

### Watchword for the Week

Jesus spoke to his disciples and said,  
"Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:27)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

#### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

(from the Iona Abbey Creation Liturgy)

God above us – trees, birds and sunshine,  
stars and moonlight – **God above us.**

God beneath us – earth, rocks and rivers,  
roots and caverns – **God beneath us.**

God around us – seas, winds and cities,  
animals and people – **God around us.**

God within us – hope, tears and laughter,  
love and wonder – **God within us.**

God above us,  
God beneath us,  
God around us,  
God within us,  
**we celebrate that  
you make us,  
you love us,  
and you call us  
to work and rest with you.**

#### Hymn 510 1-3\* *Jesus calls us here to meet him*

People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

#### PRAYER of APPROACH

God of grace, be with us,  
this extravagant, miscellaneous cluster of  
people who gather together this day,  
to encounter you in word and deed, and to  
worship you as Creator and maker of all.

God of all, like every family,  
we have our baggage. We ask your kindness  
and comfort as we unpack some of what causes  
us pain and separation from one another  
in an attempt to put things right:

The small annoyances that we let grow into big  
frustrations that blind us to life's everyday joys;

#### ***The jealousies that sour relationships and poison our thoughts about others;***

The times we forget to listen  
and take the people we love for granted;

#### ***The way we run around and pack so much into our lives that we don't give time for the precious gift of gathering peaceably with one another;***

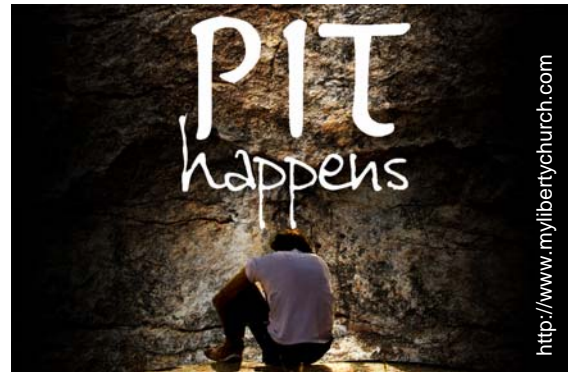
The squabbles and misunderstandings,  
the careless words and impatience;

#### ***The inequities and falling-outs.***

We ask forgiveness of one another and that  
your healing spirit of reconciliation will move  
within us and provoke us into being more  
conscientious about living in genuine and  
trustworthy relationships. **Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE of PARDON

God is saving all of us by divine mercy, no  
exceptions. No matter how we are tossed about  
by our emotions, no matter how insecure and  
lacking in insight we are, we are all saved in  
spite of ourselves, good and bad alike.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**



#### CHILDREN'S TIME

#### Hymn 178 *God is good, we sing and shout it* (Hymn of the Month, August 2017)

#### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 OT p. 40

Hymn 779 \* *Listen now for the Gospel*

St. Matthew 14:22-33 NT p. 22

*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Rev. James Brown

Hymn 189 \* *Be still*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

#### DEDICATION PRAYER (in unison)

***Almighty God,  
you sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church.  
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love, joy, and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

#### NOTICES and PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Lord, our God:  
***let only your will be done.***

#### The LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray in your own preferred language / version.)

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be  
thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be  
done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this  
day our daily bread; and forgive us our  
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass  
against us. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever  
and ever. Amen.***

Hymn 260 *Eternal Father, strong to save*

BLESSING and ***Threefold Amen*** (No. 819)

#### ORGAN POSTLUDE

# Notices

- We welcome all **visitors** and **first-time worshippers**. Please sign our guest book *including your postal or e-mail address if you wish to receive our church newsletter*.
- **Today's worship team:**
  - Duty elder:** Eric Obimdi
  - Reader:** Gundi Dehling
  - Music:** Ingeborg Maiwald (Organ)
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 403.92.
- After worship, you are invited to the **Kirchencafé** next door to the church for tea, coffee and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Aotearoa New Zealand** and **Australia**. Link to further information and prayer topics from: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- Visit the **International Presbytery prayer blog** at [www.irenebom.com/prayer\\_matters](http://www.irenebom.com/prayer_matters) for regularly updated prayers and meditations.
- Join the **das Vaterunser in 500 Sprachen und Dialekten** challenge! Talk to Michelle or visit: <http://www.reformation2017.de/>.
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



