

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 2,000 people in person in 2024, 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 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' Mozart's *Requiem* on Saturday 28th June (sopranos, altos, tenors & basses)
- * Take part in our Barn Dance on Thursday 26th 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 'Coming of Age'. £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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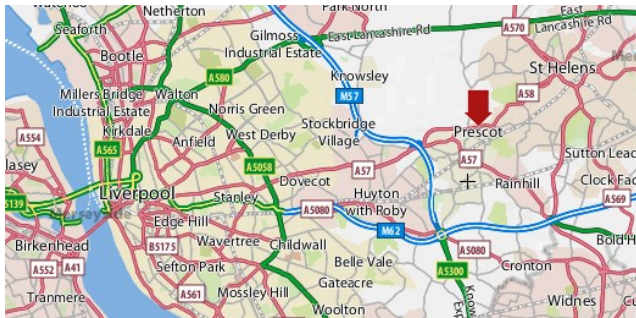


How to Find Prescot

From the M57—J2

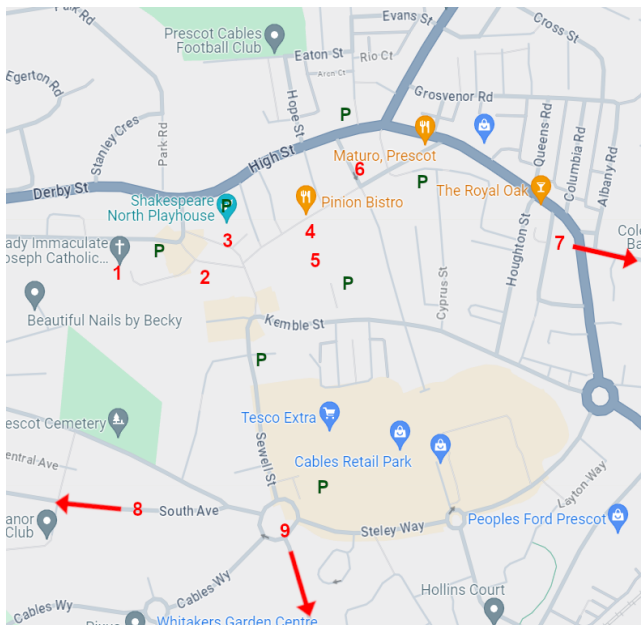
From the M62—J6 (then M57 to J2)

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



FRIDAY 20—SUNDAY 29 JUNE 2025

21st Annual
**Prescot
Festival**
of Music & the Arts

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

Highlights this June include

Mozart's Requiem

Film: Our Day Out

Hope Street Consort

Wingates Brass Band

Play: 'Two Steps Back'

A Night at the Musicals

Liverpool Bach Collective

Phoenix Concert Orchestra

Dr Jazz & the Cheshire Cats

Shakespeare Themed Opera

Plus much more for all ages!

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Full Festival Programme

Friday 20—Sunday 29 June 2025

Fri 20 7.30pm . Parish Church . £8*

Opening Night: Wingates Brass Band

Back by popular demand, the wonderful Wingates Band took the Festival by storm last year. This stirring all-new programme of brass classics will celebrate the Festival's 21st Anniversary. Birthday cake will be served in the interval.



Sat 21 7.30pm . Methodist Centre . £6

A Night at the Musicals This brand-new show features local professional vocalists Annamarie Newton and David Lee, with live piano accompaniment. The evening promises a cornucopia of hit songs from classic Hollywood, Broadway, West End productions, and more!

Sun 22 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 22 6.30pm . Parish Church . Free

Liverpool Bach Collective This fine baroque ensemble end their season with a Cantata of general praise, with choir, soloists, organ and instrumentalists, following a traditional service of Choral Evensong.

Mon 23 6.00pm . Parish Church . Free

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

Tue 24 7.00pm . St Paul's Church . £6

Film: Our Day Out (1977) By popular request we present a festival screening of the comical yet moving film *Our Day Out*, by Whiston-born playwright Willy Russell. A BBC 'Play for Today', it now approaches 50 years since its creation. Complimentary choc ices will be served in the interval. Suitable for ages 11+.

Wed 25 9.30am . Evelyn CP School . Free

Young Instrumentalist Celebration

Specially selected local children of all ages showcase their musical skills. All are welcome to attend.

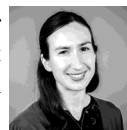
Wed 25 2.00pm . SN Playhouse: Garden . £12**

Afternoon Opera: Solos & Soliloquies

Following last year's success, soprano Laura Hudson returns in a new recital of exquisite Shakespearean opera and poetry, with actor & Shakespeare North producer Lane Paul Stewart, and pianist.

Wed 25 7.30pm . SN Playhouse: Studio . £12**

Play: Two Steps Back Emily Parr premieres her new one-act tragicomedy about the struggle to adjust to student life, a prequel to last year's festival triumph 'No Coward Soul'.



Thu 26 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 community barn dance, with caller. Feel free to bring your own food and drink.

Tickets on sale 1st May

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

Booking fee applies to internet sales.

Poco

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

** Tickets for Playhouse events are available directly from the venue only—shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk

Fri 27 7.30pm . Our Lady's RC Church . £8*

Dr Jazz & the Cheshire Cats The Lymm-based jazz band, including vocalists, are back in town for the fourth time, promising an evening of sensational swing. Enjoy a decadent cupcake in the interval, courtesy of Prescot's Albion Bakehouse (included in ticket price).

Sat 28 11.30am . Parish Centre . £4

Talk: Ken Pye's History & Architecture of Knowsley Hall

The popular author and historian returns to Prescot to entertain and inform with more fascinating stories of the area's illustrious past.

Sat 28 7.00pm . Parish Church . £6*

Choral Classics: From Despair to Hope

A performance of Mozart's moving *Requiem* by the 100-strong Prescot Festival Chorus, followed by a first Festival visit from Hope Street Consort in a second half of jubilant choral masterpieces.

Choral singers – see over if you'd like to 'Come & Sing' the *Requiem*.



Sun 29 6.00pm . Parish Church . £8*

Festival Finale with Phoenix Concert Orchestra

A special 25th anniversary celebration of this local community light music orchestra, presenting a selection of much-loved melodies from stage, screen and the concert hall, conducted by Festival Director, Dr Robert Howard.



Plus:

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

Thu 3 July 6.00pm . Parish Church . Free

Post-Festival Concert: An Evening of Sacred & Secular Music with The Choir of St Peter's College, University of Oxford Part of their Merseyside tour.