



LAVENHAM CHURCH

A BEACON OF HOPE

Weekly Pewsheets

St Peter & St Paul, Lavenham – 8.00/10.00am

Sunday 5 May 2024 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Services Today

Lavenham	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Lavenham	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
Preston St Mary	12.00pm	Rogation Service at Preston Priory Farm <i>(followed by Farm Walk and Barbecue)</i>
Lavenham	6.00pm	Choral Evensong

During the Week

Monday 6 May		NO Knit & Natter <i>due to Bank Holiday</i>
Tuesday 7 May	8.45am	Morning Prayer (<i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i>)
	6.45pm	Choir Practice (<i>Lavenham Choir Vestry</i>)
Wednesday 8 May	8.45am	Morning Prayer (<i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i>)
	10.00am	Midweek Communion (CW trad) (<i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i>)
	4.00pm	Lay Elder Training (Worship) (<i>17 The Glebe, Lavenham</i>)
Thursday 9 May <i>Ascension Day</i>	8.00am	Tower Praise (<i>Lavenham Tower</i>)
	8.45am	Breakfast (<i>Lavenham</i>)
	10.00am	Holy Communion (<i>Lavenham</i>)
	11.00am	Tour of Lavenham Church
Thursday 9 May	12noon	Tour of Lavenham
	8.45am	Morning Prayer (<i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i>)
	10.00am	Community Coffee Morning (<i>Lavenham Village Hall</i>)

Services next Sunday 12 May The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Looking Ahead

Sunday 12 May–Saturday 18 May		Christian Aid week
Monday 13 May	10.00am	Think & Drink (<i>Lavenham Village Hall</i>)
Friday 24 May	6.30pm	Church Bingo Night (<i>Lavenham Village Hall</i>)
Thursday 13 June	4.00pm	Gravetalk (<i>Lavenham Guildhall</i>)

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:

Mildenhall Deanery: The Forest Heath Team Ministry: Revd David Butcher, Revd Chris Childs, Revd Caroline Butcher, Revd Sue Leathley, Revd Dr Adam Barclay, Revd Diane Grano; Churchwardens; On Rogation Sunday, for subsistence farmers struggling to survive as the climate crisis worsens; The aid agencies trying to help them;
Lavenham: Brights Lane, Bury Road, Butfield; **Preston St Mary:** Whelp Street.

Contact Details

Website: www.lavenham.church **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/lavenhamchurch

ACNY: www.achurchnearyou.com/2156 (Lavenham) /2155 (Preston St Mary)

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

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Information for next week's pew sheet by the preceding Wednesday please to pewsheets@lavenham.church or 01787 852787.

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; or for the Parish Giving Scheme, go ONLINE to <https://parishgiving.org.uk>, or scan the QR code here with your phone.



Hearing Aid Loop: This is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use please switch your hearing aid to 'T'.

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

Rogation Service – TODAY Sunday 5 May: You are cordially invited to join us for our Rogation Service at **Preston Priory Farm** on 5 May. The service will begin at 12 noon and be followed by a farm walk (for those that can make it – not obligatory). Please therefore bring appropriate clothing and footwear. We are obliged to Denise and Allan Luck for their hospitality and for agreeing to lead the farm walk, when they will explain what the various crops are, how they are grown and what their end use is. After the walk, we will congregate in the farm courtyard for one of Preston's famous BBQs, when a donations bar will also be available. We do hope that you can be there. If so, please let us know for catering purposes – tel: 01787 247626.

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.

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.

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.

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 (starting from today), 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 Holy Communion – Lavenham

Opening Hymn



1. Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2. O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my
path illuming.

3. Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps
with loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Words: Discendi, amor santo, Bianco da Siena (d 1434) tr Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890)
Music: Down Ampney, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
(Ancient & Modern – 238)

Gloria



1. Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!
Peace to all your people through the earth be given!
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
singing Alleluia to our heavenly king;

2. Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son!
With the Holy Spirit you are Lord alone!
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer;

3. Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,
seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores:
in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

*Words: Christopher Idle (b 1938)
Music: Camberwell, John Micael Brierley (b 1932) – AM 593i
(Ancient & Modern – 415)*

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading – Acts 10.44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98



1. Sing to God new songs of worship
all his deeds are marvellous;
he has brought salvation to us
with his hand and holy arm.
He has shown to all the nations
righteousness and saving power;
he recalled his truth and mercy
to his people Israel.

