01 November 2026
All Saints' Day

PILGRIMS PROGRESS

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



COLLECT
God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Revelation 7.9-end
After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

SERVICES

	Sunday 01 November	
09.30am	Morning Prayer *Hymns: **308, 302, 296, 304*** *Psalm: 34 v 1-10* *Voluntary: Langlais, Hymne d'action de graces, Te Deum*	St Thomas'
11.00am	Eucharist *Hymns: **296, 358, 308, 725, 312*** *Setting: Thorne St Thomas + Mathe Gloria* *Anthem: Chilcott An Irish Blessing* *Voluntary: Langlais, Hymne d'action de graces, Te Deum*	St Botolph's/Online
05.00pm	All Souls Requiem *Music: As per Order of Service*	St Botolph's
	Monday 02 November	
09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
10.30am	Opening of the Memorial Gardens	Memorial Gardens
	Tuesday 03 November	
09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
	Wednesday 04 November	
09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Botolph's
10.30am	Said Eucharist	St Botolph's
	Thursday 05 November	
11.00am	Said Eucharist	St Thomas'
08.45am	Collective Worship	St Thomas' School
	Saturday 07 November	
09.00am	Morning Prayer	St Thomas'

SECOND READING: 1 John 3.1-3
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5.1-12
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those

who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

POST COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BOSTON CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 2026

Christmas Tree Festival, 27th Nov– 7th Dec
Are you a local organisation or community group. Please contact Boston Borough Council if you wish to take part in the Christmas Tree Festival.

Boston Christmas Festival
Friday 27th November, 12Noon – 8pm
Face painter, community groups, games, stalls and delicious festive treats in the Refectory.

Saturday 28th November, 10am – 3pm
Christmas Craft Market with local, small, businesses. The ideal time to get some unique Christmas gifts.

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.

BOSTON SINFONIA

Saturday 21st November, 7,30pm
St Botolph's Church

Mozart , Cosi fan tutti Overture. Mozart, Piano Concerto No 12 (Soloist: Nigel Morley). Mozart, Symphony No. 39.

Tickets are now available via the Gift Shop.
£12 in advance / £15 on the door / Under18yrs FREE.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES 2026

Monday 2nd November

10.30am	Opening of the Memorial Gardens	Memorial Garden

Sunday 8th November

10.45am	Act of Remembrance	Memorial Garden
10.45am	Act of Remembrance with Eucharist	St Thomas'
11.30am	Remembrance Service	St Botolph's

Wednesday 11th November

10.45am	Act of Remembrance	Memorial Garden

NB: there will be temporary road closures in place in the Market Place on Sunday 8th November for the town parade.

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 on of the Church collection points or via the Supermarket donation points.

ORGAN FIREWORKS

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

PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

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.

G4 IN CONCERT

Friday 18th December 2026, 7.30pm
St Botolph's Church

Tickets are now available online via www.g4official.com

Some of us are turning thoughts towards Christmas shopping and preparations. Remember that sending a religious Christmas card is an act of witness and a sharing of our faith. Please buy and send religious cards this year.

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 all people from every tribe and language; you call true witnesses who sing your praise, live your grace and work for peace: may we share their faith and know our need for you that we might be a blessing to the hunger of your world; through Jesus Christ, whose body we are. Amen.