

### Watchword for the Week

So teach us, O God, to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart. (Psalm 90:12)  
(Moravian Daily Texts 2017)

### ORGAN PRELUDE

### WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

The world belongs to God,  
**the earth and all those who dwell in it.**

How good and pleasant it is  
**to live together in harmony.**

Love and Faith come together  
**Justice and Peace meet each other.**

If the disciples of Jesus remain silent  
**these stones would cry aloud.**

God, open my lips  
**so that my mouth shall proclaim your glory.**

**Hymn 473** *Thy kingdom come*  
People's Choice Hymns are marked with an asterisk (\*)

### PRAYER of APPROACH

Glory be to you, O God,  
Father of mercy, giver of life and hope:  
**We rejoice in your love and mercy.**

Glory be to you, O God,  
Saviour and Christ, giver of freedom and peace:  
**We rejoice in your love and mercy.**

Glory be to you, O God,  
Holy compassion, Spirit of glory and grace:  
**We rejoice in your love and mercy. Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### RESPONSIVE PRAYER

By means of this water, O God,  
cool our hands and our bodies  
from the heat of the sun  
**Christ, have mercy.**

By means of this water  
take away the heat from our hearts,  
**God, have mercy.**

By the means of this water  
comfort our wounded feelings,  
and remove the fury of yesterday.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Cleanse us of genuine  
as well as malicious accusations  
**God, have mercy.**

Cleanse us of the blemish,  
which our misdeeds have caused to remain.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Remove all traces of suspicion.  
**God, have mercy.**

By means of this water,  
grant us a new beginning  
so that we may become a new community.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

By means of this water  
fill our hearts with a pure spirit  
**Christ, have mercy.**

By the means of this water,  
make us ready for reconciliation with you  
**and with one another as well. Amen.**

### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Children may join the Kids' Church programme)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *NT p. 259 (258)*

St. Matthew 25:14-30 *NT p. 37*

*People may stand for the Gospel reading.*

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

**Hymn 727** *In the bulb there is a flower*

SERMON *Kirsten Schönewolf*

**Hymn 83 \*** *I rejoiced when I heard them say*  
(Offerings are gathered and brought forward)

### DEDICATION PRAYER (in unison)

**Lord, what we have, we offer:  
our time, our commitment, our resources.  
But, most of all, we offer ourselves.  
Help us to be used in your work,  
to encourage each other in giving and  
serving, and to extend your kingdom.  
Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS *See Notices overleaf*

### PRAYERS for OTHERS

Response: Hear our cries, O Lord;  
**come quickly to our aid.**

### 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 749 \*** *Soon and very soon*  
(Hymn of the Month, November 2017)

### 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:**
  - Preacher:** Kirsten Schönewolf
  - Duty elder:** Michelle Mizuno-Wiedner
  - Reader:** Dirk Erlenkämper
- Our **offering** during worship is our main source of income. **Please give generously.** Last Sunday's offering totalled € 183.45.
- After worship, welcome to the **Kirchencafé** for tea, coffee, and continued fellowship.
- The WCC **Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** this week focuses on **Cameroon, the Central African Republic, and Equatorial Guinea.** Link to prayers from: [www.ecc-bochum.de](http://www.ecc-bochum.de)
- Our **Annual General Meeting** is next **Sunday 26 November** after worship. Inform Pastor Jimmy of topics you wish to discuss.
- A 4-week **Advent Bible Study** begins on **Tuesday, 28 November** at 7.30 p.m. Open fire, tea & talk at the Dehlings, Umlandstr. 60.
- **Advent 2017 Dates:**
  - Saturday, 9 December** 6:00 pm  
**ECC Advent Concert** with a difference
  - Sunday, 10 December** 12:30 pm  
**2nd of Advent** Prayers for Healing
  - Sunday, 24 December** 19:30 pm  
**Christmas Eve** (NB: no 12:30 worship)
- 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 Hundeiker (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

**Asylum advice** Heinrich Ohlendorf 0234 4526299

**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

# 19 November 2017



**"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