

La Côte Anglican Church

Weekly Bulletin

Reflection for week of 10 to 17 February from Heidi Hawkings

On 18 January, 22,000 people all across Switzerland joined in with various demonstrations to demand greater measures to protect against climate change – around 8,000 people in Lausanne and 4,000 in Geneva alone. The following weekend, over a hundred similar demonstrations took place all over France. Young, old and in between, these people gathered together hoping for changes that will help our planet, and in particular those people and animals most vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

As Christians, we are asked to care for God's creation. Archbishop Justin Welby has said: "Reducing the causes of climate change is essential to the life of faith. It is a way to love our neighbour and to steward the gift of creation." At times, however, the situation might seem so daunting that we're unsure how we can make a difference. Perhaps we can start by prayerfully considering how we, not only individually but also as a community, might begin to live into habits and practices that are more intentionally respectful of the earth – and to make our voices heard in matters of global creation care.

The Tearfund "Hope for Creation" prayer: *Lord, make us people who recognise, nurture and act towards a more sustainable world for the benefit of all who draw life from this planet. Raise up campaigners who will speak out for wisdom, restraint and compassion. And teach us to partner you in protecting this precious world and the lives of our most vulnerable global neighbours. Amen.*

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SUNDAY 10 FEBRUARY – 4th Sunday before Lent

10:00 Divonne, Holy Communion

16:00 Gingins, Evening Prayer (with Sunday Club)

NB Bake sale after church in support of youth programme, specifically youth service project

SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY – 3rd Sunday before Lent

16:00 Gingins, Holy Communion (no Sunday Club)

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NB Rev Carolyn Cooke will be absent from 16 January to 24 February following a routine hip replacement. Church Warden Liz Bramley will act as the contact person during this absence and will refer you on to others as needed - [email](#)

Carolyn sends her thanks to many of you for your prayers and kind messages and for all of you who are taking responsibility for the nurture, worship and operational running of La Côte Church. In addition, we warmly welcome Revd Brian Lea and then Revd Maree Wilson stepping in for locum cover during this time.

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 FEBRUARY

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 FEBRUARY

“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 discussion on the book of Acts and Evening Prayer. (Contact Chris Potter if you would like to know more: [email](#))

FRIDAY 15 FEBRUARY

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

Coffee Cake and Catch up will be continuing the book: J. Orterg, *If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat.*

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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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SUNDAY 3 MARCH

19:00-22:00 Duillier, Musical Drop-In: a classical feast with concert pianist, Leena Luukkonen (all the way from Helsinki)

For more information, please contact Ted Talbot - [email](#)

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ELSEWHERE

SATURDAY 16 FEBRUARY

08:30-16:30 Gellertkirche Basel, *A Dynamic Church*, study day with Bishop Graham Tomlin

During the past few years, the Anglican Church in London managed an impressive reversal of the national trend which has seen declining church membership and attendance.

Bishop Graham Tomlin, one of the central personalities in this 'wind of change' in London, will share a hopeful perspective for the development of the church in Europe.

Cost: 50CHF / 25CHF Students and AVS

Registration by 4 Feb: online at www.gellertkirche.ch/studientag

or by email tis@stadtmission-bis.ch

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TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY

19:30-21:30 Emmanuel Episcopal Church, rue de Monthoux, Geneva, *The Ecumenical Movement Today*

An opportunity to learn about recent developments in and future hopes for Christian unity.

See [flyer](#).

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FRIDAY 1 MARCH

12:30 Ecumenical Centre Chapel, Grand-Saconnex, Geneva, World Day of Prayer

“Come – everything is ready!” (Luke 14:15-24). This year, the liturgy has been prepared by the women of the churches of Slovenia. More information [here](#)

FRIDAY 1 MARCH

From 19:00 Holy Trinity Church Hall, Geneva, Raclette and Quiz Evening

More information [here](#)

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SATURDAY 2 MARCH

09:30-17:00 Quiet Day at Bossey

As there will not be a La Côte community day at Bossey this year, you might be interested in attending this:

The Ignatian Way – Catching One's Spiritual Breath

An Ignatian Way Day offers a chance to open to silence, with time for personal reflection on scripture passages and optional group sharing on related questions.

Where? The Ecumenical Institute - Château de Bossey, 1298 Céligny

Up-coming dates (Saturdays, 09:30-17:00): 2 March & 18 May

Cost per day: CHF 45 (includes lunch)

Registration: Contact Patricia Laurie [email](#) or tel. +33 (0)954.410.339.

Peta Tracey will be attending if you would like to contact her for more information or a lift: [email](#)

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Also on SATURDAY 2 MARCH

10:00-13:00 Holy Trinity Church, Geneva, The Book of Psalms: Presence, Prayer and Praise

Led by Clare Amos. Please contact Holy Trinity Church Office if you would like to attend: admin@holyltrinitygeneva.org

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SATURDAY 9 MARCH

10:00-16:00 All Saints' Church, Vevey, SACEP Day: Migration – An issue affecting us all?

Please register by 4 March. More information [here](#)

**[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>

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.
