

Today's hymns

Entrance	536	Be thou my vision
Gradual	308	Just as I am, without one plea
Offertory	558	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Final	442	God is love, let heaven adore him (<i>tune: 418</i>)

Singing group in Bonn-Beuel

The next informal sing-along will be on Wednesday 20th September. 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.

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. All are welcome.

Invitation to an open meeting for British citizens on 28 September

A top priority in the early phases of the Brexit negotiations is to secure the rights of British and EU citizens who are living and working in another country of the Union. Following the August negotiating round, UK and EU negotiators published a joint [update](#) on citizens' rights, setting out the areas where agreement had been reached and areas where further discussion was needed. Negotiations will continue in September. In co-operation with [British in Germany](#), the Counsellor at the British Embassy in Berlin, Nick Leake, will hold an open meeting in Cologne to discuss citizens' rights following Brexit.

The meeting will take place at 1900 on **28 September at the Anglican Church on Bonner Strasse / Lindenallee, 50968 Cologne at 1900** (doors will open at 1830). We expect the meeting to last for about two hours. If you would like to share your views, put your questions to Nick and meet other Brits living in the region, please come along. Registration will be on arrival. Any inquiries ahead of the event should be directed to Berlin.EU_EconTeam@fco.gov.uk

Children's ministry at All Saints

Activities for children are offered at All Saints during the service on the first Sunday of every month. The next date for children's ministry is Sunday 1st October.

Weekly sheet

If you have any notices for this weekly sheet, please contact Jenny Knudsen on 0228 94693999 or e-mail: notices@anglicanbonncologne.de.

The deadline is 9am on Wednesday morning for the following Sunday.

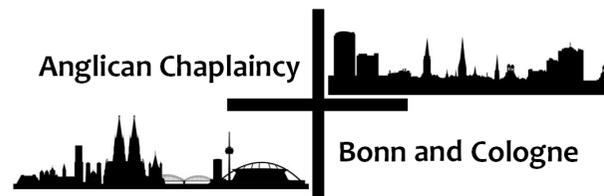
Are you new to Bonn or Cologne, or to this church? For up to date information, follow us on Facebook/Twitter and visit our website. To be added to the mailing list, let us have your contact details.

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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 17th September 2017
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
Proper 19

President and preacher:
Revd Richard Gardiner

Collect for today

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament reading – Genesis 50.15-21

Joseph Forgives His Brothers

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though

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you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalm 103.1-13

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me bless his holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits;**

Who forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;

**Who redeems your life from the Pit
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;**

Who satisfies you with good things,
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**The Lord executes righteousness
and judgement for all who are oppressed.**

He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.

**The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

He will not always accuse us,
neither will he keep his anger for ever.

**He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.

**As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he set our sins from us.**

As a father has compassion on his children,
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

New Testament reading – Romans 14.1-12

Do Not Judge Another

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat

in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel reading – Matthew 18.21-35

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

²¹Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' ²²Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." ²⁹Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Post Communion prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**