

Today's hymns: 586, 368, 547, 279

Welcome

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

- 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/bag during the offertory hymn, or donate by bank transfer (account details on the front page).

This week

Tomorrow, 10am: **Bible study group** meets at Betty Mueller's home in Stieldorf. The group meets each Monday in Lent to discuss the Acts of the Apostles.

Tuesday 7 March, 7.30pm: **Evening Prayer** on Zoom, followed by **Lent prayer group** at 8pm (see below).

Friday 10 March, 6pm: **Evening Prayer** followed by **Bible study** (6.30pm to 7.30pm) at All Saints, Cologne.

Lent prayer group

Each Tuesday during Lent, all are invited to join in 30 minutes of guided prayer for the needs of the world, our community, and ourselves. We meet on Zoom at 8pm, after Evening Prayer (7.30pm). We will also explore two ancient Christian contemplative prayer methods: Lectio Divina (28 March) and the Ignatian Method (4 April). Both of these practices can enhance our Lenten journey.

Bishop's Lent Appeal

This year, the Bishop's Lent Appeal aims to support the establishment of a new chaplaincy in Rabat, Morocco. The current congregation has been a growing outreach project for the last eight years, and is now seeking a resident priest to meet the urgent needs of pastoral care, worship, teaching, advice, advocacy and community. For details of how to donate, see the letter at the back of church or go to: <https://www.justgiving.com/diocese-ineurope>

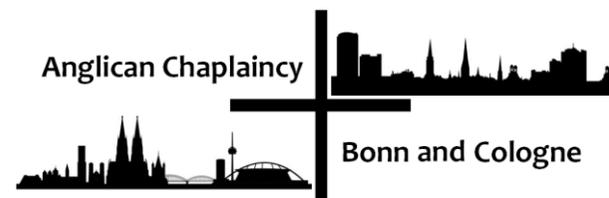
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WELCOME

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 5 March 2023
Second Sunday of Lent**

President: Revd Richard Gardiner
Preacher: Jenny Knudsen

Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error
the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things
as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

**Old Testament reading – Genesis 12.1-4a
The Call of Abram**

¹The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

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³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not suffer your foot to stumble;
he who watches over you will not sleep.

**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

**So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
neither the moon by night.**

The Lord shall keep you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep your soul.

**The Lord shall keep watch over your going out
and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.**

New Testament reading – Romans 4.1-5,13-17

God's Promise Realized through Faith

¹What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say?

'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.'

⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Gospel reading – John 3.1-17

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

¹There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.'

⁴Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?'

⁵Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

⁹Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

Post Communion prayer

Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves;
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.