2. Sing to God new songs of worship
earth has seen his victory;
let the lands of earth be joyful
praising him with thankfulness.
Sound upon the harp his praises,
play to him with melody;
let the trumpets sound his triumph,
show your joy to God the King!

3. Sing to God new songs of worship
let the sea now make a noise;
all on earth and in the waters,
sound your praises to the Lord.
Let the hills rejoice together,
let the rivers clap their hands,
for with righteousness and justice
he will come to judge the earth.

Words: after Psalm 98, Michael Baughen (b 1930)

Music: Ode to Joy, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

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Second Reading – 1 John 5.1-6

A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn



1. Come, let us live by love
which flows from God alone,
whose life and truth in Christ we see,
in radiant beauty shown.

The Spirit gives us grace
to follow where Christ trod,
and know that everyone who loves
is born and known of God.

2. God is the only source
of love that knows no end;
which, open to another's pain,
itself will freely spend.

This is the great command:
to live within that love,
until the world is filled with peace
and glory from above.

3. Wake to the Spirit's voice,
proclaiming from outside,
'In unexpected people, still,
will God be glorified,
whose love embraces all,
of every creed and race;
so praise, with them, love's only Source,
the God of truth and grace!'

Words: Michael Lindsay Forster (b 1946) Music: Diademata, George Job Elvey (1816-1893) © Michael Forster (Instant Hymns – 103)

Gospel Reading – John 15.9-17

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Offertory Hymn



1. In our darkness light has shone,
Alleluia,
still today the light shines on,
Alleluia;
Word made flesh in human birth,
Alleluia,
Light and Life of all the earth,
Alleluia!
2. Christ the Son incarnate see,
Alleluia,
by whom all things came to be,
Alleluia;
through the world his splendours shine,
Alleluia,
full of grace and truth divine,
Alleluia!
3. All who now in him believe,
Alleluia,
everlasting life receive,
Alleluia;
born of God and in his care,
Alleluia,
we his name and nature share,
Alleluia!
4. Christ a child on earth appears,
Alleluia,
crown of all creation's years,
Alleluia;
God's eternal Word has come,
Alleluia,
he shall lead his people home,
Alleluia!

Words: based on John 1.1-14, Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926) Music: Redland, Malcolm Archer (b 1952) (A&M 101)

Sanctus & Benedictus



1. Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,
in power and wisdom for ever adored.
The earth and the heaven are full of your love;
our joyful hosannas re-echo above.
2. Blessèd, most blessèd, all blessèd is he
whose life makes us whole, and whose death sets us free:
who comes in the name of the Father of light,
let endless hosanna resound in the height..

Words: from Sanctus & Benedictus, Michael Forster (b 1946) Music: Slane, Irish trad melody, harm Erik Routley (1917-1982)
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Agnus Dei



1. O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts
and take our sins away.

2. O Lamb of God, our lives restore,
our guilty souls release.

O Lamb of God, your grace impart,
and let our guilty fear depart,
have mercy, Lord, we pray,
have mercy, Lord, we pray.

Into our lives your Spirit pour
and let us live for evermore
in perfect heav'nly peace,
in perfect heav'nly peace.

Words: from *Agnus Dei*, Michael Forster (b 1946) Music: Repton, from Judith, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)
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Communion Hymn



God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.

1. Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling.
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.
Let us all revere and love him, God eternal.
Let each love Christ in sisters and in brothers all.

God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.

2. When we Christians gather, members of one Body,
let there be in us no discord, but one spirit.
Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.
Christ, our God, be present always here among us.

God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.

3. Grant us love's fulfilment, joy with all the blessed,
when we see your face, O Saviour, in its glory.
Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,
be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.

God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.

Words: based on *Ubi caritas et amor* (Latin 9th century, trans James Quin SJ (1919-2010))
Music: *Ubi Caritas*, Anthony Gregory Murray (1905-1992) (Ancient & Modern – 168)

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Final Hymn



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| 1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing. | 2. Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!
let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy. |
| 3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love. | |

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: Antioch, W Holford's Voce di Melodia c1834, arr Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

(Ancient & Modern – 72)

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.