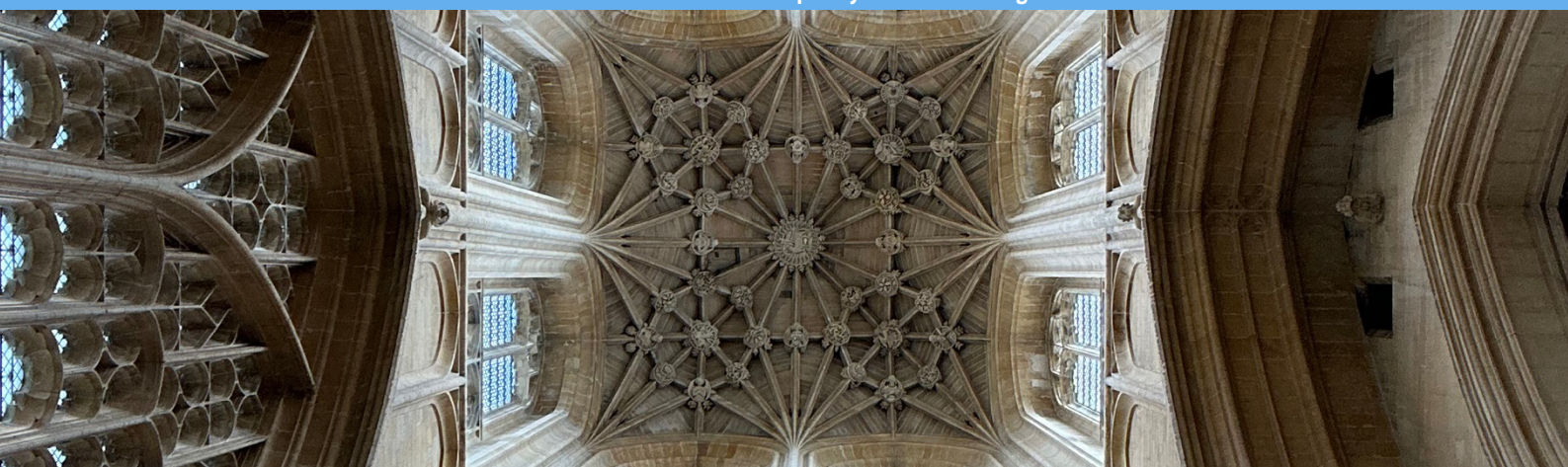


31 August 2025

The Eleventh Sunday
after Trinity

PILGRIMS PROGRESS

The Parish of Boston: A Place of Hospitality - A Place to Belong + A Place to Believe



COLLECT

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25.6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, 'Come up here', than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13.1-8, 15, 16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 14.1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SERVICES

Sunday 31 August

11.00am United Parish Eucharist St Botolph's
Hymns: 486, 772, 537, 695, 589
Setting: Thorne, St Thomas
Voluntary: Holiday Music: With Eric Coates around
London 4] March: Knightsbridge ['London' Suite]

Monday 01 September

09.00am Morning Prayer St Botolph's

Tuesday 02 September

09.00am Morning Prayer St Botolph's

Wednesday 03 September

09.00am Morning Prayer St Botolph's
10.30am Said Eucharist St Botolph's

Thursday 04 September

11.00am Said Eucharist St Thomas'

Saturday 06 September

09.00am Morning Prayer St Thomas'

BOSTON FOODBANK DONATIONS

Thank you for a really generous response to our appeal for help with stock.

At the moment, we are getting very low on tinned vegetable & tomato soup, UHT milk, squash, rice pudding, tinned fruit & potatoes.

We are always short of deodorant, shower gel and shampoo. Donations to our collection bins, in the collection points at Asda/Tesco, or a gift of money to help us buy these items would be really appreciated.

FRIDAY NIGHT @ THE STUMP PRESENTS... NORTHERN SOUL & MOTOWN NIGHT

Friday 19th September 2025, 7pm – 11pm

Tickets £10 in advance/£12 on the door

Now available via the Gift Shop

Enjoy a night of Northern Soul and Motown music in the historic space of St Botolph's. With fully licensed bar, music by Steve Greenhough and lots of dancing, it is sure to be a fantastic night!

AUTUMN DAYS

Thursday 25th September, 10am – 2pm
St Botolph's Church

Join us for free BIG coffee morning, complete with homemade cakes, as we bring together local groups and organisations that support community wellbeing. Find out the groups you could join in your area as we head into the darker, winter, months.

If you can help by baking cakes or scones, please speak to either Fr David or Adam.

BOSTON SINFONIA

Saturday 13th September 7.30pm, St Botolph's

Music includes Weber, Overture, Oberon. Mozart, Sinfonia Concertante. Brahms, Symphony No 4.

Tickets now available via the Gift Shop. In advance £12, on the door £15, under 18yrs FREE.

The September rota is now available.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Make a one-off gift to the Parish of Boston or set up regular giving online via www.parishgiving.org.uk or scan the QR code.



"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
2 Corinthians 9:7

NEXT SUNDAY - The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

09.30am	Celtic Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
11.00am	Choral Eucharist	St Botolph's/Online
05.00pm	Choral Evensong	St Botolph's/Online

AUGUST AT ST BOTOLPH'S

As August comes to a close, and with it the school summer break, St Botolph's has been a hive of activity. We have welcomed an amazing 9,295 people through our doors. Thank you to all those who have supported our activities and made our visitors feel welcome.

We have welcomed 390 children to our Fun @ the Stump! days.

CHILDREN EAT FREE

With just a few days left to go we have given out 729 lunches to children. Thank you to all those who have supported this project.

All figures are up to Friday 29th August.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Mayors Sunday 14th September, 2pm, St Botolph's
Said Service with refreshments afterwards

Battle of Britain, Sunday 21st September

09.30am	Service of the Word	St Thomas'
09.30am	Said Eucharist	St Botolph's
11.00am	Battle of Britain	St Botolph's
05.00pm	Choral Evensong	St Botolph's

NB: There will be some road closures in place in the Market Place for the parade following the 11am service. More details to follow.

Battle of Britain Day, 15th September

10.45am	Remembrance Service	Boston Memorial
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POLLY TAMBERLIN THANK YOU GIFT

Last week it was announced Polly would be stepping back from her role as Housekeeper. To say thank you for her years of hard work and dedication we are organising a collection for a thankyou gift. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church and can be handed to a member of the Ministry Team. Donations should be returned by Sunday 7th September.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 5th October

10.30am	United Eucharist	St Thomas'
12 Noon	Parish Lunch	St Thomas' Hall
05.00pm	Choral Evensong	St Botolph's/Online

TICKETS FOR THE PARISH LUNCH

Tickets £10 and are available via the Parish Office or a Churchwarden. Please note any dietary requirements when buying your ticket.

LET US PRAY

God of the Sabbath, this is the day and this is the hour when women long oppressed learn to stand with dignity, when your healing escapes our desire for control: may your joy stretch the fabric of our hearts and inspire us to loose each other's bonds; through Jesus Christ, the shamer of the powerful and the raiser of the dead. Amen.

