

05 July 2026

St Thomas'
Patronal Festival

PILGRIMS PROGRESS

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



COLLECT

Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 2.1-4

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2.19-end

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

GOSPEL READING: John 20.24-29

Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my

SERVICES

Sunday 05 July

10.30am	United Parish Eucharist	St Thomas'
	<i>Hymns: 312, 299, 327, 213, 765</i>	
	<i>Setting: Thorne, St Thomas</i>	
	<i>Anthem: Bach, Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Dubois, Grand Choeur in Bb</i>	
12.30pm	Patronal Lunch	St Thomas' Hall
05.00pm	Choral Evensong	St Botolph's/Online
	<i>with valedictions</i>	
	<i>Introit: Pitoni, Cantate Domino</i>	
	<i>Hymns: 663, 821</i>	<i>Psalm: 150</i>
	<i>Canticles: Dyson in D</i>	<i>Responses: Wright</i>
	<i>Anthem: Bairstow, Blessed City, Heavenly Salem</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Guilman, Final (Sonata no 1)</i>	

Monday 06 July

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
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Tuesday 07 July

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
06.30pm	Deanery Baptism & Confirmation Service	St Botolph's
	<i>Hymns: as per Order of Service</i>	
	<i>Setting: MacMillan St Anne</i>	
	<i>Anthem: Ogden, Christ Has No Body Now</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Bélier, Toccata in D minor</i>	

Wednesday 08 July

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

Thursday 09 July

11.00am	Said Eucharist	St Thomas'
07.30pm	Visitation Service	St Botolph's
	<i>Hymns: As per Order of Service</i>	
	<i>Anthem: Nardone, A New Commandment</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Andriessen, Theme and Variations</i>	

Saturday 11 July

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
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God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS ON THURSDAYS @ 1PM

9 July 2026, Anthony Baldery (Organ)

FREE with retiring collection towards the Music Appeal.

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 by Candlelight
Wednesday 8th July 2026, 7.30pm

The music of Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons by
Candlelight
Saturday 18th July 2026, 7.30pm

Tickets are available from the Xperience Events website only: <https://www.xperiencelive.co.uk/get-tickets/>. Fully licensed bar will be available.

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.

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 July – Friday 14 Aug, St Botolph’s Church

Please do support the Guild as they bring their exhibition to St Botolph’s.

NEXT SUNDAY - The Sixth Sunday After Trinity

09.30am	Sung Eucharist	St Thomas’
11.00am	Choral Eucharist	St Botolph’s/Online

PCC REMINDER

The first PCC, following our APCM, will take place on Monday 20th July 2026, 6.30pm at St Thomas’ Church

CHILDREN EAT FREE THIS SUMMER

Monday 27th July 2026 – Friday 4th September 2026
10am – 2.30pm

This summer we will once again be bringing back ‘Children Eat Free’. This initiative has provided lunch to thousands of children, and we are delighted to be bringing it back for its third year.

FREE FUN@ THE STUMP

Every Thursday in August between 10.30am – 2.30pm.
Free Garden games, trails, arts & crafts plus much more...

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*

God of truth, marked and pierced and open to our touch; you embraced the doubt of Thomas and breathed your peace upon him: free us from our clinging need for certainty without trust and teach us faith in the heart of love unknown; through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.