

La Côte Anglican Church

Weekly Bulletin

Reflection and prayer for week of 13 to 20 January from Carolyn

This coming Sunday, we celebrate the epiphany moment of the Baptism of Christ. The poet Malcolm Guite sums up its mystery and wonder in his poem, "Jesus' Baptism". We will think about the invitation to every Christ follower to "step into the river, with Christ, to die and rise and live and love forever."

I invite you to ask God to help you hear afresh this invitation in your life: what do you need to hand over to God, to relinquish as you step into the river with Christ, to rise and live and love more fully?

You might find it helpful to turn the words of this poem into a prayer, pausing over the single word or phrase that jumps out at you for yourself or for another.

Jesus' Baptism

Beginning here we glimpse the Three-in-one;

The river runs, the clouds are torn apart,

The Father speaks, the Spirit and the Son

Reveal to us the single loving heart

That beats behind the being of all things

And calls and keeps and kindles us to light.

The dove descends, the spirit soars and sings

'You are beloved, you are my delight!'

In that quick light and life, as water spills

And streams around the Man like quickening rain,

The voice that made the universe reveals

The God in Man who makes it new again.

He calls us too, to step into that river

To die and rise and live and love forever.

by Malcolm Guite, *Sounding the Seasons*

<https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2015/01/09/the-first-sunday-of-epiphany-jesus-baptism-2/>

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SUNDAY 13 JANUARY – Epiphany 2

10:00 Divonne, Holy Communion

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

NB Bakes sales after both services this Sunday in aid of our youth programme

SUNDAY 20 JANUARY – Epiphany 3

16:00 Gingins, Holy Communion – (with 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.

COMING UP

TUESDAY 15 JANUARY

Morning [Bible Study](#) group in Founex. Please note, this group now meets at 09:45 for 10:00 start. Please contact Dorothy and Trevor if you are interested in joining. ([email](#))

THURSDAY 17 JANUARY

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

FRIDAY 18 JANUARY

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

A tri-lingual Bible Study – English, French and Farsi

[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.
