

13 September 2026

The Fifteenth Sunday
after Trinity

PILGRIMS PROGRESS

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



COLLECT

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Genesis 50.15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

SECOND READING: Romans 14.1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only

vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18.21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the

SERVICES

Sunday 13 September

09.30am	Eucharist	St Thomas'
	<i>Hymns: 207, 775, 725, 451, 650</i>	
	<i>Setting: Thorne St Thomas</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: J.S.Bach, Short Prelude and Fugue in Bb</i>	
11.00am	Choral Eucharist	St Botolph's/Online
	<i>Hymns: 766, 725, 813, 669, 826</i>	
	<i>Setting: Harris in F</i>	
	<i>Anthem: Hilton/Farrant. Lord, for thy Tender Mercies Sake</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: J.S.Bach, Prelude and Fugue in C minor</i>	
02.00pm	Mayor's Sunday	St Botolph's
	<i>Music: as per Order of Service</i>	

Monday 14 September

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
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Tuesday 15 September

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
10.45am	Battle of Britain Memorial	Memorial Gardens

Wednesday 16 September

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

Thursday 17 September

11.00am	Said Eucharist	St Thomas'
01.00pm	Boston High Prize Giving	St Botolph's

Saturday 19 September

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
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kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

POST COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ACCESS TO ST BOTOLPH'S: Please note Bank Street will be closed on Wednesdays and Saturdays, due to the Market, with immediate effect. Access can be made via the Market Place on Wednesdays and Wormgate/Fountain Lane on Saturdays.

VACANCY - ASSISTANT ORGANIST

The Parish of Boston is seeking a talented part-time Assistant Organist to join our music team. For more information, or to have an informal conversation about the role, please speak to John Lyon or email music@parishofboston.co.uk.

ST BOTOLPH'S PRE-LOVED BOOKS

Year to date the book stall has made an amazing £2037.51 with £1039.59 of that being made in August! Thank you to everyone who has contributed.

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.

BOSTON FOODBANK DONATIONS

We would be very grateful for the following items: Tinned meat, instant noodles, small tins of fruit & vegetables (with ring pull openings). Donations can be dropped off at St Botolph's Church or via the Supermarket donation points.

PCC

Our next PCC meeting will take place on Monday 14th September 2026 at 6.30pm in St Thomas' Church.

NEXT SUNDAY - The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity / Battle of Britain Sunday

09.30am	Said Eucharist	St Botolph's
09.30am	Service of the Word	St Thomas'
11.00am	Battle of Britain Service	St Botolph's
02.00pm	Wedding	St Botolph's
05.00pm	Choral Evensong	St Botolph's/Online

BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING

Thursday 17th September 2026, St Botolph's Church

Please note there may be some restrictions in place through the building throughout the day.

Due to the Parade following the 11am Battle of Britain Service there may be some road restrictions, temporarily, in place. Please see road signs for more details.

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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2026

4th October 2026, 10.30am, St Thomas' Church

Lunch tickets now available from the Parish Office or a Churchwarden, £10 each. Lunch, wine, tea & coffee will be included. Please contact Fr David if you are able to provide desserts.

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.



LET US PRAY *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*

God of debts forgiven, you call to account our hunger for power; you disturb hierarchies which crush the weak: break the vicious cycles of revenge and domination that we might look to him whose mercy never ends, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.