



LAVENHAM CHURCH

A BEACON OF HOPE

Weekly Pewsheets

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

Sunday 30 June 2024 Peter and Paul

Services Today

Lavenham	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Lavenham	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
Lavenham	5.00pm	Patronal Festival Choral Evensong <i>sung by the Choir of Gonville and Caius College</i>
Preston St Mary		<i>No service</i>

During the Week

Monday 1 July	10.00am	Knit & Natter (<i>Lavenham Village Hall</i>)
Tuesday 2 July	8.45am	Morning Prayer (<i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i>)
	7.15pm	Choir Practice (<i>Lavenham Choir Vestry</i>)
Wednesday 3 July	8.45am	Morning Prayer (<i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i>)
	10.00am	Midweek Communion (CW trad) (<i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i>)
Thursday 4 July	8.45am	Morning Prayer (<i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i>)
	10.00am	Community Coffee Morning (<i>Lavenham Village Hall</i>)
	3.30pm	Gravetalk (<i>last session</i>) (<i>Lavenham Guildhall</i>)
Friday 5 July	12.00pm	Funeral of David Culverwell (<i>Preston St Mary</i>)
Saturday 6 July	1.30pm	Wedding of Ryan Neligan & Rebecca Collins (<i>Lavenham</i>)

Services next Sunday 7 July The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Lavenham	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Lavenham	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW) & Commissioning of Lay Elders
Preston St Mary	12.00pm	Preston Praise (<i>refreshments from 11.30am</i>) <i>NO Evening Service at Lavenham</i>

Looking Ahead

Sunday 7 July	12.00pm	Friends of Lavenham Church AGM (<i>Lavenham Village Hall</i>)
	7.00pm	Lavenham Sinfonia Concert (<i>Lavenham Church</i>)
Monday 8 July	10.00am	Think & Drink (<i>Lavenham Village Hall</i>)

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:

Gipping Valley Deanery: Needham Market with Badley: Revd Tracey James, Kate Holmes (Reader); The Befriending Scheme; Victims of Torture Day (26 June); Those who are victims of torture; An end to torture across the world and for the work of organisations such as 'Freedom from Torture'; **Lavenham:** Mortlocks, Norman Way, Normans; **Preston St Mary:** Thorpe Road.

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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Notices

Lavenham Patronal Festival: Today we celebrate the Feast of St Peter & St Paul, with the normal morning services at 8am and 10am, and at **5pm** we welcome the choir of Gonville and Caius College, directed by Matthew Martin (Precentor), to sing **Choral Evensong**, when the preacher will be Revd Dr Cally Hammond (Dean).

Summer Holiday Crafts and Games: Lavenham Church Family & Children's team invite primary school aged children to sign up for summer holiday crafts & games... Free events on **Saturdays 3 & 10, Friday 23 August**, 10am to 2pm, including: refreshments and buffet lunches. Thanks to funding from the Co-op. Plenty of crafts to take home, story to listen to, fun and Olympic-type games! Lavenham Village Hall – book your place by Friday 19 July. Come for all 3, or 1, or 2! Email children@lavenham.church or text 07802 559824.

Interested in helping in the church shop this summer? Now the number of visitors numbers are increasing & following analysis of purchases, we would like to trial having someone in the shop to help visitors at busier times. If anyone is interested in helping on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday afternoons between 2 and 4.30pm, please sign up on the form against specific dates at the back of the church. There is no requirement to sign up to regular days unless you wish to, if you can help on one afternoon only that is absolutely fine as well. Full training on the card machine will be given. If you have any questions, please speak to Rebecca Simpson (01787 249845).

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 meet in *Lavenham Guildhall*, and this **Thursday (4 July)** will be the final session, gathering in the Café at **3.30pm** for a cup of tea (if you wish), before moving into the conversation time at **4pm**. There is no charge for joining the group. If you would like to know more please contact Revd Simon on 01787 827691 or email rector@lavenham.church.

Safeguarding Training: Face-to-face training is available locally at all levels over the next few months – **Basic Awareness** at *St Peter's Church Hall West Row* on **Wednesday 10 July** (10.00am–12.30pm), *St Martin Trimley* on **Tuesday 16 July** (10.00am–12.30pm), *St Martin Nacton* on Friday 6 September (10.00am – 12.30pm); **Foundation** at *St Mary Hadleigh* on **Tuesday 16 July** (10.00am–12.30pm), *St Martin Trimley* on **Tuesday 16 July** (2.00pm–4.30pm), *Fornham All Saints* on **Thursday 18 July** (2.00pm – 4.30pm), *St Catherine Long Melford* on **Thursday 12 September** (7.00pm – 9.30pm); **Leadership** at *St Martin Nacton* on **Fridays 6 & 20 September** (2.30pm–4.30pm), *St Mary the Virgin Haverhill* on **Saturdays 7 & 21 September** (10.00am–12.00pm). **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.*

The Church in the Diocese

<https://www.cofesuffolk.org/>

Vacancy in See: With Bishop Martin's retirement planned for the end of February 2025, a discernment process is underway to find the next Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. The process is being overseen by the Vacancy in See Committee, a statutory committee which has a permanent existence but only meets when there is a vacancy in the diocesan bishopric. The Vacancy in See Committee is in the process of producing a Statement of Needs, which outlines the strengths of the Diocese, the challenges facing it and the qualities the Committee believes the new bishop will need. As part of this process they will be holding an online public meeting to hear everyone's views, on **Wednesday 17 July from 7.00pm to 9.00pm**. To register please go to bit.ly/stedsbishop. The meeting will be chaired by Bishop Mike. The Appointment Secretaries of both the Prime Minister and the Archbishop of Canterbury will be present to provide a short introduction, outline the process and give details of the appointment timetable. This will be followed by a period of listening, during which attendees are invited to comment on the needs of the Diocese and the characteristics and qualities needed in the next Bishop. This is a great opportunity to be part of the discernment process. The meeting is open to all, and you are encouraged to get involved.

