

**Dear La Côte Church family and friends,**

**With a reflection from Helen Harding:**

The other day I was gardening and mulling over the Anglican corner of my twitter feed, which at that time seemed to be full of voices convinced that they were doing worship in the virtual world 'right' and others were doing it 'wrongly'. A lot of the debate seemed to hinge over the Archbishop of Canterbury's kitchen table... There were some interesting points made on all sides, and I am sure that at the right moment the ecclesiology of this time will be fascinating to study. I found myself coming back to this being a time of disorientation... Every conversation I have at the moment seems to have an element of loss, bewilderment, frustration. It feels that this is not the time for discussion and debate, but for waiting and being - letting God be God and following wherever God leads - joining in God's work to ensure the hungry are fed, and justice is done, and doing the rest as best we can, with kindness towards ourselves and those who are doing it differently. We ask for peace with what we are able to do, and grace to assume that others are doing as they are called to do, and thankfulness that God has enough peace and grace to fill in the gaps where we fall short.

Safe in the love of one who'll never part,  
Of one whose kindness is itself a shield  
Who understands the deep things of my heart

Better than I can ever do, I yield  
Myself and my perplexities to him  
And in his house of mercy I am healed

Healed of this world's bloodthirstiness, its grim  
Deceptions, all its weary wickedness,  
The death-speak of its tyrants, as they hymn

The idols of their vanity, the emptiness  
Of endless purchases, all washed away  
Until my sight is cleansed, his righteousness

Makes my way plain, and leads me through the play  
Of early morning light, to worship him

Whose mercy wakes me at the break of day.

*Malcolm Guite, on Psalm 5*

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## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY 17 May**

### **EASTER 6 – “The adventure of faith”**

**You have two options: Our live zoom service at 9.00am – and a pre-recorded service to do in your own time. Both orders of service are attached with this bulletin.**

**Here is the link for our pre-recorded service.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahah3pTTos4&list=PLKQSU6PCZoMfiDr8oDXCmTkoYHR2vIWBn>

Our thanks go this week to Betty Talbot for piecing together the pre-recorded parts into one whole and for preparing our liturgy for today. Also thank you to Alison and Fiona Ball for our prayers and to Susan Passmore and David Cooke for our readings, and to Chris Talbot for accompanying Betty in the worship.

### **Live Worship**

You are also welcome to join us on Sunday Morning for some live worship on Zoom and a chance to connect with one another.

**Here are the Zoom invitations (note the change in format for the break-out groups)**

**Morning service (8.45 slot – starting at 9.00) : A service of the Word, (roughly the same as the recorded one – but in real time with different people participating and some live music to join in).**

Just click on the following zoom invitation and wait to be let in:

**Zoom invitation: Morning service + breakout-rooms :**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87113270122>

ID : 871 1327 0122

Password : 073619

**Sunday's breakout groups straight after the service:** do stay on after the service for 15-20 minutes for a chance to connect in break-out groups. OR

- please feel free to «drop in» at about 10.40 even if you have not joined in our service. We are not able to share bread and wine together, but we can share greetings and news as a way of being living stones, being built into a living temple – even when we cannot meet in our church buildings.

**Zoom invitation: Same as Morning Service**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87113270122>

ID : 871 1327 0122

Password : 073619

**SUNDAY CLUB AT THE EARLIER TIME**

**10.30 – Zoom Sunday club for younger children – up to the age of 7 ish**

**11.00 – Zoom Sunday club for older children – 7 upwards**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89289770714>

ID : 892 8977 0714

Password : 495765

For any queries please contact [Johan Crocoll](#)

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**COMING UP (DIGITALLY) THIS WEEK**

**TUESDAY 19 May**

**09.15-10.30 Prayer Group** by Zoom. All welcome to join on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/696253325?pwd=U2RycHZkTElhMTdyQTN1RmttY0drdz09>

If you are unable to join, but would like prayer, please contact Peta at [tracey.p@bluewin.ch](mailto:tracey.p@bluewin.ch)

**THURSDAY 21 May**

**ASCENSION DAY AGAPE SERVICE – 18.00-18.45**

The aim of this Agape service is to share in fellowship – it is NOT a Holy Communion service. We will recall Jesus' ascension into heaven, with some readings and prayers and then end with an Agape liturgy. So please have ready a drink and something small to eat – maybe a cup of tea and a biscuit – or a glass of wine and a snack.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81187018341?pwd=MnVqOGVSOE10SXplZ0VYVy82dVAzUT09>

Meeting ID: 811 8701 8341

Password: 106827

**'THY KINGDOM COME' 21 - 31 MAY 2020** We will be joining, as a church, the global 'wave of prayer' calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ. Find out how to join as an individual or a family, with the help of many resources, at: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

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**FRIDAY 22 May**

**10:00-11:30 Coffee, cake and catch up will be taking place by zoom**

<https://zoom.us/j/339979804>

**MONDAY to SATURDAY**

**7.30 – 8.00 Morning Prayer by zoom**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/245448666>.

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### **FOR THE LATEST NEWS**

*Please click on these links*

Gingins: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/8570/>

Divonne: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19960/>

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### **CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER**

As a church community we are continuing to look out for one another even if we cannot be physically in contact, so this is just to remind you that we have two points of contact who are coordinating shopping and care during this lockdown:

**Juana Willumsen on the French side of the border:**

+33450415003

or Whatsapp on +33682925300

[Juana Willumsen](#)

**Diantha Terry on the Swiss side of the border:**

[Diantha Terry](#)

079 363 2153

ALSO – PLEASE do pass on the message to friends in the Vaud and Divonne area who may need help.

**A PHONE CALL:** Do contact them or Carolyn if you would simply like a chat by phone. Isolation can be challenging for all sorts of reasons and talking with someone can often help to alleviate the stress and we can pray together on the phone.

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### **CHURCH FINANCES**

**A THANK YOU FROM OUR TREASURER 15.5.20** (Geoff Senogles)

**This is a line to thank everyone who has responded to our recent note by making direct payments into the church bank account, in lieu of church service collections.**

**All are very gratefully received.**

If you would like to give an online donation, here are the bank details for our church:

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### **FURTHER USEFUL RESOURCES**

If you haven't already come across it, you may like to look at Clare Amos's blog: <https://faithineurope.net/> which includes some beautiful prayers, poems and reflections.

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**LA COTE ANGLICAN CHURCH IS ON TWITTER!**

Please let [Peta Tracey](#) know if you would like info about a church event to be 'tweeted' or tweet to @lacoteanglican  
Follow us on <https://mobile.twitter.com/lacoteanglican>

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### WORK WITH ASYLUM SEEKERS

**Mentorship opportunity.** Would you like to mentor an asylum seeker or refugee? The only requirement is that you speak English or French, and if possible both languages. Mentoring can be deeply satisfying, a win-win relationship for both mentor and mentee. Just give it a try! *For more information (no commitment), contact [Andrea Goovaerts](#).*

- **Accommodation.** There is a need to help these people find a welcome and integrate in our local society – even though they are far from home. Please do prayerfully consider if you can help or know someone who can. *Please speak to [Diantha Terry](#) with any thoughts you have.*

### Do you have jobs that need doing?

If you would like help with odd jobs - for example, gardening, moving furniture, paint work – likewise do get in touch with [Diantha Terry](#) who will be able to match you up with one of our refugee friends in the community.

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