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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPLAIN

How was your summer? I hope all went well and that most of us had a chance for a rest. If so, and you are well refreshed, then there is much to look forward to over the coming months. One of the important tasks we have set ourselves is to adopt formal chaplaincy governance structures. We decided not to rush into this so that we could think through carefully how to keep those structures fresh and responsive according to the legendary 'spirit of Gingins'. So in preparation for this change, we shall be meeting together on **Friday 10 September** for a Congregational Meeting to look at some proposals and to agree together the way forward. If we are happy with the way things are set out, then there will be elections for wardens, church officers and council members and the adaptation of our constitution at an extraordinary meeting of the Development Association. It should all be signed and sealed by the end of November.

This is the important next step for La Côte Anglican Church. In appointing me as chaplain you set yourselves the ultimate goal of independence as a full chaplaincy of the Diocese in Europe. The governance changes this autumn will seal that intention and, as long-term viability is demonstrated, the Diocese will confirm the chaplaincy status. We will be home and dry.

Alongside this evolution we shall continue to pursue a strategy of growth. This has been the priority of the Interim Council and will remain the case for the formal Chaplaincy Council. You will see later in this newsletter that we have had great encouragement from our pledge review. You will also recognise that we share our services with a wider number of people than ever. This was the hope and expectation under which you boldly went ahead with the appointment of a chaplain, and it is a trend we shall seek to increase.

This is part of what we mean by the task of mission. It is in establishing a community of faith that we are able to inspire others with the good news of Jesus Christ and together to serve those in need. To love God and our neighbours is the fundamental calling. To do this together rather than alone releases the Spirit of God to do more than we can imagine. La Côte is an exciting place to be. Enthusiasm and commitment abounds. As we proceed step by step we trust that our faith in the future will be rewarded.

Paul Holley

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Friday 10th September at the Croix Blanche, Gingins. As the parish room is out of action we have negotiated an evening meal of Entrée and Emincé with rice for CHF23.00, to be served at 18.45 at the auberge. The room for the meeting is booked for 8.00pm onwards. We need to let the auberge know by September 5th how many for dinner. If you would like to join us for the meal please contact Paul for reservations. Otherwise, please feel free to come to the meeting from 8pm.

LA CÔTE PLEDGE REVIEW

A big thank you to everyone who responded to the pledge review earlier in the summer. We have seen a rise of almost 30% from an annual pledge of CHF72,000 to CHF93,300. There are now 24 pledges – all very encouraging. Our target is to reach CHF130,000 by 2006. We plan to achieve this by increasing the membership of our congregation. We shall conduct a review each year so that newcomers have the opportunity to join. However, people can start any time. So if you did not get around to pledging in the last round, fear not. Just let me know. I'll sign you up. Pledging does help us to budget and gain a feel for our future viability. Thanks again to you all.

Ted Talbot, pledge administrator.

ECUMENICAL WEEKEND

Saturday 18th September - The Connection (9.30am – 10pm)

Sunday 19th September - *Jeûne Fédéral* Service at the *Abbaye de Bonmont* (10am)

Come and enjoy a whole year's worth of ecumenical fellowship – all in one weekend!

On the Saturday at **The Connection** we have an opportunity to share with local Anglophone Christians from around the area. Meeting at the picturesque and superbly equipped Signal-de-Bougy, there is a very full programme of talks, discussions, sports & Games and entertainment. Lunch will be available in the cafeteria. Tickets are CHF10 for adults and CHF5 for children (not including lunch). Registration forms are available on Sundays, or if you prefer, dial up the website at www.theconnection.ch. It will be a great day out for all the family.

On Sunday, 19 September at the *Abbaye de Bonmont*, we share in the service to celebrate the *Jeûne Fédéral*. This service brings together the local Swiss Reformed parishes, with the Catholic parishes and ourselves. The service will be conducted in 3 languages and will be broadcast live on Radio Suisse Romande. There will be a youth choir from Strasbourg leading the singing – intriguingly named the High Rock Gospel Singers (!?). The service starts at 10am, but please be there by 9.30am for the radio sound check. Following the service there is an aperitif and a simple lunch of soup and *tarte aux pruneaux* in Chésereux.

