



LAVENHAM CHURCH

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Weekly Pewsheet

St Peter & St Paul, Lavenham

Sunday 22 September 2024

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Services Today

Lavenham	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Lavenham	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW) <i>with guest preacher Alex Cassidy</i>
Preston St Mary	6.00pm	Evensong

During the Week

Monday 23 September	9.30am	Men's Cooking Club (<i>Lavenham Village Hall</i>)
Tuesday 24 September	8.45am	Morning Prayer (<i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i>)
	7.15pm	Choir Practice (<i>Lavenham Choir Vestry</i>)
Wednesday 25 September	8.45am	Morning Prayer (<i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i>)
	10.00am	Midweek Communion (CW trad) (<i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i>)
	7.00pm	Lavenham PCC (<i>Lavenham Village Hall</i>)
Thursday 26 September	8.45am	Morning Prayer (<i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i>)
	10.00am	Community Coffee Morning (<i>Lavenham Village Hall</i>)

Services next Sunday 29 September Michael and All Angels

Lavenham	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Lavenham	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
Lavenham	6.00pm	Benefice Choral Evensong

Looking Ahead

Monday 30 September	10.00am	Coffee Morning (<i>Lavenham Village Hall</i>)
Sunday 6 October	8/10am	Harvest Festival (<i>Lavenham</i>)
		Harvest Lunch following the 10am service - please see notice on p 3
	6.00pm	Benefice Choral Evensong (<i>Preston St Mary</i>)
Sunday 13 October	12pm	Harvest Festival (<i>Preston St Mary</i>)
	1.30pm	Arrival and rehearsal for...
	3.30pm	Diocesan Choral Festival (<i>St Edmundsbury Cathedral</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:

Thingoe Deanery: Bury St Edmunds St Mary with St Peter District Church: Revd Canon Tiffer Robinson, Revd Andy Williams, Revd Dr Sarah Gull, Helen Matter (Reader), Deborah Walker (Reader); For all being licensed as Lay Ministers at the Cathedral today; As we come to the end of Fairtrade Fortnight, for Patrick Kaberia, a tea grower from Kenya, who is in Suffolk this weekend – that he will be able to sell more of his crop at Fairtrade prices; A safe journey for him back to Kenya; **Lavenham:** Bury Road, Butfield, Church Street; **Preston St Mary:** Church Lane.

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.

Notices

Christian Aid: We welcome Alex Cassidy from Christian Aid as guest preacher at our 10am service at Lavenham today. Alex will speak about the work of Christian Aid, and there will be an opportunity to contribute to a special donation towards their work by using the special Christian Aid envelopes, which can be placed in the donations plate alongside the normal collection.

Monday Morning in the Village Hall: On the first and third Mondays of the month, 'Knit & Natter' has been renamed **The 3Cs Club** (Crafts, Coffee & Chat), which we hope will embrace a wider range of crafts than just knitting! What can you bring to the table?

St Michael and All Angels – Sunday 29 September: Services next week (the fifth Sunday of the month) will be the normal 8am and 10am Holy Communion at Lavenham, and 6pm Benefice Choral Evensong also at Lavenham, with no service at Preston St Mary. The following week, 6 October, there will be 6pm Benefice Choral Evensong at Preston St Mary.

Harvest Festival – Sunday 6 October 10am (Lavenham), Sunday 13 October 12pm (Preston St Mary): This year we are going to support the charity *Tools With A Mission* – this Ipswich based charity collects unwanted tools in the UK, refurbishes them, and uses them to train and equip people in the developing world so that people with nothing can start their own businesses and earn an income for themselves. Please look in your garden sheds and toolboxes for any unwanted tools and during September bring them to church ready for collection. Items wanted are agricultural & gardening tools, builders tools, carpenters tools, electricians tools, mechanics tools, plumbers tools, power tools, sewing & knitting machines, haberdashery, fully working computers.

Harvest Lunch – There will be a 'Bring and Share' Lunch at Lavenham following the 10am Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 6 October. Please see the lists at the back of church for suggestions as to what you might bring, and to sign up accordingly.

Everyday Faith: The Church of England has introduced a new app for your phone called Everyday Faith. Each day there is a Bible verse, a reflection on the verse and a prayer. So it is different to the Daily Prayer app that some of us have, and it might be helpful for anyone looking for a daily five minute time with God.

