

Today's hymns

Entrance	368	All my hope on God is founded
Gradual	455	Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
Offertory	262	O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Final	87	Hail to the Lord's anointed

Bishop Robert's Advent Appeal

This year's Advent Appeal aims to support homeless refugees and asylum seekers in Rome with humanitarian assistance (a daily, cooked breakfast and essential items for personal dignity and warmth) for 6 months. Can you help with a donation? More information is available at church or at: <http://bit.ly/2AJPDal>

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.

Christmas services in Bonn and Cologne

Sunday 17th December, 6pm: Nine Lessons and Carols with the Bonn English Singers, All Saints, Cologne

Monday 18th December, 7.30pm: Nine Lessons and Carols with the Bonn English Singers, St. Paulus, Bonn

Sunday 24th December, 9.30am: Sunday Eucharist, St. Paulus, Bonn

Sunday 24th December, 11.45am: Sunday Eucharist, All Saints, Cologne

Sunday 24th December, 11.30pm: Midnight Eucharist, All Saints, Cologne

Monday 25th December: 10am: Christmas Day worship at All Saints, Cologne and St. Paulus, Bonn

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.

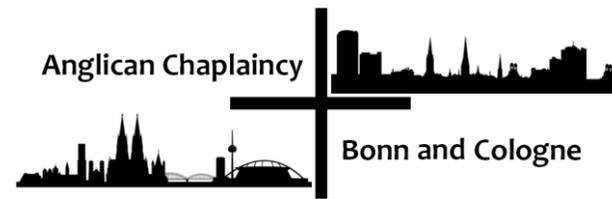
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WELCOME

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 3rd December 2017
First Sunday of Advent**

President and preacher:
Revd Michael Bullock

Collect for today

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

**Old Testament reading – Isaiah 64.1-9
The Work of the Lord's Hand**

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence —
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil —
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,

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no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Psalm 80.1-8,18-20

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock;
**Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.**
Stir up your mighty strength
and come to our salvation.
**Turn us again, O God;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
**You feed them with the bread of tears;
you give them abundance of tears to drink.**
You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
**Turn us again, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand,
the son of man you made so strong for yourself.
**And so will we not go back from you;
give us life, and we shall call upon your name.**
Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

New Testament reading – 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

God is Faithful

My brothers and sisters: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that
has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been
enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — ⁶just as the
testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — ⁷so that you are
not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord
Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be
blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you
were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel reading – Mark 13.24-37

The Coming of the Son of Man

Jesus said to his disciples: ²⁴In those days, after that suffering, the sun
will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will
be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
²⁶Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power
and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from
the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From
the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and
puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you
see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very
gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these
things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my
words will not pass away. ³²But about that day or hour no one knows,
neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware,
keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a
man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in
charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the
watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master
of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or
at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And
what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Post Communion prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**