



Loving Jesus, Serving Others

Holy Trinity is an open evangelical church committed to making Jesus known and to serving our local community. We are affiliated to the New Wine Network.

Our vision is to be a church where we declare God's worth, show God's love and share Jesus with others, "a family like no other."

We aim to be

- **centred on Jesus**
- **shaped by his Word**
- **dependent on his Holy Spirit**
- **engaged in service**

Description of the Parish

The parish of Holy Trinity (population approximately 9-10 000) is situated in a largely residential area of the market town of Boston in South East Lincolnshire. The parish contains around 6,500 homes, most of which are privately owned. Trinity has an electoral roll of just over 200, plus other committed members of the church family.

There is a wide range of employment across the parish, although few major employers apart from Pilgrim Hospital. Within the parish there are five schools, a hospital (with its own Chaplaincy), several care homes and supported housing schemes. There are no Church of England schools in the parish. However, we have good links with Tower Road Primary Academy, St. Mary's RC Primary School, Boston High School, Haven High Academy and John Fielding Community Special School.

The racial mix is mainly white British, but there are significant and growing numbers of migrant workers in the parish mainly from Eastern Europe. The congregation, unusually for Lincolnshire, has a significant proportion of BAME members.



Teams

Vicar: Rev Lis Ward and **Associate Vicar:** Rev Ian Ward moved to Trinity in December 2018. Lis previously served as Curate and Associate Minister at St George's Stamford. Ian has been ordained for 35 years, working for most of these as an RAF chaplain.

Youth and Children's Worker: This is a long-standing post. The previous youth worker has left after three years following her appointment as Lead Evangelist for the Church Army in Wales. The holder of the post is seen as part of the church leadership.

Curate: Jon Speirs Davies joined Trinity in July 2020, moving here from Lincoln with his family.

Pastoral Outreach Worker: Paula Sargeant (Part time post)

Church Administrator: Nikki Jackson **Assistant Church Administrator:** Pam Mellor (Part-time posts)

Diocesan Readers: Nigel Andrews, David Parkinson, Paula Sargeant

Churchwardens: Barry Moseley and Sandra Snell

Safeguarding Officer: Carol Acheson

Volunteers: Trinity has a strong team of volunteers of all ages without whom the mission and ministry of the church would not happen. These volunteers organise children's groups and activities, support youth work, run and serve at the weekly café and community lunch, welcome people and take part in Sunday services, run the bookstall, bereavement group, are part of the PCC, buildings maintenance team, mission group and pastoral and prayer ministry teams and so much more.

We employ three part-time cleaners and two part-time teenage property stewards who are involved in the care of the church buildings.

Facilities

We have excellent facilities for a wide range of activities. In addition to the church itself, which is Victorian, built in 1848, we have a multi-purpose lounge added in the 1980s where CYFA (our 14-18 group) hold most of their meetings and where our weekly Wednesday Trinity Tots toddler groups and Thursday café take place. We have a large hall, The Trinity Centre, with a variety of meeting rooms and a medium-sized sports hall with a grassed area suitable for outdoor games, barbecues and other activities. During the week the Trinity Centre is home to a preschool and used by other community groups during evenings and weekends as well as for Clubnite, a church run Friday night youth group for teenagers and for Trinity's Sunday children's groups.



Youth and Children's ministry

More details about the role of the Youth and Children's worker can be found in the job description.

Church Life Please see our website for further information. <http://www.holytrinityboston.org.uk/>

Currently under Covid...

Along with all other churches Holy Trinity went into the first lockdown with no experience of digital working. However, by the first Sunday (Mothering Sunday 2020) we had a short, recorded service uploaded to our newly created YouTube channel and 'Worship Together' was born. Over the intervening months the content and delivery have developed to include a variety of material of all types supported by email updates, service sheets and other devotional resources.

As rules and regulations changed, we developed from a purely pre-recorded and uploaded format to a live streamed provision. Our Live Streams use a mixture of both live and recorded material produced by both the staff team and volunteers. Due to the restrictions on singing all music is recorded by church musicians, assembled as worship video clips with lyrics and suitable footage, then included at the appropriate points in the service. Those leading prayers, reading, being interviewed or giving a testimony either appear live or are recorded depending on their feelings about attending the building for public worship.

