

Today's hymns

Entrance	309	Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Gradual	191	O thou who camest from above
Offertory	581	Take my life, and let it be
Final	427	For the healing of the nations (<i>tune: 502</i>)

Photos, photos, photos!

You can find a selection of photos from last weekend's licensing service at: <https://goo.gl/9ir8BU>, and also on our Facebook and Twitter pages. Many thanks to Reiner Knudsen for being our photographer at this joyful occasion.

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.

Tales and anecdotes: An evening of history this Saturday

Frances Klein warmly invites us all to a talk at St. Paulus church in Bonn-Beuel this Saturday, 18th November, at 5pm. She will be delving into the 175-year history of the Bonn congregation, telling us lots of interesting stories along the way. A table has been reserved at the Dreizehn Linden restaurant (Löwenburgstr. 39, 53229 Bonn-Niederholtorf) for dinner afterwards. Contact Geoff Sammon if you would like to join for the meal.

Singing group in Bonn-Beuel

The next informal sing-along will be on Wednesday 29th November. 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.

Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 2nd December

Preparations are well under way for the Christmas Bazaar at the St. Josef Pfarrheim (An Sankt Josef 19a, 53225 Bonn-Beuel) from 12-4pm on Saturday 2nd December. If you can help with setting up the evening before, helping with a stall, donating tombola prizes, contributing food, or clearing away afterwards, Geoff Sammon will be delighted to hear from you.

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.

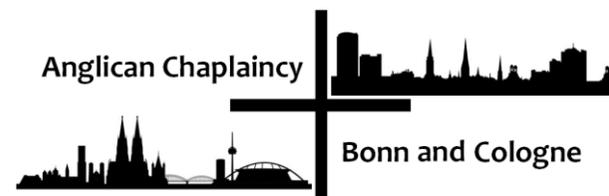
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WELCOME

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 12th November 2017 Third Sunday before Advent

President: Revd Michael Bullock (Bonn)
Revd Richard Gardiner (Cologne)
Preacher: Revd Dr Olav Fykse Tveit (Bonn)
Revd Michael Bullock (Cologne)

Collect for today

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Old Testament reading – Amos 5.18-24 The Day of the Lord Is a Dark Day

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

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²⁰Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Psalm 70

O God, make speed to save me;

O Lord, make haste to help me.

**Let those who seek my life
be put to shame and confusion;
let them be turned back and disgraced
who wish me evil.**

Let those who mock and deride me
turn back because of their shame.

**But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say always,
'Great is the Lord!'**

As for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me quickly, O God.

**You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay.**

New Testament reading – 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

The Coming of the Lord

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel reading – Matthew 25.1-13

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: ¹The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." ⁹But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." ¹²But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

Post Communion prayer

God of peace,

whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:

look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power

make whole both people and nations;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.