Both occasions offer us an excellent opportunity to deepen our friendships with local churches. We have the chance at **The Connection** to set up a stall to give people a sense of what we are up to. We could do with a couple of volunteers to help with that. At Bonmont we have offered to supply the aperitif that follows the service. We need some help transporting and serving enough for up to 400 people to have a drink. Also we have agreed to host some of the choir members over night. They will be performing at the *église protestante* in Nyon on the Saturday night so will need picking up from there, a bed for the night and dropping off at Bonmont at 9am.

If you can offer any support for this weekend – please let Paul know.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Congratulations to Funke and Chris for the birth of their beautiful daughter Jordan in July. There will a service of thanksgiving on 5 September.

NEW WEBSITE!

In true amateur fashion, the chaplain has knocked up a website for La Côte. It is a temporary arrangement until we can find a volunteer (or someone cheap) to do some more professional design work for us. You will find it at www.anglican.ch from where you then select the [La Côte](#) link on their homepage. The chaplain is not proud – comments and criticisms would be useful so as to prepare for the proper job.

BETA COURSE

You will have perhaps heard of the Alpha Course. Well the Beta course has absolutely nothing to do with it! Whereas the Alpha course introduces people to Christianity, the Beta course seeks to help people understand their faith and experience from within a framework of pastoral care and counselling. The course is the brainchild of the Psychology and Christianity Project which is based at Cambridge University. It has a 10 session programme that covers 3 basic tasks: Being Christian, Becoming whole, Building Community. 3 B's, hence Beta. The Pastoral Care group would like to recommend the course to members of La Côte and is prepared to run the course over the winter. It is early days yet, but we propose that an introductory event takes place on the evening of 1 October, venue to be announced. We shall have a look at the material, see if it finds favour with those present, and then fix a meeting schedule to suit those who wish to do the course. In true La Côte style we shall probably eat, drink and be merry in the process. So come if you are vaguely interested, and enjoy an evening out even if the course ultimately isn't your cup of tea. Check out the website for further information on the course: www.beta-course.org
Please let Julia know if you would like to come on the 1st.

PARISH WEEKEND

Just a reminder about the Parish Weekend organised jointly by Holy Trinity and La Côte which will be held at the Crêt Bérard retreat centre between Lausanne and Vevey (www.cret-berard.ch) from 8 to 10 October 2004. The weekend includes activities for all the family (workshops, mini olympics, walks, champagne dinner, communion, reflection, etc.). If you haven't already received a booking form, please contact Paul or Kilian Anheuser from Holy Trinity on 022 348 7817 or kilian.anheuser@mah.ville-ge.ch. It sounds like fun, so please sign up soon if you are interested, or by 19 September at the latest!

GINGINS SUNDAY CLUB

To celebrate the beginning of the new season, come and join us for

Happy Hour - from 4 – 5 pm, Sunday 5 September

We will be making and tasting weird and wonderful drinks! Hearing about deadly poisons! Trying new flavours of ice-cream!

Prizes for the best and the deadliest drinks! (*Meet outside the church – see you there!*)

<p>PS – Book it NOW ! <u>12 September</u> a normal family service ? NO ! A special Kid's Service – including a treasure hunt !!! sounds weird ? well, better come and find out !</p>
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NEWS FROM JULIA

As the month of June drew to a close, I must admit to experiencing a huge sense of achievement...tinged with a heavy dose of relief! I had successfully completed my first year of study and training for ordained ministry...and had survived!

This last year has been one of great challenge. I think that I only realised the enormity of the task some months into the course – sometimes it is just as well that we don't know in advance what God has in store for us! Part of the challenge has been the academic work. Maree and I meet for weekly tutorials with Simon Oxley, at the World Council of Churches, during which we discuss our set topic for the week and all the reading we have done around it. This first year the syllabus was Biblical Studies and there was quite a range of choice in the topics we could study. I found the units on feminist interpretation of the Bible particularly fascinating and this led to much fruitful discussion on the rôle of women's ordained ministry in the Church today. We had to complete two essays each term and I gave myself a personal goal of trying to attain 2:1 standard work – which I managed to achieve – not without some struggle! The old brain doesn't seem to work so well as one advances in age and needs a good dose of will-power on times!

