

La Côte Anglican Church

Weekly Bulletin

Reflection for week of 10 to 17 March from Carolyn Cooke

As we embark on our Lenten journey, as a community and as individuals, Archbishop Justin Welby offers us a simple prayer which hopefully we can all use to help us on our way.

Loving God,

I commit this coming season of Lent to you,

and ask you to show me what I need to turn away from

and what I need to turn towards.

Let the light you have brought to the world shine in the darkness of our hearts

and bring new life, new hope and new possibilities.

Help me to walk more closely with Jesus,

to know that I am deeply loved,

and to share his love with others. Amen

In addition, there are **free Lent reflections from Church of England: *Pilgrim Journeys: 40 days of reflections on The Beatitudes* by Steven Croft**. Sign up for daily emails exploring the reflections, each containing a short Bible reading, an invitation to reflect, a suggestion for prayer and a prompt to act. <https://www.churchofengland.org/pilgrim>

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SUNDAY 10 MARCH – Lent 1

10:00 Divonne, Holy Communion

16:00 Gingins, All-Age Worship

SUNDAY 17 MARCH – Lent 2

16:00 Gingins, Holy Communion (with Sunday Club)

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL REQUIRED BY THE DIOCESE

Every six years, every church and chaplaincy in the Church of England has to renew its Electoral Roll. This means throwing the old one away and starting again!

2019 is one of those years, so even if you are on the Electoral Roll at the moment, you need to fill in a new form if you want to be on the Roll after 15 March.

And of course, if you weren't on the Roll before, this is the ideal time to put yourself on it.

Please read all of the documents carefully and, if you are interested and eligible, send your Electoral Roll form to the Electoral Roll Officer, Steve Rawcliffe, to arrive **no later than 15**

March.

Filling in the form:

Print out the form, fill it in and sign it.

or

Fill it in on screen and then print and sign it.

Returning the form:

Send it to the Electoral Roll Officer (Steve Rawcliffe) by post

or

Scan the completed and signed form and send it to him by email.

His contact details are on the form.

PLEASE don't hand the form to someone else with the request that they pass it on to Steve: every year, people miss the deadline because they did this!

Documents :

Electoral Roll Form La Côte 2019 [here](#).

Electoral Roll Letter La Côte 2019 [here](#).

Electoral Roll Privacy Notice La Côte 2019 [here](#).

Electoral Roll Renewal Notice La Côte 2019 [here](#).

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](#)).

COMING UP

TUESDAY 12 MARCH

09:45 for 10:00 start, Founex, [Bible Study](#) group

This group is currently studying the Book of Daniel. Please contact Dorothy and Trevor if you are interested in joining. ([email](#))

THURSDAY 14 MARCH

“Space” in Nyon at the prieuré next to the Temple de Nyon from 19:00 for a light shared supper – followed by a Bible study and Evening Prayer. (Contact Chris Potter if you would like to know more: [email](#))

FRIDAY 15 MARCH

09:30-11:30 Church Hall, Gingins, CCC Fridays

and

17:30–19:00 at the Prieuré next to the Temple in Nyon, Friday Space

A trilingual Bible Study – English, French and Farsi

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LENT SEMINARS: *The ethics of death and dying: Christian perspectives*

20 March, 3 & 10 April in Divonne Parish Rooms. Please see [flyer](#)

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ELSEWHERE

FROM 8 MARCH:

LENT LUNCHEAS AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, GENEVA, EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT

More information [here](#)

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WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH

19:30-21:30 St John XXIII Parish, Geneva, *Women Waging Peace in the Middle East: a Christian and Muslim Perspective*

An evening of sharing and discussion with Huda M. Abuarquob and Stephanie Saldana on peace initiatives they are involved with in the Holy Land and how they are working together on interfaith initiatives to overcome barriers and build bridges of hope. Sponsored by the Geneva Ecumenical Cursillo Community

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FRIDAY 22 MARCH

18:30 – 21:00 The Ecumenical Centre, World Council of Churches, near Nations.

Hospitality - can it change the world?

The evening is open to all. Come early for the apéro from 18:30-19:00.

Crossroads are hosting Krish Kandiah in Geneva to lead this evening 'conversation' on how simply extending hospitality on an individual and society level can bring about radical change; from the prison population, to the refugee crisis, to homelessness and sex-trafficking, Dr Kandiah is convinced, on the basis of personal and professional experience, that overcoming our own fears to invite in the stranger is the first step on a potentially world transforming journey. Read more about him - author, theologian, academic, social activist and father of 7(!) on his website krishk.com.

Or go to the following link:

<https://www.crossroadschurch.fr/events/2019/3/22/hospitality-can-it-change-the-world>

[Information and requests](#)

concerning our 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.
