

Today's hymns: 175, 517, 308, 589

Welcome

A warm welcome to you, whether you are joining us in Bonn (9.30am) or Cologne (11.45am). The **St. Boniface Sunday School** meets during the service in Bonn today. In church, please note:

- Please wear a surgical mask or an FFP2 / KN95 mask.
- Please observe social distancing.
- 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.
- 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

Today, 6pm: **Choral Evensong with the Bonn English Singers** at All Saints, Cologne.

Tuesday 27 September, 7.30pm: **Evening Prayer** on Zoom.

Friday 30 September, 6pm: **Evening Prayer** followed by **Bible study** (6.30pm to 7.30pm) at All Saints, Cologne.

Looking ahead

Sunday 2 October: **Harvest Festival** in Bonn (9.30am) and Cologne (11.45am). All donations of food will go to the *Evangelische Jugendhilfe Godesheim Zentrum für junge Mütter und Kinder* (centre for young mothers and children, www.godesheim.de) in Bonn. The centre welcomes donations of fresh or tinned food, jams, fruit and baby food. For more information, contact Hamish Cooper in Bonn.

Thursday 6 October, 7.30pm: **Book Club** meets on Zoom to discuss *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant. In this modern interpretation of the biblical story of Dinah, Diamant imagines the traditions and turmoils of ancient womanhood.

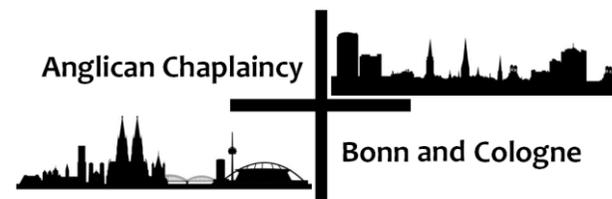
Saturday 22 October, 6pm: **Quiz night** with the Old Catholic congregation at St Cyprian's church (Adenauerallee 61, 53113 Bonn). Questions will be in English and German, and teams will be mixed. Open to all; bring your friends!

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.

**Sunday 25 September 2022
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

President and preacher:
Revd Richard Gardiner

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 – Jeremiah 32.1-3,6-15
Jeremiah Buys a Field During the Siege**

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. ²At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ³where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. ⁶Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: ⁷Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' ⁸Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for

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yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. ⁹And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. ¹¹Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; ¹²and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Psalm 91.1-6,14-16

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,

**Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,
my God, in whom I put my trust.'**

For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.

**He shall cover you with his wings
and you shall be safe under his feathers;
his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.**

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

**Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.**

Because they have set their love upon me,
therefore will I deliver them;

I will lift them up, because they know my name.

**They will call upon me and I will answer them;
I am with them in trouble,
I will deliver them and bring them to honour.**

With long life will I satisfy them
and show them my salvation.

New Testament reading – 1 Timothy 6.6-19 The Good Fight of Faith

⁶There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of

the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Gospel reading – Luke 16.19-31

The Rich Man and Lazarus

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money:

¹⁹There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

²⁴He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." ²⁵But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." ²⁷He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house — ²⁸for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." ²⁹Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." ³⁰He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." ³¹He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

Post Communion prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.