Safeguarding Training: Face-to-face training is available locally at all levels over the next few months – **Basic Awareness** at *St Mary Hadleigh* on **Tuesday 24 September** (10.00am – 12.30pm); *Stowupland Church Hall* on **Saturday 5 October** (2.00pm – 4.30pm); **Foundation** at *St Peter's Church Hall West Row* on **Wednesday 2 October** (10.00am – 12.30pm); *The Ark, 11-13 King William Street, Needham Market* on **Wednesday 6 November** (10.00am – 12.30pm); **Leadership** at *St Mary the Virgin Haverhill* on **Thursdays 24 October & 7 November** (10.00am–12.00pm); *The Thomas Clarkson Centre Bury St Edmunds* on **Saturdays 23 November & 7 December** (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.*

The Church in the Diocese

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

Diocesan Choral Festival Service – Sunday 13 October – St Edmundsbury Cathedral: All are warmly invited to join the St Edmundsbury Singers and the adults of the Cathedral Choir to sing this year's Diocesan Choral Festival Service, led by the Cathedral's new Director of Music, Claudia Grinnell, and accompanied by Assistant Director of Music, Richard Cook. At the same service we will be giving thanks for the ministry of Diocesan Elders, so it promises to be a real celebration. 1.30pm arrival; 2-3pm rehearsal; 3-3.20pm short break (robe if desired); 3.30pm service; 4.30pm tea. Registration by Sunday 6 October is essential (<https://bit.ly/dcfs2024>). Whether you're a member of the church choir or just an individual who loves to sing, please still come along! Please ask Kevin to print a copy of the service booklet for you.

The Great East Anglian Cathedral Model Railway Show – Saturday 28 September – St Edmundsbury Cathedral: About 40 layouts, traders, demonstrations and interactive layouts.

Building a Generous Church Conference – Saturday 28 September – Bridge Community Church, Bury St Edmunds: You are invited to the second conference on Building a Generous Church, which will be an excellent opportunity to hear keynote speakers, attend workshops and meet staff to give you help and support to increase generosity and giving in your parish. This is a chance to network with others throughout the Diocese and access the information and resources on offer. For more information and to book your free place, which includes lunch, please visit *Insight*: insight.cofesuffolk.org/building-a-generous-church-conference.

Bishop Mike's Final Service - Sunday 29 September, 3.30pm – St Edmundsbury Cathedral: Everyone is warmly invited as we say farewell to Bishop Mike as he leaves to become the Bishop of Exeter. The service will be followed by Devon cream teas and fizz.

For catering purposes, please use this link to RSVP so we have an indication of numbers: <https://forms.gle/7Byys8vNYtMTqQF99>. Bishop Mike will be enthroned in Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 2 November at 3.00pm. Tickets for the service will be available via Exeter Cathedral's website in due course.

County Harvest Festival - Sunday 6 October, 11.30am (service starts 2.00pm) - Trinity Park, Ipswich IP3 8UH: St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Lightwave and the Suffolk Agricultural Association are delighted to invite you to the County Harvest Festival for 2024. This hugely popular biennial event is held at Trinity Park and includes food, bar, live music, craft and produce stalls, as well as an opportunity to meet the animals. It's a special year as Bishop Martin, President of the Suffolk Agricultural Association, will be leading the 2.00pm worship. If you would like a stall please contact graham.miles.lighwave@gmail.com.

Churches Together in Sudbury

<https://churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk>

Prayer Breakfast – Saturday 28 September, 8–9.30pm – Salvation Army, Sudbury: We normally meet weekly 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! More details on the website.

Kettle and Fish – Thursday 26 September, 10am–1.30pm – Suffolk Road Church, Sudbury (next to Aldi): A weekly opportunity (*not 3 Oct*) for 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. More details on the website.

Quiet Morning – Saturday 28 September, 10.30am–12.30pm – The Quiet Place at Monks Eleigh: Starting at 10.30 am with tea/coffee and cake, a brief reflection and the offer of a tour of the reserve and then space for relaxing, reading, praying, enjoying the beautiful surroundings or however you wish to use the time; closing reflection at 12.30pm. Participants are welcome to bring a packed lunch and stay to picnic in the garden. The reserve has plenty of quiet corners with simple seating. By kind invitation of Maureen Morris for this. To book a place contact Andy Jowitt (jowitts@btinternet.com / 01787 464010 / 07584 751093).

Sudbury Catholic Church: Fr Peter Brett has retired from the Catholic Church in Sudbury after 16 years. He has been a strong supporter of CTiS&D and hosted many events. He will move to Bury St Edmunds after his final services this weekend. We thank God for him and pray for a smooth transition. Fr Antony Arockiam has been appointed as the new Priest-in-Charge, moving from St Thomas of Canterbury in Brandon, with effect from today. (*See October Lavenham Life for further details*)

10.00am Holy Communion – Lavenham

Opening Hymn



1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Music: St Denio, adapted from a Welsh song set to a hymn in John Roberts Caniadau y Cyssegre 1839 (Ancient & Modern – 676)

Collect

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
through 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 – *Jeremiah 11.18-20*

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, 'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!' But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 54



Save me, O God, by your name and vindicate me by your power.

