



Bulletin

5th to 12th February 2012

Prayers and Reflections for the week

Looking out on the snow this week, I am reminded of the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth..." In times of drama in creation or of turmoil in the world, we do well to remember the power of God and his untiring care for all that he has made. Here is a prayer from the Celtic tradition:

*O God of life,
who chooses creation over chaos
and new beginnings over emptiness,
we bring to you the disorder of our nations and world
and the emptiness of our lives and relationships.
Bless us and the nations with the grace of creativity.
Bless us and all people with the hope of new beginnings. Amen.*

Events coming up this week:

Sunday 5th February – 3rd before Lent

4 pm Evening Prayer in Gingins

7pm – 10 pm Musical Drop-In chez Ted Talbot. An evening of Karaoke music!

Tuesday 7th February

9.30 am Bible Study chez Machteld in Gingins – continuing John's Gospel ch. 19

Wednesday 8th February

7.45 pm Bible Study chez John and Peta – Mark ch. 16

8 pm Social Action Group meeting chez Nancy in Divonne

Sunday 12th February

10 am Morning Worship in Divonne

4 pm Holy Communion in Gingins

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Notices:

Important dates!!

Come to the Ecumenical Centre in Geneva on **28th February** for a lecture given by **the Archbishop of Canterbury** – "Faith, human rights and human dignity". Early evening – exact time to be announced.

And also in the Ecumenical Centre Chapel on **2nd March at 12.30 pm** – **World Day of Prayer service**, preceded on Thursday 1st March at 9.30 – 11.30 am by a Bible study led by Carolyn at the Open House.

Save the date – La Côte Spring Fair – 12th May 2012 in the *salle communale de Nyon*. Bigger and Better – don't miss it!!

A recommendation from Nancy Bolan – a visit to the Fondation Martin Bodmer in Geneva where there are many ancient manuscripts exhibited, including a 3rd century extract from St John's Gospel. Visit www.fondationbodmer.org for details. Guided tours available.

Planning for Lent

There will be various ecumenical Bible Study groups meeting during Lent in our area. We are following the York Course 'entitled "Handing on the Torch – Sacred words for a secular world'.

Everyone is welcome for the five week programme, either to attend all the sessions or to join in one or two sessions. Click on the link to find when and where these sessions are taking place.

A Pre-Lenten retreat day – 'Putting down roots in holiness' led by The Right Rev. Pierre Whalon, Bishop of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

Venue - Le Cénacle, 17, promenade Charles-Martin, 1208 Genève

Please bring a bag lunch. Reservations needed by January 28th. Cost 20CHF

Child care available upon request.

To register, please contact the Emmanuel Church Office
office@emmanuelchurch.ch or 022 732 8078

Film nights

Look out for some film nights offering insights on contemporary faith and justice issues, to inspire our Lenten journey.

Parking near the Temple de Gingins

The local authorities have pointed out to us that we cannot park anywhere on the road leading up to church, (we were obviously mistaken in thinking we could park down the side near the wall). Please park your cars in the car park near the Salle Communale, on the way into Gingins.

Please note that La Côte Anglican Church is entirely self-funding and relies on the generosity of its members to maintain its ministry. Our pledge scheme helps us to plan our finances efficiently. If you would like to hear more about this scheme, please contact our Pledge Administrator, Mark Warren - mark.warren@yahoo.fr or 04 50 20 63 18

Winter clothes for those seeking asylum

Winter clothing including warm jackets, jeans and sports shoes are still needed for the Asylum Seekers. Please bring to church or contact Anne - 022 369 11 17 - avdyer@bluewin.ch

Contacts:

Prayer Group & Bible Study: *Morning group* meets on Tuesdays at 9.15, *Contact: Machteld Kelsey denmac@club-soft.ch*, *Evening group* meets on Wednesdays at 19.45, *Contact: J&P Tracey 022 364 35 69, tracey.p@bluewin.ch*.

Sunday Club: Meets most Sundays at 16.00. Age 4-14. *Contact: Peta Tracey, 0223643569*

Pledges & Gifts: A/C: La Côte Anglican Church Development Association No: 228-550497.40H, UBS Nyon UBS IBAN number for electronic transfers: CH420022822855049740H. *Administrator: Mark Warren, +33 (4) 50 20 63 18, mark.warren@yahoo.fr*

Pastoral Care Team We have a team of people in our church who are available to visit anyone who feels the need for a listening ear or support at the moment. Please Contact Rev'd Carolyn Cooke or Rev'd Julia Chambeyron.

Special Interest Groups: Social Action, Pastoral Care, Worship & Spirituality, Youth, Communications. *Contact: Assistant Curate Rev'd Julia Chambeyron +33 4 40 20 19 37*