Another part of the challenge has been the weekends in England, which seem to come round remarkably quickly and can be rather tiring, each covering a very extensive programme. This year we have addressed the following topics at the weekends: Death and Funerals, Theologies of Ordination, Homosexuality, Children's Ministry, the Media, and the final one – Sin...all fascinating subjects worthy of a great deal of thought and reflection. I think one of the over-riding thoughts I have about the course is that it reveals how much there is to learn and discover about God and how He deals with us as individuals and in institutions such as the Church. I think all of us students realise that we are merely scratching the surface and that we are all on a life-long journey of learning.

One of the great parts of the weekends is meeting with the other students, particularly the other Europeans who started at the same time as myself. It is great to share all this with Maree, Anne from Basle, then Gill and June from south-west France, John from Dinard and Sara from Rome. We have formed a close-knit group providing much humour and support for each other. For me this has been one of the tremendous blessings of being on this course.

As I hit my own low points with my father being seriously ill and then falling ill myself, I valued so much the support I received from many areas – from the communities at La Côte and Holy Trinity, with visits, phone calls and prayers; from our chaplain Paul who offered firm support and friendship and ensured that I never felt left out of things; from Jenny Dawes and Maree who were never too busy to pop over and help out or make me laugh; from Mike and Sarah who were so reassuring and positive throughout; last but certainly not least, from Philippe who has now been confirmed in his title of Best Husband in the Whole Wide World!

So you see there have been all kinds of challenges this past year but the most powerful impression I have had is of the love and presence of God shining through individuals, groups and whole communities. I think that being this kind of channel is one of the strengths of La Côte in particular and I pray that the Holy Spirit continues to inspire and guide us in this way, for it provides us with the surest basis for the future and for the building up of the Kingdom of God in this place.

I thank you all for your encouragement, support and prayers this last year...And please don't stop! From the end of August I will be back to the drawing board with summer school, followed by the beginning of the new academic year when I will be studying Church History and Worship and Liturgy...Watch this space!

Every blessing in Christ

Julia

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER SERVICES AT LA CÔTE ANGLICAN CHURCH

5 Sep	4pm	Thanksgiving Service for the birth of Jordan
12 Sep	4pm	Kids' service with treasure hunt
19 Sep	4pm	Evening Prayer
26 Sep	4pm	Harvest Festival Communion Service
3 Oct	4pm	Social Action Group Lay-led service
10 Oct	4pm	Family Communion
17 Oct	4pm	Evening Prayer with Baptism of Johan Crocoll
24 Oct	4pm	Holy Communion
31 Oct	4pm	All Saints Creative Communion

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ACTIVITIES:

10 Sept. 20.00 Congregational meeting

18 Sept. 09.30 Signal de Bougy 'The Connection'

19 Sept. 10.00 Ecumenical 'Jeûne Fédéral' service at Abbaye de Bonmont

1 Oct. BETA Course introductory evening (venue to be confirmed)

8-10 Oct. Joint HTC/La Côte Parish Retreat at Crêt-de-Bérard

GAOS PRODUCTION - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

The new GAOS Really Youthful Group

invites you to an unforgettable production of one of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's finest musicals. It has been called "Fantastic!" and "A thrilling ride!" by critics the world over.

Come and find out how we live up to the reputation of

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

on Sunday, 5 September at 2:00pm and 6:00pm

at the Aula du Collège de Nyon-Marens in Nyon.

TICKETS: Fr.15.-

It's everything you expect of a GAOS show and more! You will be astonished by the dazzling performances of a dynamic cast between the ages of 7 and 17 years whilst all around you, children and teenagers help you to your seats, pass out programmes, light the stage and move the set - all under the competent supervision of some of GAOS's most experienced people.
Don't miss it!

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Tickets available from the TIE Office by telephoning

- 022 341 5192 or 022 341 5190
between 11h.00 and 13h.00
weekdays only
as from Monday 30 August 2004.

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- Or reserve on the WEB via
www.theatreinenglish.ch
as from Saturday 28 August 2004.
(No regular mail or email bookings.)

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- Or just turn up at the door - it's a large
theatre and there will be room for all.

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ALL TICKETS TO BE COLLECTED AT THE BOX
OFFICE BEFORE THE SHOW, SO PLEASE
ARRIVE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

Profits after expenses will go to charity.

**Bring your friends - you'll not regret
it!**