

Today's hymns:

38, 362, 31, 607

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

Today, 6pm: Nine Lessons and Carols with the Bonn English Singers, All Saints, Cologne

Tomorrow, 7.30pm: Nine Lessons and Carols with the Bonn English Singers, St. Paulus, Bonn

Sunday 23 December, 9.30am: Holy Communion, St. Paulus, Bonn

Sunday 23 December, 11.45am: Holy Communion, All Saints, Cologne

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

Chaplaincy Walkers

The Chaplaincy Walkers are setting off again on Saturday 19 January, this time to the Dhünntalsperre and the delightful Altenberger Dom. We will meet at 10.30am sharp in Odenthal-Altenberg, Wanderparkplatz Fischteiche, Bülsberger Weg (satnav 51.053995 N 7.137287 E). The walk is roughly 16km and will take about 4.5 hours. There will be some climbing (not too steep) with good views, so some stamina and sturdy boots will be required. After the walk, we will enjoy a short guided tour of the Altenberger Dom, followed by coffee and cake at the "Altenberger Hof". It's a little more elegant, so you might want to have an extra shirt in your rucksack, since we will reach Altenberg before returning to our starting point a short distance away.

Weekly sheet

If you have any notices for this weekly sheet, please contact Jenny Knudsen on 0228 94693999 or email: notices@anglicanbonncologne.de. The deadline is 9am on Wednesday morning for the following Sunday.

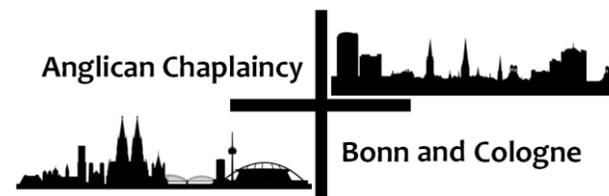
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WELCOME

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 16 December 2018
Third Sunday of Advent**

President: Revd Michael Bullock
Preacher: Revd Richard Gardiner

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

**Old Testament reading – Zephaniah 3.14-20
A Song of Joy**

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵The Lord has taken away the judgements
against you,

he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

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¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,

he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing

¹⁸as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,

so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame

and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise

and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you home,

at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised

among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes

before your eyes, says the Lord.

Canticle: Isaiah 12.2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me;

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

**For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defence,
and he will be my Saviour.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say,

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples;

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

**Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

New Testament reading – Philippians 4.4-7

Exhortations

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel reading – Luke 3.7-18

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' ¹¹In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.'¹²Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' ¹³He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.'¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Post Communion prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;

kindle in us the fire of your Spirit

that when your Christ comes again

we may shine as lights before his face;

who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

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.