

18 October 2026

Luke the Evangelist

PILGRIMS PROGRESS

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



COLLECT

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; 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: Acts 16.6-12a

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4.5-17

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who

SERVICES

Sunday 18 October

09.30am	Service of the Word	St Thomas'
	<i>Hymns: 308, 302, 520, 394</i>	
	<i>Psalm: 147. 1-7</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Rutter, Toccata in Seven</i>	
11.00am	Eucharist	St Botolph's/Online
	<i>Hymns: 308, 510, 394, 297, 742</i>	
	<i>Setting: Thorne, St Thomas + Mathe Gloria</i>	
	<i>Anthem: Rutter, A Gaelic Blessing</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Rutter, Toccata in Seven</i>	
05.00pm	Choral Evensong	St Botolph's/Online
	<i>Hymns: 14, 612</i>	<i>Psalm: 142</i>
	<i>Canticles: Walmisley in D minor</i>	<i>Responses: Clucas</i>
	<i>Anthem: Bainton, And I Saw a New Heaven</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Howells, Psalm Prelude Set 1, no3</i>	

Monday 19 October

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
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Tuesday 20 September

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
02.00pm	Pastoral Visit	Boston West

Wednesday 21 September

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
10.30am	Said Eucharist	St Botolph's
06.30pm	Midweek Evensong	St Botolph's
	<i>Hymn: 12</i>	<i>Psalm: 136</i>
	<i>Canticles: RVW in C</i>	<i>Responses: Plainsong</i>
	<i>Anthem: Ives, Beati Mundo Corde</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Organ Scholar Voluntary</i>	

Thursday 22 October

08.45am	KS1 Worship	St Thomas' School
11.00am	Said Eucharist	St Thomas'
12Noon	Boston College Graduation	St Botolph's

Saturday 24 October

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
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have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first

defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 10.1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to

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.

RESTRICTED ACCESS TO ST BOTOLPH'S

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

LINCS GUILD OF WEAVERS, SPINNERS & DYERS

Weds 28th & Thurs 29th Oct 2026, St Botolph's Church
The Guild will be with us again this half term with demonstrations & crafts for all the family.

FUN @ THE STUMP

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

THURSDAY 19TH OCT, 11AM - 1PM, ST BOTOLPH'S

Lincs Digital

Need a little help with your phone, tablet, or computer? Want to build your digital confidence in a friendly and relaxed setting? Come along to our Free Digital Drop-In with Lincs Digital. No need to book — just drop in!

The Home Energy Advice and Retrofit Team (HEART)

The HEART team will be with us to provide help and support to reduce your energy bills!

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.

NEXT SUNDAY - The Last Sunday after Trinity

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

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*

God of the gathering storm, calling us to announce the nearness of your rule: we praise you for the good news of Luke, for stories of searching love and grace found in the foreigner; of women of strength and rebellion and men called from the margins; may we be bearers of that word to a world hungry for you; through Jesus Christ, who feasted with sinners. Amen.