

Today's hymns

Entrance	64	Of the Father's love begotten
Gradual	58	Long ago, prophets knew
Offertory	380	At the name of Jesus
Final	242	The Angel Gabriel from heaven came

Christmas services in Bonn and Cologne

Today, 11.30pm: Midnight Eucharist, All Saints, Cologne

Tomorrow: **10am**: Christmas Day Eucharist at All Saints, Cologne and St. Paulus, Bonn

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.

Singing group in Bonn-Beuel

The next informal sing-along will be on Wednesday 17th January. 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.

Songs of Praise

Our next Songs of Praise evening will be at St. Paulus church in Bonn-Beuel at 5pm on Sunday 21st January. Come along for a good sing of favourite hymns chosen by members of the congregation.

Walking group

Time to dust off your walking boots! Our next walk will be on Saturday 27th January, once again led by Christoph and Linda. This time it's the Kräuterweg in Neunkirchen-Seelscheid, a 16km round trail: <https://www.bergisches-wanderland.de/de/bergische-streifzuege/alle-streifzuege/19-kraeuterweg-neunkirchen-seelscheid-161-km/index.html>

We then plan to have a meal together at the Gasthof Röttgen, Seelscheid. If you, or any of your friends, would like to come along, please let Richard Gardiner or Jenny Knudsen know by Monday 22nd January so a table can be reserved at the restaurant. The walk is open to all.

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.

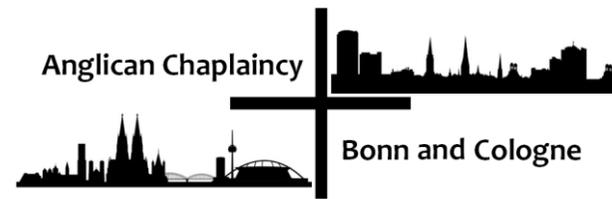
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WELCOME

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 24th December 2017 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Collect for today

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs
of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament reading – 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16 God's Covenant with David

¹Now when David the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.'
³Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'
⁴But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in?
⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I

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brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Psalm 89.1-4,19-26

My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord:
with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness
throughout all generations.

**I will declare that your love is established for ever;
you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens.**

For you said: 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

**"Your seed will I establish for ever
and build up your throne for all generations."**

You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people:
'I have set a youth above the mighty;
I have raised a young man over the people.

**'I have found David my servant;
with my holy oil have I anointed him.**

'My hand shall hold him fast
and my arm shall strengthen him.

**'No enemy shall deceive him,
nor any wicked person afflict him.**

'I will strike down his foes before his face
and beat down those that hate him.

**'My truth also and my steadfast love shall be with him,
and in my name shall his head be exalted.**

'I will set his dominion upon the sea
and his right hand upon the rivers.

**'He shall call to me, "You are my Father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation."**

New Testament reading – Romans 16.25-27

Final Doxology

²⁵To God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith — ²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel reading – Luke 1.26-38

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Post Communion prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.