

19 July 2026

The Seventh Sunday
after Trinity

PILGRIMS PROGRESS

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



COLLECT

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44.6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

SECOND READING: Romans 8.12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that

the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and

SERVICES

Sunday 19 July

09.30am	Service of the Word <i>Hymns: 379, 713, 592, 584</i> <i>Psalm: 139 (1-11, 23,24)</i> <i>Voluntary: Clarke, Prince of Denmark's March</i>	St Thomas'
11.00am	Choral Eucharist <i>Hymns: 630, 610, 590, 772, 682</i> <i>Setting: St Thomas & Elek Mathe Gloria</i> <i>Anthem: RVW, The Call</i> <i>Voluntary: Dubois, Toccata in G</i>	St Botolph's/Online
05.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>Hymns: 15, 18</i> <i>Canticles: Walmisley in D Minor</i> <i>Anthem: Lyon, Prayer of St Augustine</i> <i>Voluntary: J S Bach, Prelude in G, BWV 541</i>	St Botolph's/Online <i>Psalm: 67, 70</i> <i>Responses: Wright</i>

Monday 20 July

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
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Tuesday 21 July

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
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Wednesday 22 July

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

Thursday 23 July

11.00am	Said Eucharist	St Thomas'
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Saturday 25 July

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
12.30pm	Wedding	St Thomas'

said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' ' Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

THE FINAL LUNCHTIME CONCERT ON THURSDAYS @ 1PM

23 July 2026, Dr David Hill (Organ)

FREE with retiring collection towards the Music Appeal.

PCC REMINDER

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

BOSTON FOOD FESTIVAL @ ST BOTOLPH'S

Friday 31st July & Saturday 1st August, 10am - 3pm

The Food Festival is almost here! 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.

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

Monday 3rd - Saturday 15th August
St Botolph's Church

Celebrating 50yrs of the Guild. Discover all about this amazing heritage craft and have a go too!

NEXT SUNDAY - The Eighth Sunday After Trinity

09.30am	Eucharist	St Thomas'
11.00am	Choral Eucharist	St Botolph's/Online
05.00pm	Baptism	St Botolph's
02.00pm	Baptism	St Botolph's

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.

OPEN GARDEN COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 8th August 2026, 10am - 12 noon
78 Tattershall Road, Boston

George and Ashley Cooper invite you to an Open Garden/Coffee morning. There will be a raffle, plant, jam and chutney, produce, cake and doggie treats stalls. Everyone welcome, bring a friend or two. £2 admission.

BOSTON FOODBANK DONATIONS

The Foodbank is looking for donations of the following: bags for life, egg boxes, thermos flasks. 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 reaper, who alone can judge without vengeance or fear: free us from our desire to repay evil with evil; root us in creation's longing for freedom from oppression; shape us by hope unseen for the victory of love; through Jesus Christ, with whom we suffer and are glorified.