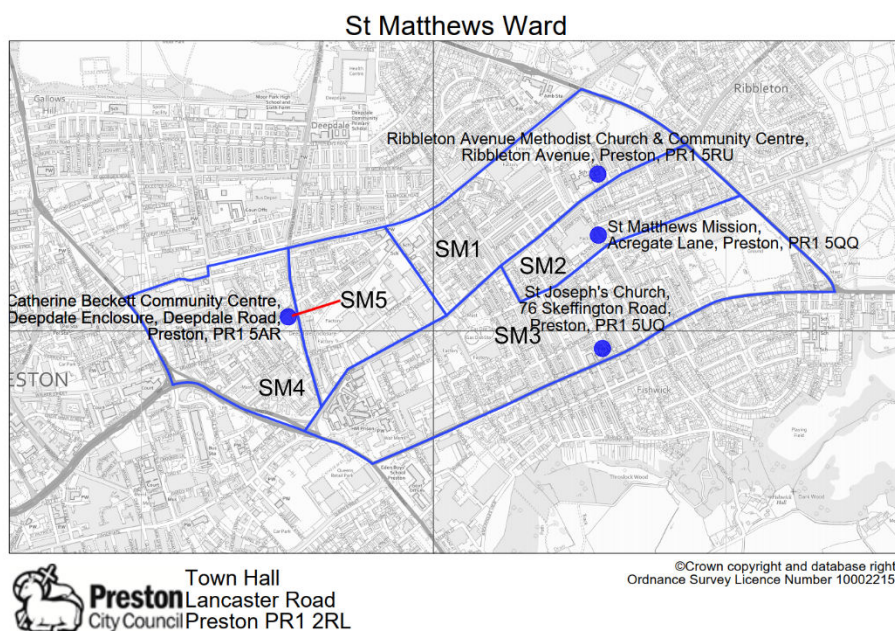


St Matthews Ward



A larger version of this map is available in the appendix.

The St Matthews Ward comprises of the following districts:

SM1, SM2, SM3, SM4, SM5

Information relating to the current polling districts and polling places:

Polling District	No. of Electors	No. of Postal & Proxy Voters	Polling Station Address	Disabled Access	Disabled Bay Available
SM1	1404	158	Ribbleton Avenue Methodist Church and Community Centre, Ribbleton Avenue, Preston PR1 5RU	Yes	Yes
SM2	948	107	St Matthew's Mission, Acregate Lane, Preston, PR1 5QQ	Yes	No
SM3	2391	258	St Josephs Church, 76 Skeffington Road, Preston, PR1 5UQ	Yes	No
SM4	1209	118	Catherine Beckett Community Centre, Deepdale Enclosure, Deepdale Road, Preston PR1 5AR	Yes	Yes

SM5	559	67	Catherine Beckett Community Centre, Deepdale Enclosure, Deepdale Road, Preston PR1 5AR	Yes	Yes
Total	6511	708			

Polling District – SM1

Area: No change.

Polling Station: No change.

Ribbleton Avenue Methodist Church and Community Centre is the most suitable location within the polling district. It is accessible to the electors within this polling district. It has disabled access and is well known to electors.

Polling District – SM2

Area: No change.

Polling Station: No change.

St Matthew’s Mission is situated centrally to the majority of electors within the polling district. It is a suitable location, has disabled access and is well known to electors. There is limited on-street parking.

Polling District – SM3

Area: Split of SM3 into two separate districts to make an additional district.

Polling Station: No change.

St Josephs Church is situated in the centre of the polling district. It is a large building and has disabled access.

SM3 has a large electorate and at busy elections could cause issues with queues at busy times. We propose to split the district into east and west using Skeffington Road as the boundary. This would also assist the annual canvass as there would be a more manageable electorate to canvass and facilitate elections.

Appendix 18 shows the proposed split.

Polling District – SM4

Area: Re-name to SM5.

Polling Station: No change.

Catherine Beckett Community Centre lies on the border of this area and the neighbouring polling district of SM5. It is easily accessible to the majority of electors within the polling district. It has disabled access and is well known community building used by electors.

Polling District – SM5

Area: Re-name to SM6

Polling Station: No change.

Catherine Beckett Community Centre lies within the border of the SM4 district boundary and just outside of SM5. There are no known, alternative suitable locations in the district.

Limiting Factors:

St Matthews Ward is split between two Divisions.

SM4 belongs in Preston City division and the rest lies within Preston South East division.

Proposals

Polling District	Proposals
SM1	No change to area or Polling Station.
SM2	No change to area or Polling Station.
SM3	Split SM3 evenly into two districts. Create a new SM4.
SM4 (Former)	Re-number to SM5.
SM5	Re-number to SM6.