



# LAVENHAM CHURCH

A BEACON OF HOPE

## Weekly Pewsheets

St Peter & St Paul, Lavenham – 10.00am Holy Communion

### Sunday 14 April 2024 The Third Sunday of Easter

#### Services Today

Lavenham	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Lavenham	10.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
Preston St Mary	6.00pm	Evensong ( <i>followed by the APCM</i> )

#### During the Week

Monday 15 April	10.00am	Knit & Natter ( <i>Lavenham Village Hall</i> )
Tuesday 16 April	2.00–4.30pm	Safeguarding Foundation Training ( <i>L'ham VH</i> )
Tuesday 16 April	8.45am	Morning Prayer ( <i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i> )
	6.45pm	Choir Practice ( <i>Lavenham Choir Vestry</i> )
Wednesday 17 April	8.45am	Morning Prayer ( <i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i> )
	10.00am	Midweek Communion (CW trad) ( <i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i> )
Thursday 18 April	8.45am	Morning Prayer ( <i>Lavenham Lady Chapel</i> )
	10.00am	Community Coffee Morning ( <i>Lavenham Village Hall</i> )

### Services next Sunday 21 April The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Lavenham	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Lavenham	10.00am	Morning Worship and Baptism
Preston St Mary	2.30pm	Baptism
Preston St Mary	6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP)

#### Looking Ahead

Monday 22 April		NO Men's Cooking Club
Wednesday 24 April	7.00pm	Lavenham APCM ( <i>Lavenham Church</i> )
Thursday 9 May	8am–1pm	Ascension Day – <i>see notices for full details</i>
Sunday 12 May–Saturday 18 May		Christian Aid week
Friday 24 May		Church Bingo Night ( <i>Lavenham Village Hall</i> )

*Information for next week's pew sheet by the preceding Wednesday please to [pewsheets@lavenham.church](mailto: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:*

Ipswich Deanery: Whitton with Thurleston and Akenham: Revd Mary Sokanovic, Revd Maureen Bonsall; Maritime industry; The end of the political instability in Ethiopia. Ethiopian troops have been battling fighters from a militia from Amhara since last July in a conflict that has left more than 200 people dead; Unity, reconciliation and lasting peace for Ethiopia. **Lavenham:** Weavers Close, White Gates, Artesian Close; **Preston St Mary:** Rookwood Lane.

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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

**Ascension Day – Thursday 9 May:** 8.00am Tower Praise followed by breakfast; we will welcome members of other churches in the deanery; after breakfast at 10.00am Holy Communion, then at 11.00am a tour of Lavenham Church, including a brief talk on Lavenham Airfield by Robyn Lloyd Hughes; 12noon Tour of Lavenham.

**Christian Aid Week – Sunday 12 May to Saturday 18 May:** If anyone can help deliver envelopes to homes that would be appreciated. On Saturday 18 May 8.00am Churches Together Prayer Breakfast in the Village Hall, followed by Coffee Morning. Donations of homemade cakes & biscuits to sell for Christian Aid would be greatly appreciated.

**Church Bingo Night – Friday 24 May (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 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.

**Annual Vestry & Parochial Church Meetings:** Lavenham – Wednesday 24 April 7pm; Preston St Mary – Sunday 14 April 7pm. At the Annual Vestry Meeting two Churchwardens are elected for a term of one year. As the office of churchwarden is a public office held on behalf of the whole community, the vestry meeting is open to all residents of the village. Those entitled to vote for churchwardens include anyone on the electoral roll of the parish church and anyone who lives in the village whose name is on the register of local government electors. The second part of the meeting is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), when we consider the annual accounts and activities of the church, and give thanks for all that we have shared together. It is also a meeting at which elections take place for membership of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). If you are interested in standing as Churchwarden or in joining the PCC will find nomination forms at the back of church in Lavenham, or speak to the churchwardens. *To vote at the APCM you need to be on the Church Electoral Roll – please speak to the Churchwardens if you are not, but would like to be.*

**Volunteers needed:** The team who prepare and serve coffee/refreshments following the 10.15am service in Lavenham is short of people, and would welcome some willing volunteers to join them. Please talk to Mary Jackson if you can help.

