



LAVENHAM CHURCH

A BEACON OF HOPE

Weekly Pewsheet

St Peter & St Paul, Lavenham – 6.00pm

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

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Information for next week's pew sheet by the preceding Wednesday please to pewsheet@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.*

6.00pm Choral Evensong – Lavenham

Hymns are taken from New English Hymnal

Opening Hymn

112 – Jesus lives! thy terrors now

Psalm 45.1-10

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- 1 My heart is inditing of a | good — | matter :
I speak of the things which I have | made — | unto · the | King.
 - 2 My | tongue — | is ⇨
the | pen · of a | rea-dy | writer.
 - 3 Thou art fairer than the | children · of | men :
full of grace are thy lips,
because | God hath | bless'd thee · for | ever.
 - 4 Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh O | thou most | Mighty :
according to thy | wor-ship | and re- | nown.
 - 5 Good luck have thou | with thine | honour :
ride on, because of the word of truth,
of meekness and righteousness;
and thy right hand shall | teach thee | terri-ble | things.
 - 6 Thy arrows are very sharp,
and the people shall be sub- | du'd — | unto thee :
even in the | midst a- | mong the · King's | enemies.
 - 7 Thy seat O God en- | dureth · for | ever :
the sceptre of thy | kingdom · is a | right — | sceptre.
 - 8 Thou hast lov'd righteousness and | hated · in- | iquity :
wherefore God, * even thy God, hath anointed thee with ⇨
the oil of | glad-ness a- | bove thy | fellows.
 - 9 All thy garments smell of myrrh, | aloes · and | cassia :
out of the ivory palaces where- | by · they have | made thee | glad.
 - 10 Kings' daughters were among thy | honoura-ble | women :
upon thy right hand did stand the queen in a vesture of gold,
wrought a- | bout with | di-vers | colours.
- 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 Lesson – *Song of Solomon 4.16–5.2; 8.6,7*

Here beginneth the 16th Verse of the 4th Chapter of the Song of Solomon

Awake, O north wind, and come, O south wind! Blow upon my garden that its fragrance may be wafted abroad. Let my beloved come to his garden, and eat its choicest fruits. I come to my garden, my sister, my bride; I gather my myrrh with my spice, I eat my honeycomb with my honey, I drink my wine with my milk. Eat, friends, drink, and be drunk with love. I slept, but my heart was awake. Listen! my beloved is knocking. 'Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my perfect one; for my head is wet with dew, my locks with the drops of the night.' Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of one's house, it would be utterly scorned.

Here endeth the First Lesson

Office Hymn

101 – The Lamb's high banquet we await (*plainsong*)

Second Lesson – *Revelation 3.14–22*

Here beginneth the 14th Verse of the 3rd Chapter of the Revelation to St John

'And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God's creation: 'I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. For you say, "I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing." You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich; and white robes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen; and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.'

Here endeth the Second Lesson

Collect

O Lord, from whom all good things do come;
Grant to us thy humble servants,
that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good,
and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn after the Prayers

445 – Rock of ages cleft for me

Hymn after the Sermon

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
now fulfil thy church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways;
from the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness,
rich in goods and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal

4. Set our feet on lofty places,
gird our lives that they may be
armoured with all Christlike graces
in the fight till all be free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
that we fail not earth nor thee.

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969)

*Music: Neander (Unser Herrscher), melody set to Unser Herrscher in Alpha und Omega, Joachim Meander (1650-1680)
(Ancient & Modern – 648)*

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.