

30 August 2026

The Thirteenth Sunday
after Trinity

PILGRIMS PROGRESS

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



High
Level
Tours

COLLECT

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15.15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore,

thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

SECOND READING: Romans 12.9-end

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16.21-end

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been

SERVICES

Sunday 30 August

09.30am United Parish Eucharist St Botolph's/Online
Hymns: **595, 629, 366, 358, 690**
Setting: Thorne, St Thomas
Voluntary: Eric Coates, Calling All Workers

Tuesday 01 September

09.00am Morning Prayer St Botolph's

Wednesday 02 September

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

Thursday 03 September

11.00am Said Eucharist St Thomas'

Saturday 05 September

09.00am Morning Prayer St Thomas'

done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

POST COMMUNION

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through 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 & 4th September.

FREE FUN @ THE STUMP

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

FR DAVID IS AWAY

Fr David is on annual leave from Mon 31st August – Monday 7th September.

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!

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.

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 Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity

09.30am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
11.00am	Eucharist	St Botolph's/Online
05.00pm	Evensong	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.

ACCESS TO CHURCH CLOSE ON THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER - TOUR OF BRITAIN

Due to Stage 2 of the Tour of Britain taking place on Thursday 3rd September, access to St Botolph's can be made via Bank St, County Hall Car Park or Wormgate. Activities and a live-stream will be taking place, so please come along and support this special event!

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*

Passionate Lord, walking to Golgotha in the midst of our confusion: free us from our images of you which keep you enthroned in idle power, apart from the pain and sin of the world; lead us to embrace the scandal of the cross and let our violence die that greater life might rise; through Jesus Christ, who took the form of a slave.