Our current pattern is:

09:30 'Grow Together' with the Youth & Children team – 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays.
A Short 20-25 minute service following roughly the same theme as the later service. Puppets, games, animations, interviews and songs are used to create a fun and age relevant approach to worship and learning which is live, streamed and available to watch again.

10:30 'Worship Together' is our main act of Corporate Sunday Worship.
Music, songs, interviews, testimony, prayer, Bible reading, sermon and a small amount of liturgy. Items are delivered either live or recorded depending on the needs of the contributor or other considerations. Once a month our service includes Holy Communion and on 1st Sunday 'Worship and Grow Together' is for all ages.
All 10.30 services are live, streamed and available to watch again.

Other Times Currently we have a said service of Holy Communion in church most Sunday evenings. This service is not recorded or streamed. We also have throughout the year recorded 'Praise Together' collections of songs, prayers and Bible readings.

Other Resources During the year, as regulations have allowed, we have also provided the following to help the church family stay in touch: Pop Up Café, Garden Meetings (and baptism!), CYFA Café.

We have also developed seasonal online resources to support the "Thy Kingdom Come" prayer initiative, a devotional Advent Calendar and material for Lent and Holy Week.

Every church member is prayed for once a month following our "Who's Who" list after which they receive either a phone call or are contacted in an appropriate way. We have made extensive use of pastoral mailings, deliveries of literature, gift boxes and bags, cakes and cream teas. Prayer ministry is available via the phone with members of staff and the pastoral team. Small groups have mostly moved to meeting on zoom and provide opportunities for shared fellowship, study and prayer.

Beyond the parish

Holy Trinity is a strategic parish within the Deanery of Holland, which incorporates Anglican churches within the town and extends to the rural areas, north east towards Skegness. We enjoy good relationships with churches of other denominations through Churches Together in Boston (CTiB). We also support Centrepont Outreach (a local charity working with the homeless and vulnerable), Safe Families for Children (helping to support families in need), CAP (Christians Against Poverty, helping those with debt and financial need). We have strong links with and support the RoadHoG youth bus and have volunteers working with Boston Street Pastors.

Holy Trinity has long established links with Tearfund, OMF and CPAS. We also have strong links with a church in Bulgaria and support the ministry of YWAM in Arua, Uganda and MAF in Tanzania. Volunteers help with SU Hungary summer holiday camps.

Living in Boston

The Youth and Children's Worker's house, opposite the church, is a pre-war detached house belonging to the church. It has three bedrooms, a living room, kitchen / dining room, a study which is also the Youth Worker's office, a garage and a well-established garden.



The town of Boston is an historic market town and port with a population is around 35,000. Traditionally dependent on agriculture, Boston is now developing more manufacturing and service industries. The Youth worker's house is less than half a mile from the town centre shops and is conveniently placed for both primary and secondary schools. There is a system of selective secondary education in Boston with grammar schools. There is also an FE college (Boston College).

Pilgrim Hospital, which serves a large area of south east Lincolnshire, is also in the parish. There are many local sports clubs and the town has a sports and leisure centre, swimming pool and the Princess Royal sports arena, also excellent facilities for tennis and rowing. There is a local theatre and arts centre, a museum, a multiplex cinema, a bowling alley and the Sam Newsom music centre.

Getting here: by car, Lincoln and Peterborough are less than an hour away and Nottingham about an hour and a half. There is a railway station connecting to the main line station of Grantham. In addition, there is a daily coach service to and from London. There is also a regular local bus service in the town.

Additional Information

The local marsh coast, with its RSPB reserves and Site of Special Scientific Interest, can be reached in about ten minutes, while the nearest beach at Skegness is about a forty-minute drive. The Lincolnshire Wolds are an area of outstanding natural beauty and provide good walking opportunities.



For additional information on the Boston area, please refer to the Boston Borough Council website: www.boston.gov.uk