

Today's hymns: 369, 432, 558, 496

Welcome

A warm welcome to you, whether you are joining us in Bonn (9.30am) or Cologne (11.45am). In church, please note:

- Please wear a surgical mask or an FFP2 / KN95 mask.
- Please follow the instructions if you would like to receive Holy Communion, in either one kind (bread) or two (bread and wine). The body and blood of Christ may be completely received in one kind only. If you wish to receive the wine, please drink from the chalice.
- Please place your donation in the collection basket during the offertory hymn, or donate by bank transfer (account details on the front page).

This week

Tuesday 31 January, 7.30pm: Evening Prayer on Zoom.

Friday 3 February, 6pm: Evening Prayer followed by **Bible study** (6.30pm to 7.30pm) at All Saints, Cologne.

Looking ahead

Sunday 5 February, 9.30am: St. Boniface Sunday School meets.

Monday 13 February, 7.30pm: Chaplaincy council meets at All Saints.

Wednesday 15 February, 7.30pm: Book Club meets on Zoom. This month's read is the novel 'Night Train to Lisbon' by Pascal Mercier.

Weds 22 February, 7.30pm: Ash Wednesday liturgy at All Saints.

Visiting team

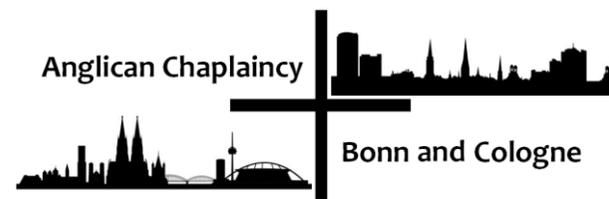
Our new Visiting Team is looking for volunteers to visit people in hospitals, care homes or their own homes who are in need of companionship, prayer and encouragement. Team members will receive safeguarding training and ideally commit to making 1-2 visits a month, preferably in pairs. Might you be able to show the love of Christ through fellowship in this way? Please see Fr Richard if you would like to join the team or simply find out more.

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 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 29 January 2023 Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

President and preacher:
Revd Richard Gardiner

Collect

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Old Testament reading – 1 Kings 17.8-16 The Widow of Zarephath

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying,
⁹Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon,
and live there; for I have commanded a widow
there to feed you.' ¹⁰So he set out and went to
Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town,

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a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' ¹²But she said, 'As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' ¹³Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.' ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Psalm 36.5-10

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.**

How precious is your loving mercy, O God!
All mortal flesh shall take refuge
under the shadow of your wings.

**They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house;
they shall drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the well of life
and in your light shall we see light.

**O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.**

New Testament reading – 1 Corinthians 1.18-31

Christ the Power and Wisdom of God

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ

the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

Gospel reading – John 2.1-11

The Wedding at Cana

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' ⁴And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' ⁵His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' ⁶Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Post Communion prayer

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.