

Today's hymns

Entrance	496	Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
Gradual	533	O for a heart to praise my God (<i>tune: 400</i>)
Offertory	442	God is love, let heaven adore him (<i>tune: 278</i>)
Final	556	Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him

Welcome

Today it's our pleasure to welcome back the Revd Canon John Lindsay, who'll be with us as our locum chaplain for the next four weeks.

Walking group this Tuesday

Our new all-chaplaincy walking group is taking shape! The first walk is on Tuesday 3rd October (public holiday), starting at 10am. The start and end point is the Josefshäuschen in Holzweiler. Parking is available in the quiet Heinrich-Heine-Str. (satnav: Heinrich-Heine-Str. 8-16, 53501 Graftschaft). The circular walk is 12km, takes about 3 hours (plus breaks), and is flat apart from the up and down when we reach the Ahr Valley: <http://www.naturaktiverleben.de/?IndexTour=7>.

We then plan to have lunch together at Restaurant Blumenhof, Bahnhofstraße 1, 53340 Meckenheim. If you, or any of your friends, would like to come along, please let Jenny Knudsen or Richard Gardiner know today, so a table can be reserved at the restaurant. The walk is open to all.

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.

Harvest Festival next Sunday

On Sunday 8th October we will be celebrating our annual Harvest Festival service. Please bring your offerings of harvest produce up to the altar during the first hymn. As usual we will auction them off after the service at both ends of the chaplaincy. The money raised will go towards our charitable giving.

Licensing service on Saturday 4th November

The Revd Michael Bullock will be licensed by Archdeacon Colin and formally welcomed as our new chaplain at All Saints, Cologne, at 12 noon on Saturday 4th November. The service will be followed by a pot-luck lunch.

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.

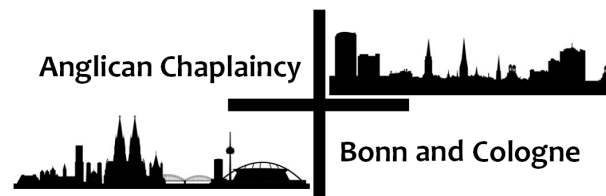
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WELCOME

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 1st October 2017 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Proper 21

President and preacher:
Revd Canon John Lindsay

Collect for today

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament reading –

Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32

Individual Retribution

¹The word of the Lord came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. ²⁵Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die

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for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die.²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life.²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Psalm 25.1-8

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies triumph over me.

**Let none who look to you be put to shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

**He will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly.**

New Testament reading – Philippians 2.1-13 Imitating Christ's Humility

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form

of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel reading – Matthew 21.23-32

The Parable of the Two Sons

²³When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"' ²⁶But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

Post Communion prayer

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.