

Welcome

A warm welcome to you today. 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.

No online service today

There will be no online service via Zoom this afternoon. Online services resume next Sunday at 4pm.

Evening Prayer and Bible study this week

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.

Bishop Robert's Advent Appeal

The Covid-19 pandemic has hurt communities throughout the world. The Anglican Communion Fund (ACF) has already allocated over £180,000 in emergency relief across 21 provinces of the Communion. This year's Advent Appeal is to support the ACF's work to alleviate the impact of Covid-19 in the poorest parts of the world. For more on the appeal and how to donate, go to:

<https://europe.anglican.org/main/latest-news/post/1611-bishopas-advent-appeal-2020>

Quilt raffle

As an alternative for the Christmas Bazaar, this year we're holding a raffle with the quilt made by Anna Dorst as the main prize, plus additional prizes of Christmas hampers, etc. You can now buy tickets (€1 each) in church or online by sending an email, stating your name, phone number and the number of tickets you wish to buy, to Carrie Andrews: carrie.andrews@gmail.com. For tickets ordered online, please transfer the money with the *Verwendungszweck* 'Raffle tickets - Bazaar' to the chaplaincy account (details on front page). Carrie will then email your ticket numbers to you. The draw takes place on Saturday 12 December. All winners will be informed by email or phone and can collect their prize(s) from the church in Bonn or Cologne.

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.

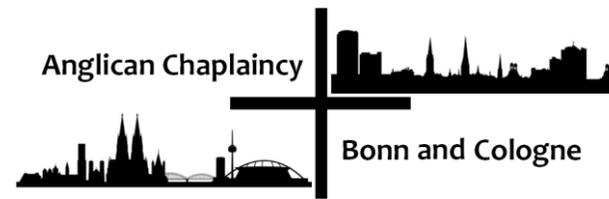
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WELCOME

Welcome to Sunday worship, especially if you are joining us for the first time.
Today's service is Morning Prayer in Bonn led by Jenny Knudsen, and Holy Communion in Cologne led by the Revd Richard Gardiner.

Sunday 8 November 2020 Third Sunday before Avent

Preacher:
Jenny Knudsen

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

First reading – Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16 Description of Wisdom

¹²Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. ¹³She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. ¹⁴One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate.

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¹⁵To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, ¹⁶because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Psalm 70

O God, make speed to save me;

O Lord, make haste to help me.

**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion;
let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil.**

Let those who mock and deride me
turn back because of their shame.

**But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say always,
'Great is the Lord!'**

As for me, I am poor and needy;
come to me quickly, O God.

**You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay.**

Second reading – 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

The Coming of the Lord

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel reading – Matthew 25.1-13

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples:

¹The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish

said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out."

⁹But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.

¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us."

¹²But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Post Communion prayer

God of peace,

whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom

and restored the broken to wholeness of life:

look with compassion on the anguish of the world,

and by your healing power

make whole both people and nations;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.