

04 October 2026

Harvest Festival

PILGRIMS PROGRESS

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

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COLLECT

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not

exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 9.6-end

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your

SERVICES

Sunday 04 October

09.30am	United Parish Eucharist	St Thomas'
	<i>Hymns: 282, 283, 822, 288, 289</i>	
	<i>Setting: Thorne St Thomas</i>	
	<i>Voluntary:</i>	
05.00pm	Choral Evensong	St Botolph's/Online
	<i>Hymns: 20, 537</i>	<i>Psalm: 136</i>
	<i>Canticles: Sumsion in G</i>	<i>Responses: Byrd</i>
	<i>Anthem: Haydn, The Heavens are Telling</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Sumsion, Pastorate</i>	

Monday 05 October

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
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Tuesday 06 September

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
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Wednesday 07 September

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

Thursday 08 October

09.45am	Collective Worship	St Thomas' School
11.00am	Said Eucharist	St Thomas'
02.00pm	Pastoral Visit	Hunters Creek

Saturday 10 October

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
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obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

GOSPEL READING: Luke 17.11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

POST COMMUNION

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 4th October

10.30am	United Eucharist	St Thomas' Church
11.45am	Drinks in Church	St Thomas' Church
12.30pm	Parish Lunch	St Thomas' Hall
05.00pm	Choral Evensong	St Botolph's/Online

This year the proceeds from our Harvest Festival will go to Haven Domestic Abuse Service who support Men, Women and Children who are living with or have experienced Domestic Abuse in and around Boston.

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.

ST BOTOLPH'S CRAFT MARKET

Saturday 10th October, 10am – 3pm

Celebrate our local, small, businesses! Free entry. From cakes, knitted items, pottery to terrariums – there will be something for everyone!

RESTRICTED ACCESS TO ST BOTOLPH'S

Thursday 15th October: Boston Grammar School Charter Day

Thursday 22nd October: Boston College Graduation
NB: there will be no public access from 12Noon

BOOK CLUB

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

Limited to 12 spaces, please contact
mick.broadhurst@parishofboston.co.uk to sign up!

NEXT SUNDAY - The Nineteenth Sunday After Trintiy

09.30am	Eucharist	St Thomas;
11.00am	Eucharist	St Botolph's/Online
01.00pm	Baptism	St Thomas'
02.00pm	Baptism	St Thomas'

We are about to begin the November & December rotas, please let the Parish Office if you're unavailable for your usual duties. Thank you.

ALL SOULS SERVICES AT ST BOTOLPH'S

Saturday 31st October, 11am

During the service of readings, music, prayers and light, names of the departed will be read out and remembered. To include your loved ones name, please complete a form at the back of Church.

Sunday 1st November, 5pm

Choral Requiem with music by the Parish & B-16 Choir.

The Ministry Report is now available from the back of Church.

CRANMER AWARDS COME TO ST BOTOLPH'S

Saturday 17th October, 2pm

We will be hosting a regional heat, on behalf of The Prayer Book Society. Open to 11-18yr olds, competitors recite passages of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. The National Final is held at University of St John's, York, with cash prizes. Pick up a leaflet for more information.

ORGAN FIREWORKS

Saturday 7th November, 7pm, St Botolph's Church

Organ music that goes with a bang! Tickets are £10 to include refreshments. Available via the Stump Gift Shop or events@parishofboston.co.uk.

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*

Gracious One, reaching our need, overcoming our alienation: give us a spirit of gratitude for the abundance of the earth, the wildness of its creatures, the global threads that bind friend and foreigner; may our thanks be the soil in which a dream of justice grows; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. Amen.