

Welcome

A warm welcome to you today, whether you are joining us in church or online (Zoom, 4pm). In church, please note the following:

- Please disinfect your hands when you come into church. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance.
- Please sit at least 2 metres away from others in all directions. People who live together in one household can sit together in one pew.
- Please wear a face-mask and avoid all physical contact with others.
- Please follow the instructions if you would like to receive Holy Communion.

Evening Prayer and Bible study this week

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

Used Christmas cards and stamps

Betty Mueller in Bonn is once again collecting used Christmas cards. She uses the pictures to produce new cards to sell at the next Christmas bazaar. So instead of throwing your cards away, do save them (you can bring them to church any time before next autumn) so they can be used again.

Used postage stamps can be donated to: Briefmarkenstelle Bethel, Quellenhofweg 25, 33617 Bielefeld. For more information, go to: <https://www.briefmarken-bethel.de/spenden/briefmarken-spenden.html>

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 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.

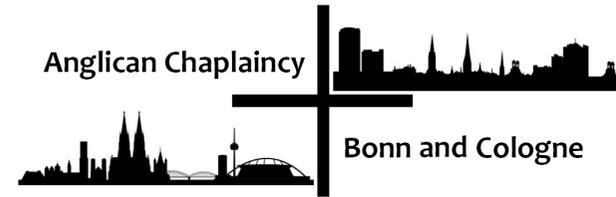
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WELCOME

Welcome to Sunday worship, especially if you are joining us for the first time.

Sunday 3 January 2021 Second Sunday of Christmas

President and preacher:
Revd Richard Gardiner

Collect

Almighty God,
in the birth of your Son
you have poured on us the new light of your
incarnate Word,
and shown us the fullness of your love:
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love
that we may know the fullness of his joy;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Old Testament reading – Jeremiah 31.7-14 The Joyful Return of the Exiles

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts
for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise,
and say, 'Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant
of Israel.'

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of
the north, and gather them from the farthest parts
of the earth, among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labour, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

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9.30am at St. Paulus,
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⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' ¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. ¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Psalm 147.13-21

Sing praise to the Lord, O Jerusalem;
praise your God, O Zion;

**For he has strengthened the bars of your gates
and has blest your children within you.**

He has established peace in your borders
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

**He sends forth his command to the earth
and his word runs very swiftly.**

He gives snow like wool
and scatters the hoarfrost like ashes.

**He casts down his hailstones like morsels of bread;
who can endure his frost?**

He sends forth his word and melts them;
he blows with his wind and the waters flow.

**He declares his word to Jacob,
his statutes and judgements to Israel.**

He has not dealt so with any other nation;
they do not know his laws.

Alleluia!

New Testament reading – Ephesians 1.3-14

Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight

⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel reading – John 1.1-18

The Word Became Flesh

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."') ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Post Communion prayer

All praise to you,
almighty God and heavenly king,
who sent your Son into the world
to take our nature upon him
and to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that, as we are born again in him,
so he may continually dwell in us
and reign on earth as he reigns in heaven,
now and for ever.

Amen.