

### Today's service

- We welcome Bishop Robert Innes to our worship in Cologne, where he will bless our new set of nativity figures.
- Our hymns today are: **368, 538, 31** and **607**.
- 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

Tuesday 5 December, 7.30pm: **Evening Prayer** on Zoom.

Friday 8 December, 6pm: **Evening Prayer** followed by **Bible study** (6.30pm to 7.30pm) at All Saints, Cologne.

### Looking ahead

Sunday 17 December, 6pm: **Nine Lessons and Carols** with the Bonn English Singers at All Saints, Cologne.

Monday 18 December, 7.30pm: **Nine Lessons and Carols** with the Bonn English Singers at St. Paulus, Bonn.

### Christmas services

Sunday 24 December: **Regular services** in Bonn (9.30am) and Cologne (11.45am) and **Midnight Mass** in Cologne (11.30pm).

Monday 25 December, 9.30am: **Christmas Day Eucharist** in Bonn.

Monday 25 December, 11.45am: **Christmas Day Eucharist** in Cologne.

### Bishop Robert's Advent Appeal

This year's Advent Appeal is to support the [Anglican Communion Fund](#) of the Archbishop of Canterbury, with a special focus on church projects in South Asia. Please see the letter at the back of church for more information on the appeal and how to donate.

### Have you moved house in the last year?

This year's donation receipts (*Spendenbescheinigungen*) will be sent out by post in early 2024. If you have moved house in the last year, please send your new address to treasurer Carol Ann Pereira: [carol-ann.khatri@t-online.de](mailto:carol-ann.khatri@t-online.de)

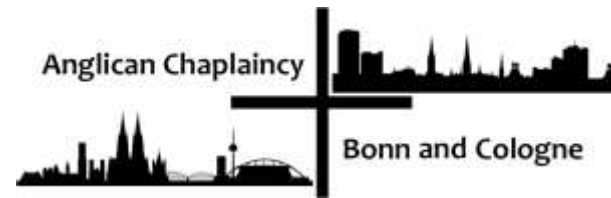
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### WELCOME

*Welcome to Sunday worship, especially if you are joining us for the first time. Refreshments will be served after the service.*

### Sunday 3 December 2023 First Sunday of Advent

President and preacher:  
Revd Richard Gardiner (Bonn)  
The Rt Revd Dr Robert Innes (Cologne)

### Collect

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ  
came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him 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 64.1-9 God's People

<sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and  
come down, so that the mountains would quake at  
your presence — <sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil — to make your  
name known to your adversaries, so that the  
nations might tremble at your presence!

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP

**9.30am** at St. Paulus,  
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53229 Bonn  
**11.45am** at All Saints,  
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50968 Cologne

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<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

<sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

### **Psalm 80.1-8,18-20**

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you that led Joseph like a flock;

**Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,  
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.**

Stir up your mighty strength  
and come to our salvation.

**Turn us again, O God;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

O Lord God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

**You feed them with the bread of tears;  
you give them abundance of tears to drink.**

You have made us the derision of our neighbours,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

**Turn us again, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand,  
the son of man you made so strong for yourself.

**And so will we not go back from you;  
give us life, and we shall call upon your name.**

Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

### **New Testament reading – 1 Corinthians 1.3-9 Strengthened to the End**

My brothers and sisters: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Gospel reading – Mark 13.24-37 The Coming of the Son of Man**

Jesus said to his disciples:

<sup>24</sup>In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup>But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

<sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

### **Post Communion prayer**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**