

12 July 2026

The Sixth Sunday
after Trinity

PILGRIMS PROGRESS

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



COLLECT

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55.10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

SECOND READING: Romans 8.1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell

SERVICES

Sunday 12 July

09.30am	Eucharist	St Thomas'
	<i>Hymns: 132, 387, 507, 628, 810</i>	
	<i>Setting: Thorne, St Thomas</i>	
	<i>Voluntary:</i>	
11.00am	Eucharist	St Botolph's/Online
	<i>Hymns: 537, 476, 690, 592, 721</i>	
	<i>Setting: St Thomas & Elek Mathe Gloria</i>	
	<i>Anthem: Ogden, Christ Has No Body Now</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Bélér, Toccata in D minor</i>	

Monday 13 July

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
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Tuesday 14 July

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
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Wednesday 15 July

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

Thursday 16 July

08.45am	Collective Worship	St Thomas' School
11.00am	Said Eucharist	St Thomas'

Saturday 18 July

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
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among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!’ ‘Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS ON THURSDAYS @ 1PM

16 July 2026, Jonathan Allsopp (Organ)

FREE with retiring collection towards the Music Appeal.

THE MUSIC OF FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS BY CANDLELIGHT

Saturday 18th July 2026, 7.30pm, St Botolph's Church

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

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.

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...

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 Seventh Sunday After Trinity

09.30am	Service of the Word	St Thomas'
11.00am	Choral Eucharist	St Botolph's/Online
05.00pm	Choral Evensong	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

REVD VAL OGDEN'S FAREWELL PICNIC AND SERVICE

Friday 24th July 2026, 3pm - 5pm
Centenary Methodist Church

Revd Dr Val Ogden is leaving Boston after serving the Boston Methodist churches for 8 years. You are invited to attend an informal picnic in the Centenary Methodist Church gardens (bring your own picnic - soft drinks and mini snacks provided), followed by a service of evening prayer at 6pm.

MARKET PLACE CLOSURE - SUNDAY 19th JULY 2026

Due to an event taking place in the Market Place on Sunday 19th July 2026, access to Church Close can be made via Wormgate and Bank St.

BOSTON FOODBANK DONATIONS

The Foodbank is looking for donations of the following: bags for life, egg boxes, thermos flasks. 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*

Divine sower, scattering seed, never hoarding, wasting life – or so the world thinks: give us the depth to receive the gift so freely given and the maturity to revel in love's abundant, reckless growth; through Jesus Christ, the grain of life. Amen.