



LAVENHAM CHURCH

A BEACON OF HOPE

Weekly Pewsheet

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

Sunday 19 May 2024 Pentecost

Services Today

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

During the Week

Monday 20 May	10.00am	Knit & Natter (<i>Lavenham Village Hall</i>)
Tuesday 21 May	8.45am	Morning Prayer (<i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i>)
	7.15pm	Choir Practice (<i>Lavenham Choir Vestry</i>)
Wednesday 22 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>Tenter Piece Common Room</i>)
	7.00pm	Lavenham PCC (<i>Lavenham Village Hall P&P Room</i>)
Thursday 23 May	8.45am	Morning Prayer (<i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i>)
	10.00am	Community Coffee Morning (<i>Lavenham Village Hall</i>)
Fri 24 May–Sun 9 Jun		Suffolk Art Society Exhibition (<i>Lavenham Church</i>)
Friday 24 May	6.30pm	Church Bingo Night (<i>Lavenham Village Hall</i>)

Services next Sunday 26 May Trinity Sunday

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

Looking Ahead

Monday 27 May	9.30am	Men's Cooking Club (<i>Lavenham Village Hall</i>)
Thursday 13 June	4.00pm	Gravetalk (<i>Lavenham Guildhall</i>)
Sunday 30 June	5.00pm	Lavenham Patronal Festival Choral Evensong
Sunday 7 July	10.00am	Commissioning of Lay Elders (<i>Lavenham</i>)
	11.30am	Friends of Lavenham Church AGM (<i>Lavenham Village Hall</i>)

Information for next week's pew sheet by the preceding Wednesday please to 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:

Sudbury Deanery: Acton with Gt Waldingfield: Revd Faith Marsden; Love Rural (God's calling for the church in Suffolk countryside); On Pentecost, that the Holy Spirit will work through our government leaders to bring peace to our world and to address seriously the growing climate crisis; **Lavenham:** Deacons Close, Frogs Hall Road, Green Willows; **Preston St Mary:** Church Lane.

Contact Details

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

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Notices

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 Patronal Festival – Sunday 30 June: On the Feast Day of St Peter & St Paul there will be the normal morning services at 8am and 10am, and at **5pm** Choral Evensong will be sung by the choir of Gonville and Caius College.

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.

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.

Changes to the Service Pattern: Please see the back page for details of the new pattern.
First Sunday Services: The choir sung at Evensong for the first time last week, and would welcome any good singers who would like to join them for that service who may not be able to make the commitment of singing every week. Also, we hope to introduce a Music Group to lead the morning Holy Communion service on the First Sunday. If either interest you, 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 *St Catherine Long Melford* on **Thursday 6 June** (7.00pm–9.30pm); **Foundation** at *St Mary Hadleigh* on **Saturday 16 July** (10.00am–12.30pm); **Leadership** at *St Luke Beccles* on **Tuesdays 18 June & 2 July** (2.00pm–4.00pm). **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)

Collect

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and 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 2.1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – Romans 8.22-27

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn



1. Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

2. Thy blessèd unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight:

3. Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
with the abundance of thy grace:
keep far from foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.

4. Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but One;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song,

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words: based on Veni, Creator Spiritus, Latin 8th or 9th century, John Cosin (1594-1672)

*Music: Veni Creator (Mechlin), plainsong mode viii
(Ancient & Modern – 241)*

Third Reading – John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Offertory Hymn



1. All together in one place
friends of Jesus met to pray,
waiting as the Lord had said
for the Pentecostal day. *Alleluia!*
2. All together with one power
poured out when the Spirit came,
touching each and filling all,
rushing wind and burning flame.
3. All together with one voice,
praising God in every tongue:
languages they never learned,
telling what the Lord had done.
4. All together with one aim:
bearing witness to their Lord -
sharing faith by word and deed,
preaching Christ, the living Word.
5. All together still today,
though two thousand years have gone.
Still the Spirit's power is given;
still God's people meet as one.
6. One in mission, one in faith,
still responding to God's call,
one in telling all the world
Jesus Christ is Lord of all!

Words: Brian Hoare (b 1935) Music: Württemberg, melody from Hundert Arien, Dresden 1694,
adapted by William Henry Monk (1823-1889) – AM 200i © Brain Hoare / The Jubilate Group (Ancient & Modern – 234)

Anthem

Spirit blowing through creation, Spirit burning in the skies,
let the hope of your salvation fill our eyes.

God of splendour, God of glory, you who light the starts above,
all the heavens tell the story of your love.

As you moved upon the waters, as you ride upon the wind,
move us all, your sons and daughters, deep within.

As you shaped the hills and mountains, formed the land and filled the deep,
let your hand renew and waken all who sleep.

*Spirit renewing the earth, renewing the hearts of all people,
burn in the weary souls, blow through the silent lips, come now, awake us! Spirit of God.*

Love that sends the rivers dancing, love that waters all that lives,
love that heals and hold and rouses and forgives.

You are food for all your creatures, you are hunger in the soul,
in your hands the broken-hearted are made whole.

All the creatures you have fashioned, all that live and breathe in you,
find their hope in your compassion, strong and true.

You, O Spirit of salvation, you alone beneath, above,
come, renew you whole creation in your love,

Words & Music: Marty Haugen © GIA Publications Inc

Final Hymn



1. Be present, Spirit of the Lord,
let sounds of earth be dumb;
the Father's love be shed abroad,
the dew of blessing on us poured:
 O silent Spirit, come!
 O silent Spirit, come!

2. In power unseen upon us rest,
your gracious gifts impart:
a mind renewed, a spirit blessed,
a life where Christ is manifest,
 an understanding heart,
 an understanding heart.

3. Love's sovereign work of grace fulfil,
our souls to Christ incline,
intent to do the Father's will
and stand by faith before him still
 in righteousness divine,
 in righteousness divine.

4. O Spirit come, and with us stay;
make every heart your home.
So work in us that we who pray
may walk with Christ in wisdom's way:
 O Holy Spirit, come!
 O Holy Spirit, come!.

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926) Music: Repton, from Judith, C H H Parry (1848–1918) (Ancient & Modern – 235)

Organ

Festival Finale

Malcolm Archer (b 1952)

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.