

# La Côte Anglican Church

## August Bulletin

### Reflection and prayers from Carolyn

This week, many of us enjoyed celebrating 1 August in Switzerland with a rest day and fireworks in the evening. Likewise, a few weeks ago, many of us living in France joined in 14 July celebrations, with outdoor festivities and fireworks. As residents in France and Switzerland, these festivals remind us to give thanks for our host countries and our host churches, to cherish all that we enjoy about living here. Here is a short intercessory prayer which we often use in one of our small church groups:

*“Shepherd and Guardian of our souls, guide and enable all who lead and serve this community and those on whom we depend for our daily needs. Grant that we may seek the peace and welfare of this place.”*

*Yet, while we give thanks for the beauty, safety and abundance of our surroundings, we cannot help but hold up to God the fragility of life in creation and in the lives of many people born into violence, oppression and poverty.*

*“Shepherd and Guardian of our souls, while we ask for strength to seek the peace and welfare of this place, we also ask for courage and wisdom to make our world, Your world, a safer, fairer and more hospitable place for all people and communities near and far. We pray for just dealings in politics and in the particular negotiations and treaties of our time... (we bring to God those places and people on our hearts and minds). Loving God, help us to continue to wake up to the delicacy of our fragile earth and to change our life-styles to care in “down-to-earth” ways for all that you have entrusted to humanity.”*

*We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who consecrated creation with his presence on earth, Amen.*

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**OVER THE SUMMER THERE IS NO FORMAL PROVISION FOR CHILDREN IN SUNDAY CLUBS BUT EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND WE WILL HAVE SOME ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN DURING THE SERVICES BY WAY OF PUZZLES, WORKSHEETS AND COLOURING.**

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### **SUNDAY 4 AUGUST – Trinity 7**

**08:45-09:15 Chapelle de Signy, Said Eucharist**

Everyone is welcome both for our worship and then afterwards in the local village café.

**16:00 Gingins, Evening Prayer**

### **SUNDAY 11 AUGUST – Trinity 8**

**10:00 Divonne, Holy Communion**

**16:00 Gingins, Evening Prayer**

### **SUNDAY 18 AUGUST – Trinity 9**

**16:00 Gingins, Holy Communion**

### **SUNDAY 25 AUGUST – Trinity 10**

**10:00 Divonne, Holy Communion**

## 16:00 Gingins, Lay-Led Evening Prayer

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### COMING UP

#### SATURDAY 10 AUGUST

Join us for a trip to Vevey to savour the fringe festival of the Fete des Vignerons (which only comes round every twenty years!).

We will meet in front of the train station in Vevey at 10:10.

Our plan is to enjoy the fringes of the festival. We are hoping to watch the procession as it passes through the streets of Vevey at around 10:30, and then we can wander round the stands outside the big stadium. After this, we propose a shared picnic by the lake.

So if you are around, do join us and bring something to share in the picnic. If you can make it, please contact Armel Ayegnon ([email](#)) or Carolyn Cooke ([email](#)).

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### [Information and requests](#)

#### LA COTE YOUTH LEADER ADVERT

Please share this [advert](#) with anybody you think might be interested and suitable.

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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 ([email](#)).

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**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. ([email](#))

### 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 ([email](#)) who will be able to match you up with one of our refugee friends in the community.

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### LA COTE ANGLICAN CHURCH IS ON TWITTER!

Please let Peta Tracey know ([email](#)) 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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### PARKING OUTSIDE THE TEMPLE IN GINGINS

We have been asked very clearly to park ONLY in the four places to the right of the church

as you approach it. This will thus be reserved for those setting up in church and needing to drop off equipment. Please ensure that you park either behind the Auberge de la Poste, in the village itself – or down by the Post Office and playing fields at the entrance to Gingins. We apologise for any inconvenience this will cause you, but we are keen to work with the commune and to continue enjoying good relations with the local people of Gingins.

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