



LAVENHAM CHURCH

A BEACON OF HOPE

Weekly Pewsheets

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

Sunday 12 May 2024

The Seventh Sunday of Easter (The Sunday after Ascension)

Services Today

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

During the Week

Sunday 12 May–Saturday 18 May Christian Aid week

Monday 13 May 10.00am Think & Drink (*Lavenham Village Hall*)

Tuesday 14 May 8.45am Morning Prayer (*Lavenham Lady Chapel*)

6.45pm Choir Practice (*Lavenham Choir Vestry*)

Wednesday 15 May 8.45am Morning Prayer (*Lavenham Lady Chapel*)

10.00am Midweek Communion (CW trad) (*Lavenham Lady Chapel*)

4.00pm Lay Elder Training (Worship) (*Tenter Piece Common Room*)

7.00pm Lavenham PCC (*The Swan McCallum Room*)

Thursday 16 May 8.45am Morning Prayer (*Lavenham Lady Chapel*)

10.00am Community Coffee Morning (*Lavenham Village Hall*)

Saturday 18 May 8.00am CTiS Prayer Breakfast & Coffee Morning (*Lavenham VH*)

Services next Sunday 19 May Pentecost

Lavenham 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Lavenham 10.00am Morning Worship

Preston St Mary 6.00pm Holy Communion (BCP)

Looking Ahead

Monday 20 May 10.00am Knit & Natter (*Lavenham Village Hall*)

Friday 24 May 6.30pm Church Bingo Night (*Lavenham Village Hall*)

Thursday 13 June 4.00pm Gravetalk (*Lavenham Guildhall*)

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

Samford Deanery: The North Samford Benefice: In vacancy; Chaplains to hospices in the diocese –Revd Morag Finch, Revd Canon Sharon Connell; At the start of Christian Aid Week, the organisation and all that it does for disadvantaged people around the world; Its staff, that they may have the courage and determination to deliver aid wherever it is needed; The generosity of people supporting Christian Aid; **Lavenham:** Church Street, Clay Hill Lane, Constable Court; **Preston St Mary:** Barn Lane.

Contact Details

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Notices

Christian Aid Week – Sunday 12 May to Saturday 18 May: This Saturday (18 May) at 8.00am Churches Together Prayer Breakfast is in the Village Hall, followed by a Coffee Morning. **CAN YOU HELP? Donations of homemade cakes & biscuits and help at the Coffee Morning itself are needed – please speak to Mary Jackson (01787 247631).**

Charity Concert – Saturday 18 May 7.00pm (Preston St Mary Village Hall): A fun-filled programme of favourites with a celestial theme sung by the Preston Pop-up Choir and close harmony group Preston Belles, with guest soloist Olivia Castle. Proceeds to Addenbrookes Charitable Trust, which helps patients and their families by providing additional services that would not be available through the NHS. Donations bar & raffle. Entry £10 – telephone 01787 247626.

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 *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 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. Hail the day that sees him rise, *Alleluia*,
to his throne above the skies; *Alleluia*,
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, *Alleluia*,
enters now the highest heaven. *Alleluia!*

2. There for him high triumph waits;
lift your heads, eternal gates.
He hath conquered death and sin;
take the King of Glory in.

3. Lo, the heaven its Lord receives,
yet he loves the earth he leaves;
though returning to his throne,
still he calls mankind his own.

4. See, he lifts his hands above;
see, he shews the prints of love;
hark, his gracious lips bestow
blessings on his church below.

5. Still for us he intercedes,
his prevailing death he pleads;
near himself prepares our place,
he the first-fruits of our race.

6. Lord, though parted from our sight,
far above the starry height,
grant our hearts may thither rise,
seeking thee above the skies.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), Thomas Cotterill (1779-1823) and others
Music: Llanfair, melody prob by Robert Williams (1782-1818), harm prob Compilers of English Hymnal 1906
(Ancient & Modern – 228)

Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

First Reading – Acts 1.15-17,21-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm I



The Lord knows the way of the right-eous.

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night.
Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper. **R**

As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish. **R**

Second Reading – 1 John 5.9-13

A reading from the first letter of John.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn



1. Come, let us join our cheerful songs
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.
2. 'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,
'to be exalted thus';
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
'for he was slain for us.'
3. Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can give,
be, Lord, for ever thine.
4. Let all that dwell above the sky,
and air, and earth, and seas,
conspire to lift thy glories high,
and speak thine endless praise.
5. The whole creation joins in one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.

Words: From Revelation 5.11-13, Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: Nativity, Henry Lahee (1826-1912)

(Ancient & Modern – 362)

Gospel Reading – *John 17.6-19*

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Offertory Hymn



1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.

Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesu, true and living bread.

2. Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.

Alleluia, alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

5. Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, alleluia,
risen, ascended, glorified!

3. Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.

Alleluia, alleluia,
we in worship join with them.

4. Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,

Alleluia, alleluia,
cleansing souls from every stain.

Words: George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925)
Music: St Helen, G C Martin (1844-1916)
(Ancient & Modern – 453)

Communion Hymn



My Jesus, my Saviour,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days
I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
let every breath,
all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

*Shout to the Lord,
all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy
at the work of your hands.
For ever I'll love you, for ever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in you.*

Words & Music: Darlene Zschech
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(Ancient & Modern – 732)

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn



1. Jesus shall reign where e'er the sun
doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

5. Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

3. Blessings abound where e'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

4. To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like incense shall arise
with every morning sacrifice.

Word: based on Psalm 72, Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: Truro, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

(Ancient & Modern – 691)

Organ

Fantasia

Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706)

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.