

Today's hymns

Entrance	67	See, amid the winter's snow
Gradual	54	I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship
Offertory	68	See him lying on a bed of straw
Final	57	Joy to the world

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.

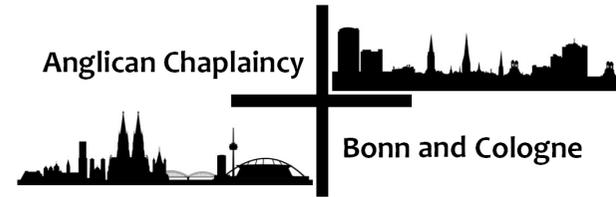
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WELCOME

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 31st December 2017
First Sunday of Christmas**

Collect for today

God in Trinity,
eternal unity of perfect love:
gather the nations to be one family,
and draw us into your holy life
through the birth of Emmanuel,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Old Testament reading – Isaiah 61.10 – 62.3 The Vindication and Salvation of Zion

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. ¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the

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dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Psalm 148

Alleluia.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.

**Praise him, all you his angels;
praise him, all his host.**

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you stars of light.

**Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.

**He made them fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

**Fire and hail, snow and mist,
tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;**

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

**Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and birds on the wing;**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

**Young men and women,
old and young together;
let them praise the name of the Lord.**

For his name only is exalted,
his splendour above earth and heaven.

**He has raised up the horn of his people
and praise for all his faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Alleluia.**

New Testament reading – Galatians 4.4-7

Children of God

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are

children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Gospel reading – Luke 2.15-21

The Shepherds Go to Bethlehem

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Post Communion prayer

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.