

La Côte Anglican Church

Easter Bulletin

Reflection and prayer for week of 14 to 21 April from Carolyn

This week, some of us had the privilege of attending the third of our Lenten Seminars at which Dr Nigel Rollins led a session on palliative care. He spoke with compassion from a place of expertise and experience, wisdom and faith. He referred to our God of steadfast love – a melody that is played throughout the Old Testament story of Israel and then fleshed out in the person of Jesus Christ. God's steadfast love is woven through the fabric of human history all too often darkened with injustice and suffering. This is not the moment to unpack the unfairness of our world, but it is the moment to stand with those brought low, as we accompany Jesus into a "Holy" week of unfair trial, torture and ultimate death. We will ponder how God's steadfast love was borne on the shoulders of his suffering Son, because God so loved the world... We will walk with Jesus through the triumphant crowds of Palm Sunday and on to the fickle throngs who cried "Crucify." In the words of our Palm Sunday collect:

True and humble King, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory." So we can and will joyfully acclaim the Easter dawn chorus: "May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds."

Here is a prayer for Holy Week, (adapted from *Just One Year*, ed. Timothy Radcliffe, by Clare McBeath)

"Jesus calls us to journey with him,

To journey with him to a woman pouring perfume in a house at Bethany,

To journey with him to a man pouring water, cleaning up after the devastation of war,

To journey with him to a woman pouring lotion on the bruises of a husband's violence.

....Where is Jesus calling you and me this week?

Jesus calls us to speak out with him,

To speak out for the beauty of a woman's extravagance,

To speak out for the unveiling of rules that deny people's humanity,

To speak out for justice for the poorest of the poor.

....Where is Jesus calling you and me to speak out this week?

And Jesus calls us to celebrate in the dance of liberation.

Jesus calls us to celebrate love wherever it is found.

Jesus calls us to celebrate the many gifts offered by women and men.

Jesus calls us to celebrate the dignity and worth of all people.

....Where is Jesus calling you and me to celebrate this week?

PLEASE NOTE THE ALTERED TIMES AND VENUES FOR OUR EASTER DAY SERVICES

SUNDAY 21 APRIL

06:00 Gingins Sunrise service with Swiss host

followed by breakfast (please let Carolyn know if you can bring anything)

10:00 Temple de Crassier

Easter Family Communion followed by Easter Egg hunt for children

NB No service in Gingins at 16:00 on Easter Day

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Rev Carolyn Cooke will be on annual leave from 22 to 29 April.

SUNDAY 14 APRIL – Palm Sunday

10:00 Divonne, A dramatic script, “The Royal Ride to Jerusalem” with Holy Communion

16:00 Gingins, Palm Sunday celebration starting outside followed by Holy Communion (with Sunday Club)

THURSDAY 18 APRIL – Maundy Thursday

20:00 Gingins, Holy Communion with foot/hand washing

FRIDAY 19 APRIL – Good Friday

14:00 Service of Reflection and Prayer

SUNDAY 21 APRIL – Easter Day

06:00 Gingins Sunrise service with Swiss host

10:00 Crassier, Easter Family Communion

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EASTER SERVICES – please click [here](#) for flyer

FLOWERS FOR EASTER DAY MORNING SERVICE IN CRASSIER:

Would anyone like to help with decorating the church for Easter Day? Or else make a donation towards the cost of flowers in memory of a loved one? Please contact Carolyn ([email](#)).

REFRESHMENTS FOR EASTER DAY MORNING SERVICE IN CRASSIER:

Would anyone like to help with refreshments on Easter Day?

This is a great opportunity to welcome visitors. As it is after the morning service we could offer cold drinks at the entrance to the church, weather permitting.

We also have some Easter eggs for an Easter Egg hunt after the service for children.

Please contact Gillian ([email](#)) if you would like to help with refreshments and / or the Easter egg hunt.

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SUNDAY 28 APRIL – Easter 2

10:00 Divonne, Lay Led

16:00 Gingins, Lay Led (no Sunday Club)

LA COTE YOUTH LEADER ADVERT

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

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PROJECT COMPASSION (ROMANIA), 19-27 APRIL

If you are interested in sending your young people, or providing financial support for others, do contact Calen Gayle ([email](#)).

SATURDAY 13 APRIL

From 09:30 onwards, Portes de Nyon, BAKE SALE in aid of Project Compassion, organised by our youth group, SAS

COMING UP

TUESDAY 16 APRIL

09:15–10:30 chez J&P Tracey, Coinsins, [Prayer Group](#)

Please contact Peta if you would like to join us or have prayer requests (in confidence). ([email](#))

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL

19:00 onwards at the Prieuré next to the Temple in Nyon, La Côte Blokes' Dinner

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ELSEWHERE

SATURDAY 13 APRIL

17:00 Auditoire de Calvin, Geneva, *From Bach to Scottish and Japanese Songs*

Concert in aid of compassionate work with sick and vulnerable children in three projects:

Children's Programme at Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital, Nepal
Meals for children (Nourishing Minds) in Ekwendeni HIV/AIDS project, Malawi
Music programmes for children in Palestine (West Bank) by Musicians without Borders
After the concert, you are invited to join the musicians for a drink.

Admission is free. A collection will be taken in aid of these three children's projects. Do come! Don't miss it!

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9 TO 12 MAY, GENEVA, CURSILLO COURSE

More information [here](#)

[Information and requests](#)

CLOTHES COLLECTION 2-7 MAY, in aid of Belarus, Moldova & Ukraine. Clean, wearable and in good condition. Please place in black bin bags (max 60 litres) and contact Tyrrian Livesley, to arrange drop-off, at tyrrian48@gmail.com or tel. 022 776 51 16. See attached for more details.

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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.

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>

TEMPLE DE DIVONNE - HEATING

There are problems with the heating system (electrical issues) in Divonne; please do not switch the heating on or off nor touch the radiators. Thank you! Apologies in advance that the church may feel a little cold.

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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.
