



# LAVENHAM CHURCH

A BEACON OF HOPE

## Weekly Pewsheet

St Peter & St Paul, Lavenham – 10.00am Morning Worship

**Sunday 21 April 2024** The Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Services Today

Lavenham	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Lavenham	10.00am	Morning Worship and Baptism
Preston St Mary	2.30pm	Baptism
Preston St Mary	6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP)

### During the Week

Monday 22 April		NO Men's Cooking Club
Tuesday 23 April	8.45am	Morning Prayer ( <i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i> )
	6.45pm	Choir Practice ( <i>Lavenham Choir Vestry</i> )
Wednesday 24 April	8.45am	Morning Prayer ( <i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i> )
	10.00am	Midweek Communion (CW trad) ( <i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i> )
	12.30pm	Funeral of Daphne Michell ( <i>Lavenham</i> )
	7.00pm	Lavenham APCM ( <i>Lavenham Village Hall</i> )
Thursday 25 April	8.45am	Morning Prayer ( <i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i> )
	10.00am	Community Coffee Morning ( <i>Lavenham Village Hall</i> )

**Services next Sunday 28 April** The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Lavenham	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Lavenham	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
Preston St Mary	6.00pm	Evensong

### Looking Ahead

Monday 29 April	10.00am	Coffee Morning ( <i>Lavenham Village Hall</i> )
Thursday 9 May	8am–1pm	Ascension Day – <i>see notices for full details</i>
Sunday 12 May–Saturday 18 May		Christian Aid week
Friday 24 May	6.30pm	Church Bingo Night ( <i>Lavenham Village Hall</i> )

*Information for next week's pew sheet by the preceding Wednesday please to [pewsheets@lavenham.church](mailto:pewsheets@lavenham.church) or 01787 852787.*

**The Benefice of Lavenham with Preston**  
St Peter and St Paul Lavenham St Mary the Virgin Preston

# Prayers

*Celebrating resurrection & new life we pray for:*

Lavenham Deanery: Elmswell St John the Divine: Revd Peter Goodridge; Those exploring their vocation and the vocations team; Fairtrade farmers across the world trying to find a larger market for their produce; That more individuals, churches and other institutions in our diocese will adopt Fairtrade products for everyday use. Give thanks for those already doing so. **Lavenham:** Bakers Mill, Barn Street, Bears Lane; **Preston St Mary:** The Street.

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*Sunday readings & sermons are usually to be found on the website and on Facebook*

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**Offerings:** There is a collection plate on the table at the back of church. If you pay UK tax please use a yellow gift envelope; or use Just Giving online via [www.justgiving.com/lavenhamchurch](http://www.justgiving.com/lavenhamchurch); or for the Parish Giving Scheme, go ONLINE to <https://parishgiving.org.uk>, or scan the QR code here with your phone.



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**Photos and Videos:** If these include individuals in the church, they are deemed personal data. Please ensure you have consent. More information can be obtained from our PCC Secretary, Parish Safeguarding Officer, porch noticeboard, church website and Facebook page.

## Notices

**Gravetalk:** It is not easy talking about death, dying, funerals and grief. Gravetalk is designed by The Church of England to help get the conversation started. There are no right answers or wrong answers, this is not a course. It is a conversation. In small groups we will have a set of cards, upon which will be a question. The questions cover five themes; **Life:** What makes it special for you?; **Death:** memories and experience; **Society:** How our culture deals with death; **Funerals:** What happens and what could happen; **Grief:** The reality of loss. We are going to meet in **Lavenham Guildhall** at **4pm** on four **Thursdays** from **13 June** to **4 July**. There is no charge for joining the group. If you would like to know more please contact Revd Simon on 01787 827691 or e mail [rector@lavenham.church](mailto:rector@lavenham.church).

**Ascension Day – Thursday 9 May:** 8.00am Tower Praise followed by breakfast; we will welcome members of other churches in the deanery; after breakfast at 10.00am Holy Communion, then at 11.00am a tour of Lavenham Church, including a brief talk on Lavenham Airfield by Robyn Lloyd Hughes; 12noon Tour of Lavenham.

**Christian Aid Week – Sunday 12 May to Saturday 18 May:** If anyone can help deliver envelopes to homes that would be appreciated. On Saturday 18 May 8.00am Churches Together Prayer Breakfast in the Village Hall, followed by Coffee Morning. Donations of homemade cakes & biscuits to sell for Christian Aid would be greatly appreciated.

**Church Bingo Night – Friday 24 May 6.30pm (Lavenham Village Hall):** £10 entry including games of bingo and pie and pea supper. Funds raised to support the church. Donations for a raffle would be greatly appreciated.

**Lavenham Life New Editor:** We are pleased that **Matt George** has agreed to take over the role of Editor in time to produce the June edition of Lavenham Life. Matt was a journalist with the Times and Daily Telegraph newspapers and is a member of our Lavenham Church congregation which he is also supporting by training as a Church Lay Elder.

