

**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 2017, and providing an unrivalled programme of diverse artistic and musical talent. In 2016 Robert won the Exceptional Service Award from the British Arts Festivals Association and in 2017 he was named Knowsley Cultural Volunteer of the Year.



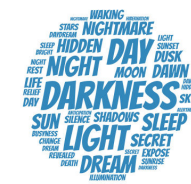
**Our Patron**

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 Prescottian,' having once been organist in the parish.



**HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED**

- \* Sign up to 'Come & Sing' Fauré's *Requiem* on Saturday 16 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 'Darkness & Light.' £100 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.



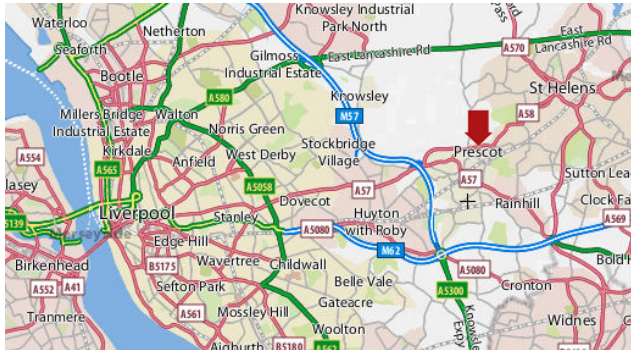
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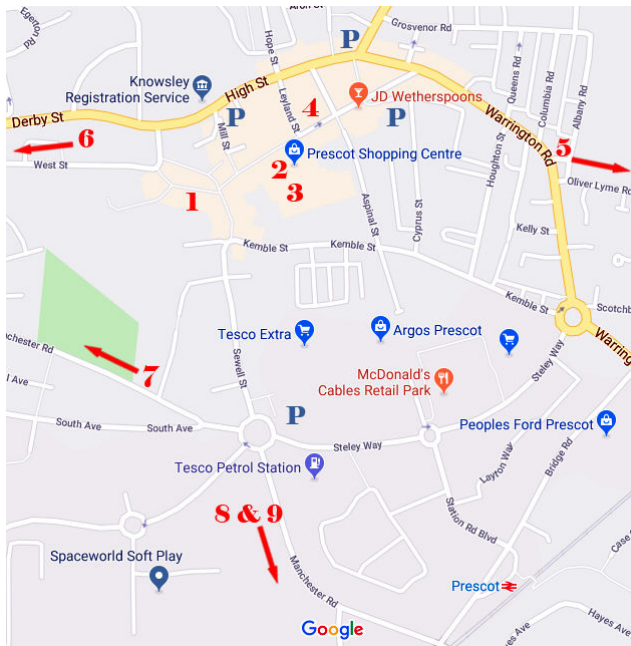
**HOW TO FIND PRESCOT**

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 & 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 Evelyn CP School, Evelyn Ave, L34 2SP
- 6 Clock Face Pub, 54 Derby St, L34 3LL
- 7 Brown's Field, Wood Ln, L34 1NU
- 8 St Paul's Church, Bryer Rd, L35 5DN
- 9 Whiston Town Hall, Old Colliery Rd, L35 3QX



14th Annual  
**Prescot Festival**  
of Music & the Arts



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

2018 highlights include:

- Swingshift Big Band**
- Fauré's Requiem**
- Wingates Brass Band**
- Songs from the Shows with BOST**
- Maghull Wind Orchestra**
- & much, much more!**



## Full Programme 15-24 June 2018

**Fri 15** 7.00pm . Parish Church . £8

### Swingshift: 'The Big Band Story'

The festival opens in spectacular style with Swingshift Big Band and vocalist Corinne Andrew. This toe-tappingly entertaining musical journey through the history of swing, from the 1930s to the present day, is not to be missed. Enjoy a Cottom's hot pot in the interval, included in the ticket price.



