

25 October 2026

The Last Sunday after Trinity

PILGRIMS PROGRESS

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



COLLECT

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the

gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22.34-end

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do

SERVICES

Sunday 25 October

09.30am	Eucharist	St Thomas'
	<i>Hymns: 746, 702, 812, 348, 823</i>	
	<i>Setting: Thorne St Thomas</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Elgar, Nimrod</i>	
11.00am	Eucharist	St Botolph's/Online
	<i>Hymns: 746, 628, 604, 703, 814</i>	
	<i>Setting: MacMillan, St Anne Service</i>	
	<i>Anthem: Elgar, Ave Verum</i>	
	<i>Voluntary: Elgar, Nimrod</i>	
01.00pm	Baptism	St Botolph's
02.00pm	Baptism	St Botolph's

Monday 26 October

09.00am	Said Eucharist	St Botolph's
12.45pm	Funeral	St Botolph's
14:00pm	Holy Communion	Westfields Home

Tuesday 27 September

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
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Wednesday 28 September

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

Thursday 29 October

11.00am	Said Eucharist	St Thomas'
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Saturday 31 October

09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'
11.00am	All Souls	St Botolph's

you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' "? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

POST COMMUNION

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

BOSTON FOODBANK DONATIONS

We would be very grateful for the following items: UHT Milk, Tea Bags, Coffee, Fruit Squash. Donations can be dropped off via one of the Church collection points or via the Supermarket donation points.

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 29TH 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!

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.

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 - All Saints

09.30am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas;
11.00am	Eucharist	St Botolph's/Online
05.00pm	Choral Requiem	St Botolph's

CHILDREN EAT FREE THIS HALF TERM

**Monday 26th – Saturday 31st October 2026,
10am – 2pm, St Botolph's Refectory**

We will once again be offering free lunches to children through the school holidays. If you are able to assist with making sandwiches or helping children to pick their lunches, please speak to a member of the Ministry Team.

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.

SANCTUARY GUILD CHRISTMAS FAYRE TOMBOLA

The Guild is running a tombola stall in St Botolph's on Friday 27 November to raise money to decorate St Botolph's with flowers during the year. It is seeking donations of new toiletries and small gifts as prizes (no sweets, chocolates etc). If you have anything you can donate please hand it (unwrapped) to the Parish Office by 22 November. Thank you for your generosity.

ST BOTOLPH'S BOOK CLUB

St Botolph's Book Club meets on Monday 26 October at 1pm in the Boston Foodbank. If you are interested in coming along please email Mick Broadhurst via mick.broadhurst@parishofboston.co.uk

CRAFT & COMPANY

The next Craft & Company session will be held on Monday 26 October, St Botolph's Church at 10am.

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*

Lord of the teasing riddle, whose questions undo our certainty and set us on a different path: give us a heart of passion, a searching mind, gentle strength of body and unseen depths of soul, that we might love you wholly and our neighbour as ourself; through Jesus Christ, the law of grace. Amen.