Churches Together in Sudbury

<https://churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk>

Prayer Breakfasts: The Prayer Breakfast this Saturday, 6 July, is at St Catherine's Church Long Melford. We meet on Saturdays from 8 to 9.30am for a light breakfast, a time of fellowship and a time for prayer. Do join us if you can. You will be most welcome, whether you have never been before, or have not been for a couple of years, or are a regular! Currently 13 July is vacant, but on 20 July, we are at St Gregory's Church Sudbury, then on 27 July at Holy Trinity Long Melford, before taking a break during August. More details on the website.

3. Lord, you show us love's true measure;
'Father, what they do, forgive.'
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

4. Lord, you bless with words assuring:
'I am with you to the end.'
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

*Words: Jeffery William Rowthorn (b 1934)
Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Taylor (1907-1991) – AM 641i
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(Ancient & Modern – 499)*

Collect

Almighty God,
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul
glorified you in their death as in their life:
grant that your Church,
inspired by their teaching and example,
and made one by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
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 12.1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help

was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 125



Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

As the hills stand about Jerusalem, so the Lord stands round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore. **R**

The sceptre of wickedness shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the righteous,
lest the righteous turn their hands to evil.

Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, and to those who are true of heart.
Those who turn aside to crooked ways the Lord shall take away with the evildoers;
but let there be peace upon Israel. **R**

Second Reading – 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17, 18

A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn



1. O Peter, you were named by Christ
the guardian-shepherd of his flock;
protect the Church he built on you
to stand unyielding, firm on rock.
2. Your weakness Christ exchanged for strength;
you faltered, but he made you true:
he knew the greatness of your love,
and gave the keys of heaven to you.
3. Apostle of the gentiles, Paul,
the greatest witness of them all,
you turned to Christ, the risen Lord,
when out of light you heard him call.
4. You journeyed far and wide to tell
that Christ was risen from the dead;
that all who put their faith in him
would live for ever, as he said.
5. Unseen, eternal Trinity,
we give you glory, praise your name:
your love keeps faith with faithless hearts;
through change and stress you are the same. Amen.

*Words: Stanbrook Abbey, conflated
Music: Gonfalon Royal, Percy Carter Buck (1871–1947)
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(Hymns for Prayer and Praise – 420)*

Gospel Reading – Matthew 16.13-19

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Offertory Hymn



1. When God in mercy claimed him,
that persecutor Saul,
he called him and renamed him
his own apostle Paul.

Give thanks for his salvation
when light from heaven showed
a new redeemed creation
on that Damascus road.

2. A Jew by long tradition,
there then to Paul was shown
a world-embracing mission
to make the Gospel known;
that all might hear the story
of why Messiah died,
the life-imparting glory
of Christ the crucified.

3 Paul lived to serve his Master
and see his work fulfilled,
as shepherd, preacher, pastor,
the Church of Christ to build.

Of all that God imparted
one aim alone sufficed
with Paul, the single-hearted:
'For me to live is Christ.'

4 Wherever sin abounded
his calling was to tend
the churches that he founded
and laboured to defend.
Though fettered and in prison
his letters still record
how Jesus, died and risen,
is everlasting Lord.

5. Paul's earthly course is finished
yet still we hear his voice,
with triumph undiminished:
'Rejoice, I say, rejoice!'
Rejoice in sins forgiven,
a race unwearied run,
in hope at last of heaven
to hear the Lord's 'Well done!'

Words: Timothy Dudgey-Smith (b 1926) Music: Aurelia, Samuel Wesley (1766-1837) – AM 506
© Timothy Dudgey-Smith (Revised English Hymnal – 2006)

Communion Anthem

We walk by faith, and not by sight: no gracious words we hear
of him who as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
yet in his promise we rejoice and cry 'My Lord and God!'

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound;
to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found.

That when our life of faith is done in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are in full and endless sight.

We walk by faith and not by sight: no gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.

Words: Henry Alford, alt (1810–1871) Music: Shanti, Marty Haugen (b 1950)

Communion Hymn



1. Forsaken once, and thrice denied,
the risen Lord gave pardon free,
stood once again at Peter's side,
and asked him, 'Lov'st thou me?'

2. Saint Peter, when the cock crowed clear,
went out, and wept his broken faith;
thence as a rock through strife and fear,
he served his Lord till death.

3. Lord, oft forsaken, oft denied,
forgive our shame, wash out our sin;
look on us from thy Father's side,
and let that sweet look win.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818–1895)

*Music: Childhood, from the Welsh Students' Hymnal 1923
(Revised English Hymnal – 230)*

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn



1. And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2. 'Tis mystery all! the Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds inquire no more.

5. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

3. He left his Father's throne above –
so free, so infinite his grace –
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!

4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

The last two lines of each verse are repeated.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Sagina, from The Bouquet, 1825, Thomas Campbell (1800-1876) (Ancient & Modern – 588)

Organ

Nun Danket Alle Gott

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

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:

- 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

†No Lavenham evening service in July, and a Taizé style service in August.

*In August HC on 18th, with a Family Service on 25th involving children from the summer activity days

+Not during August