**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.

**Choir and Music Group:**

As part of the changes to the service pattern, from May, the choir will sing at Evensong on the first Sunday of the month rather than at the morning service, and we hope to introduce a Music Group to lead the morning Holy Communion service. If you play an instrument, and would like to join the group, 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 *Fornham All Saints Church* on **Friday 19 April** (10.00am–12.30pm) or *St Catherine Long Melford* on **Thursday 6 June** (7.00pm–9.30pm); **Foundation** at *Lavenham Village Hall* on **Tuesday 16 April** (2.00pm–4.30pm) or *St Mary the Virgin Haverhill* on **Saturday 11 May** (10.00am–12.30pm); **Leadership** at *Elmswell Church* on **Tuesdays 21 May & 4 June** (2.30pm–4.30pm) or *Boxford Church* on **Thursdays 25 April & 9 May** (10.00am–12.30pm). **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.*

## Opening Hymn



1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2. See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage:  
grace which, like the Lord the giver,  
never fails from age to age?

3. Saviour, if of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure,  
none but Zion's children know.

*Words: John Newton (1725–1807)*  
*Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Taylor (1907–1991)*  
*(Ancient & Modern – 641)*

## Collect

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
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 – Acts 3.12-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 4



Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;

you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;

have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

How long will you nobles dishonour my glory;

how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood? **R**

But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness;

when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not;

commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. **R**

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?'

Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.

You have put gladness in my heart, more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety. **R**

## Second Reading – 1 John 3.1-7

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual Hymn



1. Rejoice! The Lord is King,  
your Lord and King adore;  
mortals give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

2. Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above:

3. His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus given:

4. He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath His feet:

5. Rejoice in glorious hope;  
Jesus the judge shall come,  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home:

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!*

Word: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)  
Music: Gopsal, melody & bass by George Frederick Handel (1685–1759)  
(Ancient & Modern – 769)

## **Gospel Reading – Luke 24.36b-48**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Offertory Hymn



1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee.

5. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.

3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!

4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

*Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892)*

*Music: Repton, from Judith, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848–1918) (Ancient & Modern – 621)*

## Communion Hymn



*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

1. O sons and daughters, let us sing!  
The King of heaven, the glorious King,  
o'er death to-day rose triumphing.

*Alleluia!*

2. That Easter morn, at break of day,  
the faithful women went their way  
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay.

*Alleluia!*

3. An angel clad in white they see,  
who sat, and spake unto the three,  
'Your Lord doth go to Galilee.'

*Alleluia!*

4. That night the apostles met in fear;  
amidst them came their Lord most dear,  
and said, 'My peace be on all here.'

*Alleluia!*

\*5. When Thomas first the tidings heard,  
how they had seen the risen Lord,  
he doubted the disciples' word.

*Alleluia!*

\*6. 'My pierced side, O Thomas, see;  
my hands, my feet I show to thee;  
not faithless, but believing be.'

*Alleluia!*

\*7. No longer Thomas then denied;  
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
'Thou art my Lord and God,' he cried.

*Alleluia!*

8. How blest are they who have not seen,  
and yet whose faith hath constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win.

*Alleluia!*

9. On this most holy day of days,  
to God your hearts and voices raise  
in laud and jubilee and praise,

*Alleluia!*

*Music: Melody in Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, Paris, 1623 Solemnes version E W Goldsmith (1860-1934)*

*Words: O filii et filiae, Jean Tlsserand (d 1494), trans John Mason Neale (1818-1866)\**

*(Ancient & Modern - 213)*

## Post Communion Prayer

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Final Hymn



1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

2. I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John –  
they came with me and the Dance went on.

3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
the holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,  
and they left me there on a cross to die.

4. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black –  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;  
but I am the Dance, and I still go on.

5. They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me –  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

*Words: Sydney Carter (1915–2004) Music: Lord of the Dance, Shaker melody, adapted by Sydney Carter (1915–2004)  
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## Organ

March from Scipio

G F Handel (1685–1759)

## 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.*