## Church address

Ev. Pauluskirche, Grabenstrasse 9, 44787 Bochum

**Pastor** Rev. James Brown (Church of Scotland)  
Neustrasse 15, 44787 Bochum  
Tel.: 0234 13365 E-mail: [j.brown56\(at\)gmx.de](mailto:j.brown56(at)gmx.de)

**Retired pastor** Rev Dr Robert Haworth  
Tel. 0234 62349212 (United Church of Christ, USA)

## Church Council

Maria Adouakou	0234 5896042
Herold Dehling (Secretary)	0234 8935761
Derick Fonjong (Asst. Secretary)	0173 7374123
Heike Hundeliker (Presbytery)	0234 680824
Justus Masa	0162 8799736
Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner	0160 93805969
Eric Chinasa Obimdi	0208 7403398
Jimmimah Ujma	02327 586955

**Treasurer** Marcus Sarpong 0234 6238133

**Kids' Church** Maria Adouakou 0234 5896042  
Gundi Dehling 0234 8935761

**Safeguarding** Claudia Lischke-Arzt  
0234 97669882

**Readers' Rota** Mary Otto 02366 37441

**Organist** Ingeborg Maiwald 0234 383395

**ECC Choir** Ropudani Simanjuntak 0176 80780770

**Joyful Singers** Cynthia Ekokobe 0234 6236059  
Joyce Ashime 0162 9136894

**Webmaster** Marcel Adig [adigsys\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:adigsys(at)yahoo.com)

**Church Officer** Wolfgang Rochowiak 0234 6404559

**Bank Account** "Englische Gemeinde"  
**IBAN:** DE89 4305 0001 0001 4132 36  
**SWIFT-BIC:** WELADED1BOC (Sparkasse Bochum)

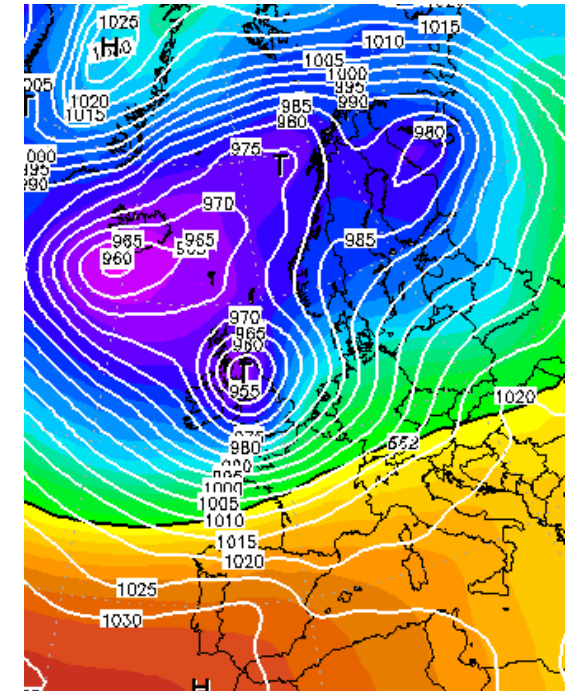
**Website:** [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)

**E-mail:** [ecc-bochum\(at\)gmx.de](mailto:ecc-bochum(at)gmx.de)

**Facebook** ECC.Bochum **Twitter / Instagram:** ecc\_bo

English-speaking Christian Congregation  
Bochum, Germany

# 13 August 2017



Synoptic Weather Chart showing severe storm over the UK, Burns Day, 25th January 1990 (Source: [www.weathercast.co.uk](http://www.weathercast.co.uk))

**"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"**

"On entering, peace – on departure, blessing"  
(Pauluskirche Bochum – Porch Inscription 1655)

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

ECUMENICAL • INTERNATIONAL • ENGLISH-LANGUAGE