

### Today's hymns:

Entrance	87	Hail to the Lord's Anointed
Gradual	34	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Offertory	29	Hills of the North, rejoice
Final	24	Come, thou long-expected Jesus

### Evening Eucharist

All are invited to an English-language service of Holy Communion at the AntoniterCityKirche, Cologne (Schildergasse 57, 50667 Köln) at 6pm today.

### Singing group in Bonn-Beuel this week

The next informal sing-along will be on Wednesday 12 December (rescheduled from November). We meet in the basement at St. Paulus church in Bonn-Beuel at 8pm. Talk to Anne Wegner (02224 941008) or Jill Wolff ([jill.wolff@gmx.de](mailto:jill.wolff@gmx.de)) for more information.

### Evening Prayer and Bible study

Evening Prayer and Bible study take place at All Saints at 6pm to 6.30pm (Evening Prayer) and 6.30pm to 7.30pm (Bible study) this Friday.

### Christmas services in Bonn and Cologne

*Sunday 16 December, 6pm:* Nine Lessons and Carols with the Bonn English Singers, All Saints, Cologne

*Monday 17 December, 7.30pm:* Nine Lessons and Carols with the Bonn English Singers, St. Paulus, Bonn

*Monday 24 December, 11.30pm:* Midnight Eucharist, All Saints, Cologne

*Tuesday 25 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 email: [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.**

**Any data you give us will be kept securely by the church authorities and in no case given to any third parties.**

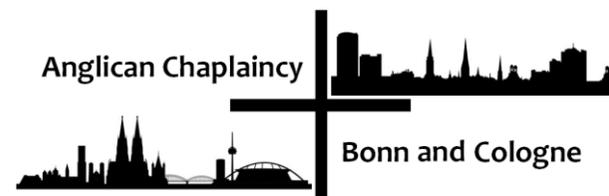
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### WELCOME

*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 9 December 2018 Second Sunday of Advent

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

### Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

### First reading – Baruch 5.1-9 The Glory of God

<sup>1</sup>Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction,  
O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the  
glory from God. <sup>2</sup>Put on the robe of the  
righteousness that comes from God; put on your  
head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;  
<sup>3</sup>for God will show your splendour everywhere under  
heaven. <sup>4</sup>For God will give you evermore the name,  
'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'. <sup>5</sup>Arise, O Jerusalem,  
stand upon the height; look towards the east, and

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see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. <sup>6</sup>For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. <sup>7</sup>For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. <sup>9</sup>For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

**Canticle: Benedictus (The Song of Zechariah)**

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
who has come to his people and set them free.

**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,  
born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all that hate us,

**To show mercy to our ancestors,  
and to remember his holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship him without fear,  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

**To give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Second reading – Philippians 1.3-11**

**Paul's Prayer for the Philippians**

My brothers and sisters, <sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to

determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**Gospel reading – Luke 3.1-6**

**The Proclamation of John the Baptist**

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

**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.**

**The Bishop's Advent Appeal** (details on Diocesan website) this year is to enable St Andrew's Moscow to equip their church with a kitchen.

As the charitable giving approved by the Council has already been made, individual earmarked donations may be given to the clergy, churchwardens or treasurer. Alternatively, you can make a donation by online bank transfer; the account details are on the front page.

Please mark your donation "Bishop's Advent Appeal".

*Fr Michael was locum in Moscow for two months last year and can testify how much this rather mundane-sounding cause could benefit the Moscow Chaplaincy, the wider Moscow community, and indeed the continuing reconciliation.*