**Used Greetings Cards:** Ginny Mackman has kindly started to create greetings cards to sell in our shop, so if you have any old/used greetings cards that she could use to make these beautiful cards, please leave them in the wicker tray marked 'Used Greetings Cards' at the back of the shop. Ginny's cards are available in the card display stand in the front of the shop. Thank you, Ginny, for your time and efforts.

**Annual Vestry & Parochial Church Meetings:** Lavenham – Wednesday 24 April 7pm. At the Annual Vestry Meeting two Churchwardens are elected for a term of one year. As the office of churchwarden is a public office held on behalf of the whole community, the vestry meeting is open to all residents of the village. Those entitled to vote for churchwardens include anyone on the electoral roll of the parish church and anyone who lives in the village whose name is on the register of local government electors. The second part of the meeting is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), when we consider the annual accounts and activities of the church, and give thanks for all that we have shared together. It is also a meeting at which elections take place for membership of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). If you are interested in standing as Churchwarden or in joining the PCC will find nomination forms at the back of church in Lavenham, or speak to the churchwardens. *To vote at the APCM you need to be on the Church Electoral Roll – please speak to the Churchwardens if you are not, but would like to be.*

**Volunteers needed:** The team who prepare and serve coffee/refreshments following the 10.15am service in Lavenham is short of people, and would welcome some willing volunteers to join them. Please talk to Mary Jackson if you can help.

**Changes to the Service Pattern:** Please see the back page for details of the new pattern.

#### **Choir and Music Group:**

As part of the changes to the service pattern, from May, the choir will sing at Evensong on the first Sunday of the month rather than at the morning service, and we hope to introduce a Music Group to lead the morning Holy Communion service. If you play an instrument, and would like to join the group, please speak to Kevin Slingsby.

**Safeguarding Training:** Face-to-face training is available locally at all levels over the next few months – **Basic Awareness** at *Woolpit Institute* on **Thursday 16 May** (2.00pm–4.00pm) or *St Catherine Long Melford* on **Thursday 6 June** (7.00pm–9.30pm); **Foundation** at *St Mary the Virgin Haverhill* on **Saturday 11 May** (10.00am–12.30pm); **Leadership** at *Elmswell Church* on **Tuesdays 21 May & 4 June** (2.30pm–4.30pm) or *Boxford Church* on **Thursdays 25 April & 9 May** (10.00am–12.30pm). **Basic Awareness** is accessible to everyone, and is required for everyone who has a designated role in the Church (paid or voluntary), but all parishioners are welcome and encouraged to complete it; if you are unsure which level is right for you, please check with Mary Jackson. *To book a place or for the online portal there is a link on the website home page.*

# 10.00am Morning Worship and Baptism – Lavenham

## Opening Hymn



1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
and drives away his fear.

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary rest.

3. Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury filled  
with boundless stores of grace.

4. Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.

5. Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

6. Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

*Word: John Newton (1725-1807)*  
*Music: St Peter, Alexander Robert Reinagle (1799-1877)*  
*(Ancient & Modern – 664)*

## Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

# Jubilate Deo

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- 1 O be joyful in the | Lord · all ye | lands :  
serve the Lord with gladness, \* and come before his | pre-sence | with a | song.
- 2 Be ye sure that the | Lord · he is | God :  
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves,  
we are his | people · and the | sheep of · his | pasture.
- 3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, \* and into his | courts with | praise.  
be thankful unto | him and · speak | good of · his | Name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious, \* his mercy is | ev-er- | lasting :  
and his truth endureth from gener- | ation · to | gen-er- | ation.  
Glory | be · to the | Father,  
and to the | Son and · to the | Ho-ly | Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning is | now and · ever | shall be :  
world | with-out | end, A- | men.

## First Reading – Acts 4.5-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23

J Jones



- 1 The | Lord is · my | shepherd :  
therefore | can I | lack — | nothing.
- 2 He shall feed me in a | green — | pasture :  
and lead me | forth be-side the | waters · of | comfort.
- 3 He shall con- | vert my | soul :  
and bring me forth in the paths of | righteous-ness | for his | Name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will | fear no | evil :  
for thou art with me; \* thy | rod and · thy | staff — | comfort me.
- 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against | them that | trouble me:  
thou hast anointed my head with | oil, \* and my | cup shall · be | full.
- 6 But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the | days of · my| life :  
and I will dwell in the | house of · the | Lord for | ever.

Glory | be · to the | Father,  
and to the | Son and · to the | Ho-ly | Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning is | now and · ever | shall be :  
world | with-out | end, A- | men.

