

11 October 2026

The Nineteenth Sunday
after Trinity

PILGRIMS PROGRESS

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



COLLECT

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25.1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will

wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4.1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

SERVICES

Sunday 11 October

09.30am	Eucharist	St Thomas'
	<i>Hymns: 357, 639, 683, 711, 448</i>	
	<i>Setting: Thorne St Thomas</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Thalben-Ball, Elegy</i>	
11.00am	Eucharist	St Botolph's/Online
	<i>Hymns: 312, 794, 621, 594, 769</i>	
	<i>Setting: Darke in F</i>	
	<i>Anthem: Taverner, Christe Jesu Pastor Bone</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Thalben-Ball, Elegy</i>	
01.00pm	Baptism	St Thomas'
02.00pm	Baptism	St Thomas'

Monday 12 October

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
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Tuesday 13 September

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
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Wednesday 14 September

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

Thursday 15 October

11.00am	Said Eucharist	St Thomas'
01.40pm	Boston Grammar Charter Day	St Botolph's

Saturday 17 October

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

POST COMMUNION

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thank you to all those who supported our Parish Harvest Festival. We raised an amazing £300.00 for Haven Domestic Abuse Service.

BOSTON FOODBANK DONATIONS

We would be very grateful for the following items: UHT Milk, Fruit Squash, Soup and Instant Mash Potato. Donations can be dropped off via one of the Church collection points or via the Supermarket donation points.

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. Everyone is welcome to attend, please do come along and support our competitors.

RESTRICTED ACCESS TO ST BOTOLPH'S

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

FUN @ THE STUMP

Thurs 29th Oct, 10.30am -2pm, St Botolph's Church
Garden games, arts & crafts, trails, LEGO, DUPLO plus much more...

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.

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 - Luke the Evangelist

09.30am	Service of the Word	St Thomas;
11.00am	Eucharist	St Botolph's/Online
05.00pm	Choral Evensong	St Botolph's/Online

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

Within the context of the Eucharist, this awesome service prays for eternal rest in heaven for those who have died. During the service, candles will be lit in memory of those who have died.

PARISH BINGO

Saturday 14th November, St Thomas' Church Hall
Doors open at 6pm for a 7pm start

Refreshments, Raffle, Prizes (including cash prizes!)

We are looking for donations of prizes and/or raffle prizes. Please leave any donations in the Parish Office for the attention of Sue by Friday 6th November.

BIG LEGO BUILD

The Big Lego Build is approaching its next milestone, 100,000 bricks! Can you help get us there?! You can sponsor a brick for £1 or sponsor an entire section.

Prices for current sections start at £90. Speak with Rod, Adam or Fr David if you would like to help.

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*

Beyond our understanding you alone are God; you speak to a world of brutal rule and shallow indifference, of arms fairs and reality shows: may the one who came to sit at table with the victimized and excluded disturb our barren peace and call us to another feast where only love may rule; through Jesus Christ, the bridegroom.