

**Today's hymns**

547, 470, 609, 390

**No Evening Prayer or Bible study this week**

There will be no Evening Prayer or Bible study at All Saints this Friday.

**Ecumenical Stations: Anglican–Old Catholic church walk in Bonn**

Next Sunday, 19th March, is our second Anglican–Old Catholic walk in Bonn. We meet at St. Paulus at 5pm (first station) and then walk to the Rhine, with two more stations along the way. The fourth station is on the 'Rheinnixe' ferry, and the fifth is at St. Cyprian's, where we are invited to an informal get-together with the Old Catholic congregation. Please do come if you can.

**St. Boniface Lent group**

Throughout Lent, the St. Boniface Lent group meets for study and discussion at Walt and Betty Müller's home (An der Obstwiese 1, 53639 Königswinter-Stieldorf) each Wednesday morning at 10am. This year we are studying Dietrich Bonhoeffer's poem "Stations on the Road to Freedom". All are welcome.

**Dates for your diary**

Weds 15th March: Deadline for newsletter contributions to Geoff Sammon  
Sunday 26th March: Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) at St. Paulus, 5pm  
Wednesday 29th March: Singing group meets at St. Paulus, 7.30pm  
Sunday 23rd April: Chaplaincy AGM at St. Paulus  
Saturday 29th April: Sponsored walk from Mehlem to Beuel with the theme "Walking 175 years of worship in Bonn"

**Bishop Robert's Lent Appeal**

Please transfer any donations for Bishop Robert's Lent Appeal to the F.A.C.B.C. bank account (details on front page), marked "Bishop's Lent Appeal". More information: <https://tinyurl.com/hn9aot7>

**Donations needed**

Helen and Thilo Rensmann in Bonn are supporting a family from Syria. The family are moving into an unfurnished flat this week. Can you donate any furniture, kitchen equipment, curtains or other items for their new home? Contact Helen (0228 214412) for more information or collection of items.

**Are you new to Bonn or Cologne, or to this church? For up to date information, follow us on Facebook/Twitter and visit our website. To be added to the mailing list, let us have your contact details.**

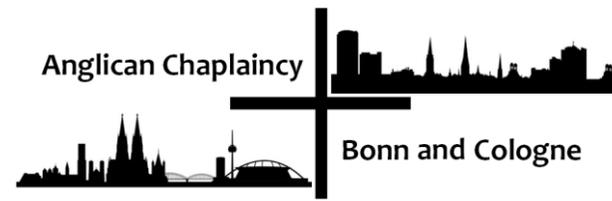
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**WELCOME**

*Welcome to Sunday worship, especially if you are joining us for the first time. Refreshments will be served after the service. We hope you might stay and introduce yourself.*

**Sunday 12th March 2017  
Second Sunday of Lent**

President and preacher:  
Revd Richard Gardiner

**Collect for today**

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Old Testament reading – Genesis 12.1-4a  
The Call of Abram**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'  
<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

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## **Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not suffer your foot to stumble;  
he who watches over you will not sleep.

**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord himself watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

**So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
neither the moon by night.**

The Lord shall keep you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep your soul.

**The Lord shall keep watch over your going out  
and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore.**

## **New Testament reading – Romans 4.1-5,13-17**

### **God's Promise Realized through Faith**

<sup>1</sup>What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. <sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say?

'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.'

<sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## **Gospel reading – John 3.1-17**

### **Nicodemus Visits Jesus**

<sup>1</sup>There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher

who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.'<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'

<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?'

<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

## **Post Communion prayer**

Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**