### Second Reading – 1 John 3.16-24

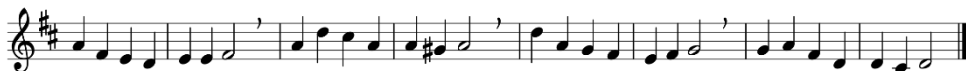
A reading from the first letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn before the Gospel Reading



1. Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,  
keep thy lamb, in safety keep;  
nothing can thy power withstand,  
none can pluck me from thy hand.

2. Loving Saviour, thou didst give  
thine own life that we might live,  
and the hands outstretched to bless  
bear the cruel nails' impress.

5. Where thou leadest I would go,  
walking in Thy steps below,  
till before my Father's throne  
I shall know as I am known.

3. I would praise thee every day,  
gladly all Thy will obey,  
like thy blessed ones above  
happy in thy precious love.

4. Loving Shepherd, ever near,  
teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;  
suffer not my steps to stray  
from the straight and narrow way.

*Words: Jane Elizabeth Leeson (1809-1881)*

*Music: Buckland, Leighton George Hayne (1836-1883)  
(Ancient & Modern – 724)*

## Gospel Reading – Mark 1.4-11

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Anthem

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; you will comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*Words: Psalm 23 Music: Howard Goodall (b 1958)*

## Offertory Hymn



1. Heav'n shall not wait for the poor to lose their patience,  
the scorned to smile, the despised to find a friend:  
Jesus is Lord; he has championed the unwanted;  
in him injustice confronts its timely end.
2. Heav'n shall not wait for the rich to share their fortunes,  
the proud to fall, the élite to tend the least:  
Jesus is Lord; he has shown his master's privilege –  
to kneel and wash servants' feet before they feast.
3. Heav'n shall not wait for the dawn of great ideas,  
thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain:  
Jesus is Lord; he has married word and action;  
his cross and company make his purpose plain.
4. Heav'n shall not wait for our legalised obedience,  
defined by statute, to strict conventions bound:  
Jesus is Lord; he has hallmarked true allegiance –  
goodness appears where his grace is sought and found.
5. Heav'n shall not wait for triumphant hallelujahs,  
when earth has passed and we reach another shore:  
Jesus is Lord in our present imperfection;  
his pow'r and love are for now and then for evermore.

## Final Hymn



1. I will sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me,  
how he left the realms of glory  
for the cross on Calvary.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me –  
sing it with his saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.

2. I was lost but Jesus found me,  
found the sheep that went astray,  
raised me up, and gently led me  
back into the narrow way.  
Days of darkness still may meet me,  
sorrow's paths I oft may tread;  
but his presence still is with me,  
by his guiding hand I'm led:

3. He will keep me till the river  
rolls its waters at my feet:  
then he'll bear me safely over,  
made by grace for glory meet.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me –  
sing it with his saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.

*Words: Frances Harold Rowley (1854-1952) Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887),  
harm Compilers of English Hymnal 1906 © Harper Collins Religious/Song Solutions CopyCare (Ancient & Modern – 671)*

## Organ

The Prince of Denmark's March (Trumpet Voluntary) *Jeremiah Clarke (1674–1707)*



## Lavenham Benefice – Pattern of Sunday Services

	First Sunday	Second Sunday	Third Sunday	Fourth Sunday	Fifth Sunday
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Lavenham</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Lavenham</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Lavenham</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Lavenham</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Lavenham</i>
10.00am	Holy Communion (CW) <i>Lavenham</i>	Holy Communion (CW) <i>Lavenham</i>	Morning Worship <i>Lavenham</i>	Holy Communion (CW) <i>Lavenham</i>	Benefice Service <i>Lavenham</i>
11.30am for 12.00	Preston Praise <i>Preston St Mary</i>				
6.00pm	Evening Service <i>Lavenham</i>	Evensong <i>Preston St Mary</i>	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>Preston St Mary</i>	Evensong <i>Preston St Mary</i>	Benefice Evensong <i>Lavenham or Preston</i>

## Regular Weekday Services and Events

Monday in Lavenham Village Hall:

10.00am Knit & Natter (1st & 3rd Monday)

10.00am: Think & Drink (2nd Monday)

9.30am Men's Cooking Club (4th Monday)

10.00am Coffee Morning (5th Monday)

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday in Lavenham Church:

8.45am Morning Prayer (CW using the Church of England Daily Prayer app)

Tuesday in Lavenham Church Choir Vestry:

6.45pm Choir 'Voice for Life' Training

7.15pm Choir Practice

Wednesday in Lavenham Church:

10.00am Holy Communion (CW traditional language)

Thursday in Lavenham Village Hall:

10.00am Community Coffee Morning

*Holy Communion services use BCP (Book of Common Prayer – 1662) at 8am (Lavenham) and 6pm (Preston) or CW (Common Worship – 2002) at 10am (Lavenham – contemporary language on Sunday, traditional language on Wednesday)*

*Morning Worship is based on CW Morning Prayer; Evensong is BCP; Evening Service at Lavenham is usually Choral Evensong but may occasionally take other forms.*