Hear my prayer, O God; give heed to the words of my mouth.

For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless seek after my life; they have not set God before them. **R**

Behold, God is my helper;

it is the Lord who upholds my life.

May evil rebound on those who lie in wait for me; destroy them in your faithfulness. **R**

An offering of a free heart will I give you

and praise your name, O Lord, for it is gracious.

For he has delivered me out of all my trouble,

and my eye has seen the downfall of my enemies. **R**

Second Reading – *James 3.13–4.3,7-8a*

A reading from the letter of James.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy

and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn



1. O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!

2. There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me.

4. Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Hereford, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

(Ancient & Modern - 258)

Gospel Reading – Mark 9.30-37

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into

human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Offertory Hymn



1. All-creating heavenly Giver,
 bringing light and life to birth;
 all-sustaining heavenly Father
 of the families of earth:
 we, your children, lift our voices
 singing gladly of your love:
 never-ending are the praises
 rising to your throne above.

2. Ever-living Lord and Saviour,
 breaking chains of sin and shame;
 ever-loving Intercessor,
 prayers are answered in your name:
 we, your servants, liberated
 at a fearsome ransom-price,
 in your kingdom are united
 by that mighty sacrifice.

3. Life-conceiving wind of heaven,
 breathing gifts upon us all;
 life-enhancing Spirit, given
 to enrich us, great and small:
 we, whose talents widely differ,
 now restore to you your own,
 and in true thanksgiving offer
 all we are before the throne.

4. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 blessing all within your hand:
 full the cup that we inherit,
 firm the ground on which we stand:
 we, your people, undeserving
 of the grace you freely give,
 now and ever, in thanksgiving
 to your praise and glory live..

Words: Michael Saward (b 1932)

Music: Rustington, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918) – AM 499

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Communion Hymn



1. Who can sound the depths of sorrow
in the father-heart of God,
for the children we've rejected,
for the lives so deeply scarred?
And each light that we've extinguished
has brought darkness to our land:
upon our nation, upon our nation
have mercy, Lord!

2. We have scorned the truth you gave us,
we have bowed to other lords,
we have sacrificed the children
on the altars of our gods.
O let truth again shine on us,
let your holy fear descend:
upon our nation, upon our nation
have mercy, Lord!

3. Who can stand before your anger?
Who can face your piercing eyes?
For you love the weak and helpless,
and you hear the victims' cries.
Yes, you are a God of justice
and your judgement surely comes:
upon our nation, upon our nation
have mercy, Lord!

4. Who will stand against the violence?
Who will comfort those who mourn?
In an age of cruel rejection,
who will build for love a home?
Come and shake us into action,
come and melt our hearts of stone:
upon your people, upon your people
have mercy, Lord!

5. Who can sound the depths of mercy
in the father-heart of God?
For there is a Man of sorrows
who for sinners shed his blood.
He can heal the wounds of nations,
he can wash the guilty clean:
because of Jesus, because of Jesus,
have mercy, Lord!

Words & Music: Graham Kendrick (b 1950) ©1988 Graham Kendrick / Make Way Music Ltd (Ancient & Modern – 530)

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Final Hymn



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: Unser Herrscher, Melody set to Unser Herrscher in Alpha und Omega, Joachim Neander (1650-1680),
harmony based on William Henry Monk (1823-1889)
(Ancient & Modern – 648)*

Organ

Fugue in G minor (BWV 558)

J S Bach (1685–1750)

Lavenham Benefice – Regular Services and Events

Sunday:

	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>

9.00am–9.50am Bell Ringing Practice and Service Ringing (*Lavenham Tower*)

9.15am–9.50am Choir Practice (*Lavenham Choir Vestry*) – except 1st Sunday

4.30pm–5.40pm Choir Practice (*Lavenham Church*) – 1st Sunday

Monday:

10.00am The 3 Cs Club (Crafts, Coffee, Chat) (*Lavenham VH*) – 1st & 3rd Monday

10.00am Think & Drink (*Lavenham Village Hall*) – 2nd Monday

9.30am Men's Cooking Club (*Lavenham Village Hall*) – 4th Monday

10.00am Coffee Morning (*Lavenham Village Hall*) – 5th Monday

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:

8.45am Morning Prayer – CW Daily Prayer app (*Lavenham Church*)

Tuesday:

7.15pm–8.45pm Choir Practice (*Lavenham Choir Vestry*)

Wednesday:

10.00am Holy Communion – CW traditional language (*Lavenham Church*)

Thursday:

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

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

**6 October – 10am Harvest Festival & Lunch (Lavenham), 6pm Benefice Choral Evensong (Preston),*

13 October – 12pm Harvest Festival & Lunch (Preston); †29 September – Lavenham