

Today's hymns: 148, 137, 154 (omit verses 5, 6, 7), 156

Dates for your diary

Today, 6pm: **Eucharist** at the Antoniterkirche (Schildergasse 57, 50667 Köln).

Friday 4 May, 6–7.30pm: **Evening Prayer** and **Bible study** at All Saints.

Saturday 5 May, 11am–12 noon: **Bible study** at St. Paulus, Bonn-Beuel.

Wednesday 9 May, 7.30pm: **Singing group** meets in the basement at St. Paulus, Bonn-Beuel.

Friday 8 June: **Kirchennacht** in Bonn: www.bonnerkirchennacht.de

Saturday 9 June, 12–4pm: **Summer fete** at All Saints, Cologne.

Trip to Mainz on 19 May

John Hebel is organising a day trip to Mainz on Saturday 19 May, including a visit to the famous Chagall windows at St. Stephen's, lunch, and a tour of Mainz Cathedral. If there is sufficient interest he will arrange a group ticket by train from Bonn to Mainz. Bookings must be firm. The train will leave Bonn at 09:14 arriving in Mainz at 10:39. We will leave Mainz at 17:20 arriving in Bonn at 18:44. The cost of a group ticket for 10 people is €34.00 per person. If you would like to come, please let John know by 30 April by email to: pjhebel@gmail.com.

Chaplaincy walkers

The next walk, a 10km circular trail in the Wahner Heide, takes place on Saturday 26 May, once again led by Christoph and Linda. We meet at 2pm and will have a meal together after the walk at the restaurant "Zur alten Fähre" in Lohmar. Please let Jenny Knudsen know (notices@anglicanbonncologne.de) if you'd like to come and if you're planning to bring any friends along. The walk is open to all.

Retreat and pilgrimage

The Deanery is organising a retreat at Kloster Strahlfeld in Bavaria (28-30 September 2018, cost from €160) and, if there is sufficient interest, a pilgrimage to the Holy Land (April/May 2019, cost approximately €2,000). Please speak to the clergy for further information.

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.

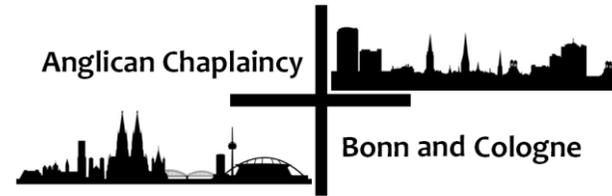
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WELCOME

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 29 April 2018
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

President: Revd Richard Gardiner

Preacher: Revd Michael Bullock

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First reading – Acts 8.26-40

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and

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join it.' ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' ³¹He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalm 22.25-31

From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
I will perform my vows
in the presence of those that fear you.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;
their hearts shall live for ever.**

All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

**For the kingdom is the Lord's
and he rules over the nations.**

How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship,
or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?

**He has saved my life for himself;
my descendants shall serve him;
this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.**

They shall come and make known his salvation to a people yet unborn,
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

Second reading – 1 John 4.7-21

God Is Love

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does

not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Gospel reading – John 15.1-8

Jesus the True Vine

¹Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

Post Communion prayer

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**