

23 August 2026

The Twelfth Sunday
after Trinity

PILGRIMS PROGRESS

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



COLLECT

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51.1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

SECOND READING: Romans 12.1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16.13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my

SERVICES

Sunday 23 August

09.30am	Eucharist	St Thomas'
	<i>Hymns: 634, 698, 641, 712, 758</i>	
	<i>Setting: Thorne, St Thomas</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: John Howlett, Royal Command (1948)</i>	
11.00am	Eucharist	St Botolph's/Online
	<i>Hymns: 9, 647, 498, 696, 421</i>	
	<i>Setting: Thorne, St Thomas</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: John Howlett, Royal Command (1948)</i>	
01.00pm	Baptism	St Botolph's
02.00pm	Baptism	St Botolph's

Monday 24 August

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
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Tuesday 25 August

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
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Wednesday 26 August

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

Thursday 27 August

11.00am	Said Eucharist	St Thomas'
02.00pm	Pet Service	St Botolph's

Saturday 29 August

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
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Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

POST COMMUNION

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHILDREN EAT FREE THIS SUMMER

Monday 27th July 2026 – Friday 4th September 2026
10am – 2pm

St Botolph's Church Refectory

Every child who visits St Botolph's can pick up a free lunch to eat in or takeaway.

We have given an amazing 819 lunches out (up to 15 August). Thank you to those who have volunteered to assist! We have gaps on 28th August and 2nd & 4th Sept.

FREE FUN @ THE STUMP

27th August and 3rd September
10.30am – 2pm, St Botolph's Church

Garden games, LEGO & Duplo, trails, arts & crafts, parachute games plus much more... Free family fun over the summer holidays.

LINCS GUILD OF WEAVERS, SPINNERS & DYERS DEMONSTRATION & ACTIVITIES

Wednesdays and Thursdays until 3rd September
10am – 2.30pm, St Botolph's Church

PRELOVED BOOK SALE RETURNS TO ST BOTOLPH'S

Throughout August St Botolph's will hold its annual preloved Book & Jigsaw sale.

MORSE & CHESTER INVITE YOU TO A PET SERVICE

Thursday 27th August 2026, 2pm
St Botolph's Church

Bring along your pets, a picture of a much-loved pet, or simply your love of animals!

BOSTON FLEA MARKET, MARKET PLACE

Saturday 5th September, from 10am

Members of St Thomas' Church will be having a stall at the Boston Flea Market, please come along and support them!

RAFA COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 19th September 2026
10am – 12Noon, St Botolph's Church

Support the Boston & District RAFA branch as they host their annual Coffee Morning in St Botolph's. They shall also be around Boston for their Wings Appeal.

NEXT SUNDAY - The Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity

11.00am United Parish Eucharist St Botolph's/Online

VACANCY - ASSISTANT ORGANIST

The Parish of Boston is seeking a talented part-time Assistant Organist to join our music team.

This is an exciting opportunity to support choral worship at St Thomas' Church, with services also taking place at St Botolph's, as well as supporting our choristers, scholars and choir and contributing to our recital series.

For more information, or to have an informal conversation about the role, please speak to John Lyon or email music@parishofboston.co.uk.

FRIDAY NIGHT @ THE STUMP!

Friday 11th September 2026, 7pm – 11pm
St Botolph's Church

Tickets now on sale! £10 in advance from the Gift Shop or £12 on the door.

BOOK CLUB

Last Monday of each Month, 1pm
St Botolph's Refectory

Starting in September we are launching our very own Book Club! Limited to 12 spaces, please contact mick.broadhurst@parishofboston.co.uk or the Parish Office to sign up.

BOSTON FOODBANK DONATIONS

We would be very grateful for the following items: Milk, Fruit Juice, Rice Pudding, Instant Mash, Squash.

PARISH GIVING

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.



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.

LET US PRAY *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*

Living God, you accept our stumbling faith, our misplaced answers, our false horizons, and through them build a way of peace: empower us to bind the wounds of the world and loose the debts of oppression, that all may confess the grace that is your work alone; through Jesus Christ, anointed for the world. Amen.