

24 May 2026

Pentecost

PILGRIMS PROGRESS

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



COLLECT

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and

Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to

SERVICES

Sunday 24 May

09.30am	Eucharist	St Thomas'
	<i>Hymns: 243, 242, 669, 258, 589</i>	
	<i>Setting: Ledger, Sunday by Sunday</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Coates, The Dambusters March</i>	
11.00am	Eucharist	St Botolph's/Online
	<i>Hymns: 241, 233, 242, 669, 589</i>	
	<i>Setting: Rawsthorne, Festival Eucharist</i>	
	<i>Anthem: Attwood, Come Holy Ghost</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Alain, Litanies</i>	
01.00pm	Baptism	St Botolph's

Tuesday 26 May

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
03.00pm	Memorial Service	St Botolph's

Wednesday 27 May

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

Thursday 28 May

11.00am	Said Eucharist	St Thomas'
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Saturday 30 May

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
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another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

GOSPEL READING: John 20.19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

POST COMMUNION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

LINCS DIGITAL DROP-IN

Thursday 28th May, 11am – 1pm

Need a little help with your phone, tablet, or computer? Want to build your digital confidence in a friendly and relaxed setting? Come along to our Free Digital Drop-In with Lincs Digital. No need to book — just drop in!

PILGRIM, PLACES, HOLY LIVES

A new book from the Church of England inviting you to explore eight places which were important in the spread of Christianity in England via four-weeks of reflections & readings. Available now, via the Gift Shop, for a discounted rate of £3.00 (RRP £3.50).

THE LONDON BACH CHOIR

Saturday 27th June 2026, 7.30pm, St Botolph's

Tickets are now available on their website. Adults £15 / Children & Students £5. www.thebachchoir.org.uk.

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION: Tuesday 7th July 2026

The Bishop of Grantham will join us for a deanery service at St Botolph's, 6.30pm, for this special service for those in our church family. Collect a sign-up sheet from the back of church with dates of the preparation sessions.

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS ON THURSDAYS @ 1PM

4 June, Pupils from St Hugh's School, Woodhall Spa

FREE with retiring collection towards the Music Appeal.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE APCM

Sunday 31st May, St Thomas'
following the United Parish Eucharist

We have 4 vacancies for Churchwarden and 4 vacancies on the PCC. Nomination forms are now available from the back of church. Please hand them into the Parish Office once they have been completed.

NEXT SUNDAY - Trinity Sunday

10.30am United Eucharist

St Thomas'

ST THOMAS' CHURCH SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 30th May 2026, 10am – 1pm

Plant Stall | Cake Stall | Tombola | Plate Smashing | Raffle
FREE Bouncy Castle | Garden Games | Refreshments

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who supported the Rectory coffee morning.

FUN @ THE STUMP!

Thursday 28th May 2026, 10.30pm – 2pm

FREE family fun! Games, Lego, trails and much more...

BOSTON FOODBANK DONATIONS

The Foodbank is looking for donations of the following: Tinned rice pudding, bottles of squash, coffee and UHT milk. Donations continue to remain low, so please help where you can.

FRIDAY NIGHT @ THE STUMP!

Friday 5th June 2026, 7pm – 11pm, St Botolph's

Tickets are available, £10 in advance / £12 on the door, via the Gift Shop or events@parishofboston.co.uk.

THE PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please let Fr David know if someone is unwell or goes into hospital and would like to be added to the prayer list. Prayer list names will be renewed every two months.

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 *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*

Unlocked Spirit, you are the breath of peace; no door keeps you out: invade our warring confusion, disarm our defences and shape us to live as a people of forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, the word of reconciliation. Amen.