

28 June 2026

The Fourth Sunday
After Trinity

PILGRIMS PROGRESS

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



COLLECT

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28.5-9

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

SECOND READING: Romans 6.12-end

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are

slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SERVICES

Sunday 28 June

09.30am	Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'
	<i>Hymns: 436, 258, 604, 445, 784</i>	
	<i>Setting: Thorne, St Thomas</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Dvořák, Prelude in D</i>	
11.00am	Choral Eucharist	St Botolph's/Online
	<i>Hymns: 713, 563, 575, 775, 827</i>	
	<i>Setting: St Thomas & Elek Mathe Gloria</i>	
	<i>Anthem: Elgar, Ave Verum</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Murrill, Carillon</i>	
01.00pm	Baptism	St Botolph's
02.00pm	Baptism	St Botolph's

Monday 29 June

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
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Tuesday 30 June

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
01.00pm	Funeral	St Botolph's

Wednesday 01 July

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
10.30am	Said Eucharist	St Botolph's
06.30pm	Midweek Choral Evensong	St Botolph's
	<i>Hymn: 15</i>	<i>Psalms: 91, 93</i>
	<i>Canticles: RVW in C</i>	<i>Responses: Plainsong</i>
	<i>Anthem: Burton, Rest</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Organ Scholar</i>	

Thursday 02 July

08.45am	Collective Worship	St Thomas' School
10.30am	Funeral	St Botolph's
11.00am	Said Eucharist	St Thomas'

Saturday 04 July

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10.40-end

Jesus said to the twelve: 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

POST COMMUNION

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS ON THURSDAYS @ 1PM
2 July, 1pm, Robert Foster (Lute)
FREE with retiring collection towards the Music Appeal.

ST BOTOLPH'S CRAFT MARKET
Saturday 4th July, 10am -3pm
Support our local, independent businesses. With over 40 tables worth of unique products, there is sure to be something for everyone. Free entry.

ST THOMAS' PATRONAL FESTIVAL & LUNCH
United Eucharist, 5th July, 10.30am, St Thomas'
Following our Festal Eucharist for the feast of St Thomas we will come together for lunch. Tickets £10 and are available via the Parish Office or Churchwarden. Please note any dietary requirements when buying your ticket.
10.30am: Choral Eucharist | 11.45: Drinks in Church
12.30pm: Lunch in the Church Hall | 05.00pm: Choral Evensong at St Botolph's with Valediction

DEANERY BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION SERVICE
Tuesday 7th July 2026, 6.30pm, St Botolph's Church
Refreshments will be served from 5.45pm. Please come and support our candidates. Volunteers are needed for welcomer & refreshment duties, please speak to Adam if you can help.

XPERIENCE CONCERTS LIVE BY CANDLELIGHT @ ST BOTOLPH'S
The music of George Michael: 8th July
The music of Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons 18th July
Tickets are available from the Xperience Events website: <https://www.xperiencelive.co.uk/get-tickets/>. Both concerts begin at 7.30pm.

DEANERY VISITATION SERVICE FOR THE ADMISSION OF CHURCHWARDENS
Thursday 9th July 2026, 7pm, St Botolph's Church
Refreshments will be served from 6.15pm. Volunteers are needed for welcomer & refreshment duties, please speak to Adam if you can help.

NEXT SUNDAY - St Thomas' Patronal Festival
10.30am United Parish Eucharist St Thomas'
12.30pm Patronal lunch St Thomas' Hall
05.00pm Choral Evensong St Botolph's/Online

BOSTON FOOD FESTIVAL @ ST BOTOLPH'S
Friday 31st July & Saturday 1st August, 10am - 3pm
The Food Festival returns to St Botolph's! We will have a number of food and drink stalls in St Botolph's with food vendors serving hot food and drinks outside on the Ingram Memorial. Posters & leaflets are available - we would be grateful if you could help to distribute them across Boston. If you can, please speak to Adam.

LINCOLNSHIRE GUILD OF WEAVERS SPINNERS & DYERS EXHIBITION
Friday 31 Aug - Friday 14 July, St Botolph's Church
Please do support the Guild as they bring their exhibition to St Botolph's.

CHORAL EVENSONG WITH VALEDICTIONS
Sunday 5th July 2026, 5pm, St Botolph's Church
Join us at St Botolph's for a very special Choral Evensong when we will be saying farewell to members of our Junior & Teenage Choir. All are welcome!

AUGUST 2026 ROTA
Please inform the Parish Office of any date you're unavailable for your usual service duties.

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.

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*
Welcoming God, giving space for creation to return your love: make us apostles of the open table, a place of hospitality to challenge the world with the gift of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, who offered himself for us. Amen.