

Today's hymns: 34, 234, 29, 563

Summer concert at All Saints this evening

The North Ayrshire Symphony Orchestra will be performing a selection of classical works, film music and Scottish music at All Saints in Cologne at 5pm today. Entrance is free; retiring collection.

Evening Prayer and Bible study in Cologne and Bonn

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

Bonn: Bible study in the basement of St. Paulus on Saturday 14 July, 11am-12 noon.

60th anniversary of St Paulus: Talk and book presentation

All are invited to a talk and presentation of a new book to celebrate the 60th anniversary of St. Paulus church. The talk will be in German and will take place in St. Paulus at 6pm on Friday 29 June.

Garden Party in Bonn

The chaplaincy Garden Party takes place in the garden of St. Paulus on Saturday 7 July, 12-4pm. Please have a word with John Hebel in Bonn if you can help with setting up, running a stall, donating tombola prizes or food to sell, or clearing away afterwards.

Walking group

The Chaplaincy Walkers are setting off on a 15km round trail in Bornheim/Alfter on Sunday 15 July, once again led by Christoph and Linda. The walk is mostly flat and shady, but you will need sturdy shoes. Our starting point is the Römerhof restaurant (Römerhof 1, 53332 Bornheim) in time to set off at 2.30pm. We plan to finish off with a meal together there afterwards. If you would like to come along, please let Jenny Knudsen know by Sunday 8 July. Feel free to invite friends; the walk and meal are open to all.

Weekly sheet

If you have any notices for this weekly sheet, please contact Jenny Knudsen on 0228 94693999 or e-mail: notices@anglicanbonncologne.de. The deadline is 9am on Wednesday morning 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.

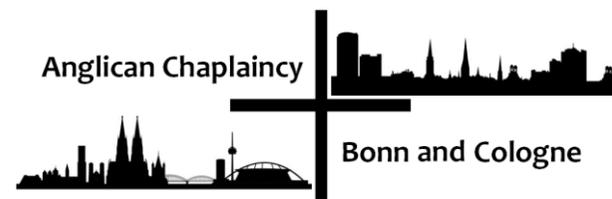
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WELCOME

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 24 June 2018
Birth of John the Baptist**

President and preacher:
Revd Michael Bullock

Collect

Almighty God,
by whose providence your servant
John the Baptist was wonderfully born,
and sent to prepare the way
of your Son our Saviour
by the preaching of repentance:
lead us to repent according to his preaching
and, after his example,
constantly to speak the truth,
boldly to rebuke vice,
and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;
through 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 – Isaiah 40.1-11
God's People Are Comforted**

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.
²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make

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straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

⁶A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' ¹⁰See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Psalm 85.7-end

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

**I will listen to what the Lord God will say,
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,
that they turn not again to folly.**

Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

**Mercy and truth are met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;**

Truth shall spring up from the earth
and righteousness look down from heaven.

**The Lord will indeed give all that is good,
and our land will yield its increase.**

Righteousness shall go before him
and direct his steps in the way.

New Testament reading – Galatians 3.23-end

The Children of God

²³Before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Gospel reading – Luke 1.57-66,80

The Birth of John the Baptist

⁵⁷The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. ⁶⁰But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' ⁶¹They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' ⁶²Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. ⁶³He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. ⁶⁴Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. ⁸⁰The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Post Communion prayer

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.