

Today's hymns

Entrance	135	A brighter dawn is breaking
Gradual	145	Good Christians all, rejoice and sing
Offertory	468	I danced in the morning
Final	424	Fill thou my life, O Lord my God

Evening Prayer and Bible study this week

Evening Prayer and Bible study at All Saints in Cologne take place at 6pm to 6.30pm (Evening Prayer) and 6.30pm to 7.30pm (Bible study) this Friday.

Book sale

The second-hand book sale at St. Paulus in Bonn-Beuel is planned for Saturday 27th May (alternative date: Saturday 10th June; time to be confirmed). If you can help with sorting or selling books, or preparing refreshments to sell, please see the Bonn churchwardens.

Thy Kingdom Come

Christians around the world are invited to take part in 'Thy Kingdom Come', a global wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. You can find many prayer resources at: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/prayerresources>

Singing group in Bonn-Beuel

The next informal sing-along is on Friday 2nd June. We meet in the basement at St. Paulus church in Bonn-Beuel at 7.30pm. Talk to Anne Wegner (02224 941008) or Jill Wolff (jill.wolff@gmx.de) for more information.

Bonn English Singers summer concerts

The [Bonn English Singers](#) will be giving two summer concerts in Bonn: Sunday 11th June at 6pm (St. Josef, Beuel) and Sunday 18th June at 4pm (St. Sebastian, Poppelsdorf). The programme includes Duruflé's Requiem and pieces by Stanford, Ireland and more. Free entry with a retiring collection.

Save the date

The All Saints summer fete is on Saturday 15th July, 12-4pm in the church and church garden. Please also invite your friends; more details to follow.

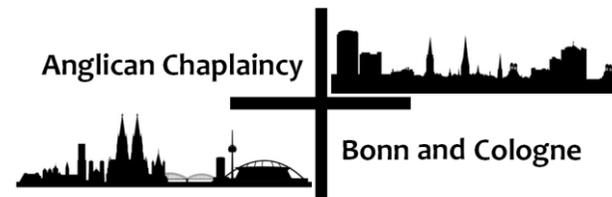
Weekly sheet

If you have any notices for this weekly sheet, for the next two weeks please email Ranti Hendricks: rantihendricks@yahoo.com. The deadline is 9am on Wednesday morning for the following Sunday.

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.

Name:
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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 21st May 2017 Sixth Sunday of Easter

President and preacher:
Revd Richard Costin

Collect for today

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

First reading – Acts 17.22-31 Paul in Athens

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed

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anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” ²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

Psalm 66.7-18

Bless our God, O you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard,

**Who holds our souls in life
and suffers not our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.

**You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

**I will come into your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows,
which my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices
with the smoke of rams;
I will sacrifice oxen and goats.

**Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.**

I called out to him with my mouth
and his praise was on my tongue.

**If I had nursed evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me,**

But in truth God has heard me;
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld his loving mercy from me.**

Second reading – 1 Peter 3.13-22

Suffering for Doing Right

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel reading – John 14.15-21

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹⁵If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

Post Communion prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.