**Sat 16** 7.00pm . Parish Church . £5\*

### In Remembrance:

#### 1918-2018

The Prescot Festival Chorus assembles once again to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War One, with a performance of Fauré's stirring *Requiem* and *Cantique de Jean Racine* in the first half. James Luxton of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral conducts. The award-winning Haydock Male Voice Choir entertain in the second half with a diverse programme including popular wartime songs. Sopranos, altos, tenors and basses are welcome to 'Come & Sing' in the first half—for more information, visit [www.prescotfestival.co.uk](http://www.prescotfestival.co.uk).



**Sun 17** 3.00pm . Parish Church . £5\*

### Daniel Bishop in Recital

More than an hour of popular, classical and film music—including many well-known melodies—from Liverpool Cathedral's Associate Organist, followed by wine/juice and nibbles (included in ticket price).



**Mon 18** 7.00pm . Poco Coffee . £2

**Poetry Night** Liverpool bards Stephen J Regan and David J Costello host an evening of verse with other talented local poets. Snacks and light meals available.

**Tue 19** 8.00pm . Clock Face Pub . Free

**Clockfest** Enjoy an eclectic medley of local musical talent in one of Prescot's most popular traditional pubs, once part of the Earl of Derby's estate.

**Wed 20** 9.30am . Evelyn School . Free

### Young Instrumentalist of Prescot

Specially selected local school pupils of all ages demonstrate their exceptional musical skills.

**Thu 21** 7.00pm . St Paul's Church . £5

### Film: Educating Rita (1983)

Following three sell-out screenings of *Our Day Out*, we present another classic film from the pen of Whiston-born playwright Willy Russell. Julie Walters and Michael Caine star in the comedy-drama, directed by Lewis Gilbert (*Alfie, You Only Live Twice*), who died this year aged 97. Rated 15. Free choc ices served in the interval.

**Fri 22** 7.30pm . Parish Church . £7

### Wingates Brass Band

**in Concert** The North West's number four-ranking brass band makes its Prescot Festival debut. Hailing from Westhoughton, the Championship Section band has been going strong since 1873. Tuck into an interval pasty with wine/juice—included in the ticket price—to complete the true Lancashire experience.



**Sat 23** 11.30am . Meeting Room . £1

### Talk: Prescot Playhouse—the Big Dig

Adam Thompson and Mandy Burns (University of Salford) reveal the fascinating archaeological secrets unearthed on Mill Street as the foundations are prepared for Shakespeare North's new theatre and college in Prescot.

**Poco**  **TICKETS ON SALE 1 MAY 2018**  
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 23** 7.30pm . Whiston Town Hall . £6

### Songs from the Shows

**with BOST** One of the region's finest musical theatre companies, these stunning Birkenhead-based performers are back at the festival in our all-new venue. Expect a spectacular line-up of tunes from all your favourite West End and Broadway shows. Hot drinks and bar available.



**Sun 24** 12 noon . 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. The parade assembles on Eccleston Street at 11.15am, arriving at the carnival at 12 noon for the official opening.

**Sun 24** 6.00pm . Parish Church . Free

**Festival Choral Evensong** A traditional musical service in the elegant surroundings of Prescot's Jacobean parish church. The parish choir sing, with Tim Hall on the organ. Refreshments follow.

**Sun 24** 7.30pm . Parish Church . £6\*

### Festival Finale with Maghull Wind Orchestra

Our guests for the spirited conclusion to the festival celebrate their 40th anniversary this year. This outstanding community ensemble ends their Proms-style concert with patriotic favourites, including *Jerusalem* and *Land of Hope & Glory*. Bring your flags or buy one on the night!



### Plus:

\* **Schools' Artwork & Rachael Dunn Exhibition** (Whiston artist) in Prescot Parish Church during events  
\* **Prescot Museum & Library**—Saturdays & Thursday 10am—1pm, Monday—Tuesday & Friday 10am—5pm  
\* **Open Archives** at Prescot Heritage Hub Tuesday & Wednesday, 10am—12 noon & 1pm—4pm