events that inspired the film. Includes interval choc-ices. Cert. PG.



Wed 26 9.30am . Evelyn School . Free

Young Instrumentalist Celebration

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

Wed 26 7.30pm . SN Playhouse: Studio
£12**

Play: No Coward Soul Emily Parr performs her own one-act play, a smart, funny and intensely moving tragicomedy about separation and survival.

TICKETS ON SALE 1 MAY

from Poco Bar & Café
(cash only) at 30 Eccleston St,
L34 5QJ, or online at
www.prescotfestival.co.uk.

Booking fee applies to internet sales.

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* Under-16s free if with an adult at asterisked events
** Tickets for Playhouse events are available directly from the venue only—shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk

Thu 27 7.00pm . St Paul's Church . £6

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 28 7.30pm . Parish Church . £8*

Wingates Brass Band Musical favourites from this excellent Lancashire-based band in their 150th year. Includes an interval cupcake from the Albion Bakehouse.

Sat 29 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 29 7.00pm . Methodist Centre . £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.

Sun 30 6.00pm . Parish Church . £6*

Festival Finale with Maghull Wind

Orchestra Familiar faces return, with Phil Shotton as MD and emcee, for a rousing finale from this outstanding community ensemble. Featuring classic pop, rock, film and TV melodies alongside singalong Proms favourites.



Plus:

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