



# LAVENHAM CHURCH

A BEACON OF HOPE

## Weekly Pewsheet

St Peter & St Paul, Lavenham – 5pm Evensong

**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](mailto: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

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

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**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](http://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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

**Kettle and Fish:** Kettle & Fish is open on Thursdays 18, 25 July, 8, 29 August, 10am to 1.30pm at Suffolk Road Church, Sudbury next to Aldi. Great food and a friendly welcome, an opportunity to chat, and always someone on hand for a conversation about the Christian faith or to pray with you.

**July Forum – Wednesday 10 July at 7.30pm:** The next Churches Together Open Forum will be held at Great Waldingfield Church. Revd Chris Ramsey will give an update on the Stour Valley Men’s Shed and will talk about ‘Still Good to Eat’. Revd Faith Marsden will talk about Community Pantry, which operates from Great Waldingfield. Refreshments will be available from 7.00pm. As always, the Forum is open to all local churchgoers. Please come along, and encourage others to come too. Please share cars where possible, both for eco reasons and as parking space may be limited.

**Church Activities Leaflet:** We have produced a leaflet detailing regular activities run by local churches, such as toddler and baby groups, cafes and coffee mornings, community pantries, charity shops, craft, interest and youth groups. There are some copies in church and on the notice-board, or from the website.

**Request for help:** Bury South community mental health team have someone on their caseload who has a number of flat pack furniture items that need to be put together, and who need help to do this, and they wonder if a church member might be able to help – see the website for full details.

## 5.00pm Choral Evensong – Lavenham

*sung by the choir of Gonville & Caius College*

### **Psalm 16**

Preserve me, O God :

for in thee have I put my trust.

O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord :

Thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto thee.

All my delight is upon the saints, that are in the earth :

and upon such as excel in virtue.

But they that run after another god :

shall have great trouble.

Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer :

neither make mention of their names within my lips.

The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup :

thou shalt maintain my lot.

The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground :

yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will thank the Lord for giving me warning :

my reins also chasten me in the night-season.

I have set God always before me :

for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced :

my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell :

neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy :

and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :

and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :

world without end. Amen.

## **First Lesson – Ezekiel 34.11-16**

Here begins the 11th verse of the 34th chapter of the book of the Prophet Ezekiel

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Here ends the First Lesson.

## **Second Lesson – John 21.15-22**

Here begins the 15th verse of the 21st chapter of the Gospel according to John

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.’ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, ‘Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?’ When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, ‘Lord, what about him?’ Jesus said to him, ‘If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!’

Here ends the Second Lesson.

## 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