

Today's hymns: 27, 58, 35, 32

Christmas services in Bonn and 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

Evening Prayer and Bible study

Please note that there will be no Evening Prayer and Bible study at All Saints on Friday 28 December.

Celebration of Tony Taylor's life

A celebration of Tony Taylor's life will be held at St. Paulus church in Bonn at 10am on Monday 7 January. All are welcome to attend. His ashes will be interred the following day at the Friedwald Bad Münstereifel.

Singing group in Bonn

The next informal sing-along will be on Wednesday 16 January. We meet in the basement at St. Paulus church at 7.30pm. Talk to Anne Wegner (02224 941008) or Jill Wolff (jill.wolff@gmx.de) for more information.

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.

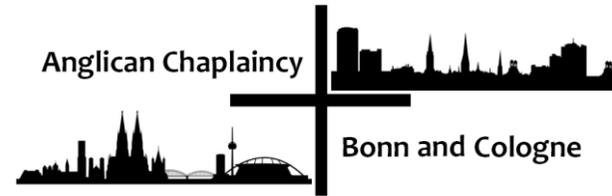
Are you new to Bonn or Cologne, or to this church? For up to date information, follow us on Facebook/Twitter and visit our website. To be added to the mailing list, let us have your contact details. Any data you give us will be kept securely by the church authorities and in no case given to any third 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 23 December 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our
saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

**Old Testament reading – Micah 5.2-5a
The Ruler from Bethlehem**

The Lord says to his people:
²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his

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kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

Canticle: Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

**He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**

Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.

**He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.**

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,

**The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

New Testament reading – Hebrews 10.5-10

Christ's Sacrifice Once for All

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

⁸When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel reading – Luke 1.39-45

Mary Visits Elizabeth

³⁹Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb.

And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

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.

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.