

16 November 2025

Second Sunday
Before Advent

PILGRIMS PROGRESS

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



COLLECT

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Malachi 4.1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command:

Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 21.5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by

SERVICES

Sunday 16 November

09.30am	Service of the Word	St Thomas'
	<i>Hymns: 29, 395, 553, 356</i>	
11.00am	Choral Eucharist	St Botolph's/Online
	<i>Hymns: 783, 614, 217, 468i, 580</i>	
	<i>Setting: Oldroyd, Mass of the Quiet Hour</i>	
	<i>Anthem: Nardone, A New Commandment</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Thalben-Ball, Elegy</i>	
05.00pm	Choral Evensong	St Botolph's/Online
	<i>Hymns: 190, 14ii</i>	Psalm: 97
	Canticles: Moeran in D	Responses: Byrd
	Anthem: Bainton, And I Saw a New Heaven	
	<i>Voluntary: Vierre, Epitaphe</i>	

Monday 17 November

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
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Tuesday 18 November

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
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Wednesday 19 November

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

Thursday 20 November

11.00am	Said Eucharist	St Thomas'
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Saturday 22 November

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
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relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

POST COMMUNION

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

CATHEDRAL MUSIC TRUST CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Today is the Cathedral Music Trust's Celebration Sunday, a day when we celebrate the award of £3500 we have received to help us remove barriers for choristers who struggle to access choir due to transport costs and other issues. We give thanks for the generosity of the Trust's donors who make such awards possible and who help us to equalise access to our choral music programmes in our parish.



Some of us are turning thoughts towards Christmas shopping and preparations. Remember that sending a religious Christmas card is an act of witness and a sharing of our faith. Please buy and send religious cards this year (there is now a selection in our Gift Shop...)

BOSTON FOODBANK DONATIONS

At the moment, we are asking for donations of; tinned tomatoes, fruit, fish, meat, pasta sauces, squash, biscuits, UHT milk, instant mashed potato.

Our next food drive will be at TESCO between 27th - 29th November. We are asking for volunteers to help between 9am - 12Noon or 12Noon - 3pm. If you are able to help, please speak to Caz Harvey or a member of the Ministry Team.

ST BOTOLPH'S CHRISTMAS TREE

We're hoping that our congregation at St Botolph's will, together, be able to pay for our church Christmas tree. The cost is £140, and all donations will help us meet the cost. Please see a Churchwarden.

ST THOMAS' CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 6th December
11am - 2pm
Stalls | Santa | Raffle | Refreshments

BOSTON CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 2025

Christmas Tree Festival, 28th Nov- 4th Dec
Are you a local organisation or community group. Please contact Boston Borough Council if you wish to take part in the Christmas Tree Festival.

Boston Christmas Festival

Friday 28th November, 12Noon - 8pm
Face painter, community groups, games, stalls and delicious festive treats in the Refectory.

Saturday 29th November, 10am - 3pm

Christmas Craft Market with local, small, businesses. The ideal time to get some unique Christmas gifts.

NEXT SUNDAY - Christ the King

09.30am	Eucharist	St Thomas'
11.00am	Choral Eucharist	St Botolph's/Online

ADVANCE NOTICE

The First Sunday of Advent, 30 November 2025

11.00am	United Parish Eucharist	St Botolph's
05.00pm	Deanery Advent Carols	St Botolph's

refreshments from 4pm

The Second Sunday of Advent, 7th December 2025

We welcome the Dean of Lincoln, Very Revd Simon Jones to preach at our 11am service.

BOSTON SINFONIA

Sunday 23rd November, 4pm

Mendelssohn, Overture, Hebrides. Tchaikovsky, Rococo Variations. Beethoven, Symphony No1.

Tickets are now available from the Gift Shop.
£12 in advance / £15 on the door / under 18yrs FREE

ST BOTOLPH'S SANCTUARY GUILD TOMBOLA

Can you help St Botolph's Sanctuary Guild by donating prizes towards their big tombola to raise funds? Donations can be dropped into the Parish Office before 20th November. No food or sweets please. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

DEANERY ADVENT SERVICE

30th November 2025, 5pm, St Botolph's Church
Join with our deanery family as we begin the Advent journey together. A service with organ, choir, brass, and people from our various churches taking part.

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.



LET US PRAY: A PRAYER FOR CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Almighty God, we give thanks this day for the ministry of our musicians. We pray that they may continue to enrich our worship and inspire your people; that their voices raised in prayer and melody may lift our hearts to you. Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, eternal unison and perfect harmony, now and for ever. Amen.

