

## Today's hymns

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| Entrance  | 24  | Come thou long expected Jesus          |
| Gradual   | 93  | When Jesus came to Jordan              |
| Offertory | 27  | Hark the glad sound, the Saviour comes |
| Final     | 537 | O God, our help in ages past           |

## 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

## 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>

## Weekly sheet

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

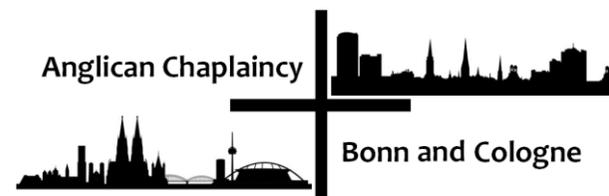
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## WELCOME

*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 Second Sunday of Advent

President: Revd Michael Bullock (Bonn)  
Revd Richard Gardiner (Cologne)  
Preacher: Revd Richard Gardiner

## Collect for today

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.  
**Amen.**

## Old Testament reading – Isaiah 40.1-11 God's People Are Comforted

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.  
<sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her  
that she has served her term, that her penalty is  
paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand  
double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries out: 'In the  
wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make  
straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every  
mountain and hill be made low; the uneven  
ground shall become level, and the rough places a  
plain. <sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the Lord shall be  
revealed, and all people shall see it together, for  
the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

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<sup>6</sup>A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. <sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' <sup>10</sup>See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

### **Psalms 85.1-2,8-13**

Lord, you were gracious to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**You forgave the offence of your people  
and covered all their sins.**

I will listen to what the Lord God will say,  
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,  
that they turn not again to folly.

**Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth are met together,  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

**Truth shall spring up from the earth  
and righteousness look down from heaven.**

The Lord will indeed give all that is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before him  
and direct his steps in the way.**

### **New Testament reading – 2 Peter 3.8-15a**

#### **The Promise of the Lord's Coming**

<sup>8</sup>Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness,

<sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup>But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new

heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15</sup>and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

### **Gospel reading – Mark 1.1-8**

#### **The Proclamation of John the Baptist**

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;

<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight",

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

### **Post Communion prayer**

Father in heaven,

who sent your Son to redeem the world

and will send him again to be our judge:

give us grace so to imitate him

in the humility and purity of his first coming

that, when he comes again,

we may be ready to greet him

with joyful love and firm faith;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**