

Today's hymns
277, 477, 375, 480

Lent study group

The Lent study group meets on Monday mornings from 10-12 during Lent at Betty Mueller's home in Stieldorf. We are looking at Archbishop Rowan Williams's book "Being disciples: essentials of the Christian life".

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.

Dates for your diary

*Sunday 7 April: **Sunday School** during the service in Bonn and Cologne.
Monday 8 April, 7.30pm: **Chaplaincy AGM** at St. Paulus church.
Sunday 14 April, 6pm: **Holy Communion** at the AntoniterCityKirche in Cologne (Schildergasse 57, 50667 Cologne).
Saturday 4 May, 7.30pm: **Concert** at All Saints with the St. Paul's Girls' School from London. Free entry with a retiring collection.
Saturday 29 June, 10am to 12 noon: **Guided tour** of Cologne's English heritage in the area around All Saints with local art historian Angelika Lehdorff-Felsko. €10 per person, payable on the day.
Saturday 29 June, 12 noon to 4pm: All Saints **Summer Fête** in the grounds of the church. As usual we depend on your contributions for Tombola and Lucky Dip prizes, home-made jams, and new or used toys in good condition for our young guests. Thank you in advance for your generosity.*

Holy Week and Easter services

*Thursday 18 April (Maundy Thursday), Bonn:
7.30pm: Liturgy of the Last Supper with foot washing
Friday 19 April (Good Friday), Cologne:
12 noon: Stations of the Cross; 1pm: Liturgy of Good Friday
Saturday 20 April (Holy Saturday), Cologne: 9.30pm: Easter Vigil
Sunday 21 April (Easter Day):
10am: Easter Eucharist in Bonn and Cologne*

Weekly sheet

If you have any notices for this weekly sheet, please contact Jenny Knudsen on 0228 94693999 or email: notices@anglicanbonncologne.de.

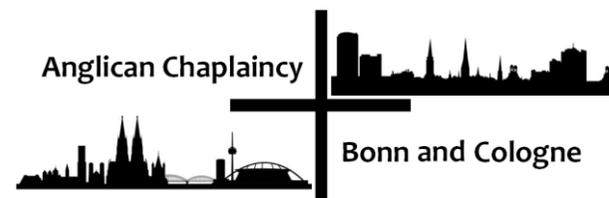
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WELCOME

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 31 March 2019
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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

Collect

Merciful Lord,
absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake,
our blessed Lord and Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Old Testament reading – Joshua 5.9-12
The Passover at Gilgal**

After the Israelites had crossed over the Jordan river, ⁹the Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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Psalm 32

Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven,
and whose sin is covered.

**Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile.**

For I held my tongue;

my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long.

**Your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you

and my iniquity I did not hide.

**I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,'
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
in the great water flood, it shall not reach them.

**You are a place for me to hide in;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with songs of deliverance.**

'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;

I will guide you with my eye.

**'Be not like horse and mule which have no understanding;
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.'**

Great tribulations remain for the wicked,

but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

**Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

New Testament reading – 2 Corinthians 5.16-21

The Ministry of Reconciliation

¹⁶From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Gospel reading – Luke 15.1-3,11b-32

The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother

¹All the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' ³So he told them this parable:

¹¹There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." ²²But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" ³¹Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

Post Communion prayer

Lord God,

whose blessed Son our Saviour

gave his back to the smiters

and did not hide his face from shame:

give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time

with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.