

# La Côte Anglican Church

## Weekly Bulletin

Reflection and prayer for week of 21 to 28 May from Julia

Please do have a careful look at the information about ['Thy Kingdom Come'](#) – the global wave of prayer initiated by Archbishop Justin Welby for the days between Ascension and Pentecost – 25 May to 4 June. There is a wealth of material on the website for public and private use. At La Côte, we are participating in several ways.

One of the Bible readings suggested is Luke 11: 9-10

***Jesus said, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches find, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.'***

Here Jesus is talking in profound terms about prayer. He is talking about the depth of prayer – how it takes asking God, searching for the presence of God, and knocking on his door. It is not easy, there is no quick way, there are no immediate answers. But the promise is that if we ask, we will receive; if we search, we will find; and if we knock on God's door it will open. This is not the work of a day or two, or of a week or two, but the work of a lifetime. Join us in exploring further, and join with many others worldwide in the quest for God's Kingdom and in helping to make it tangible and visible in our troubled world.

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**SUNDAY 21 MAY – Easter 6**

**16:00 Gingins, Holy Communion**

During the service, ALEX MVUKA NTUNG, a Tutsi refugee from Congo, will be saying a few words about his personal story, his faith, and his current work with refugees. He will also be available in the church, after the service, for those who would like to talk in more depth – or feel free to join us and Alex for a pizza at 19:00 at Le Moulin (near Signy Centre).

Alex has a background in international development with a particular focus on conflict transformation. He has conducted a wide range of research on the Great Lakes Region of Africa. In the UK, he has occupied various responsibilities in voluntary and public organizations in areas of inclusion, equality and social cohesion. He is a regular international speaker on matters relating to asylum and migration, war and security, and conflict resolution. His autobiography, *Not my Worst Day*, tells the moving story of the fear and violence, but also of the love and family ties, in which he grew up. Copies will be available after church for those interested. Joy Stephens

**['Thy Kingdom Come'](#) - please see flyer about how La Côte Church is responding to the Archbishop of Canterbury's call to prayer from Ascension to Pentecost - and how you can join in!**

**SUNDAY 28 MAY – Sunday after Ascension Day - Both services will focus on the theme of 'Thy Kingdom Come'.**

10:00 Divonne, Service of the Word

16:00 Gingins, Holy Communion

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**Save the date**

## SUNDAY 25 JUNE

10:00 Joint service in Crassier, Confirmation

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## Next week

## TUESDAY 23 MAY

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).  
[\[email\]](#)

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## Coming up

## SATURDAY 20 MAY

10:00-13:00 Holy Trinity Church, Geneva, A Land of Promise?

*Biblical and Theological reflections on 'the Holy Land', led by Clare Amos.*

[Flyer](#)

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## THURSDAY 25 MAY (Ascension Day)

10:00 Prayer Walk, followed by Pot-Luck Lunch at 12.00, chez J&P Tracey, 1267 Coinsins. Please let Peta Tracey know if you are able to join us. [\[email\]](#)

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## FRIDAY 2 JUNE

From 18:30 Holy Trinity Church, Geneva, *The Pain and the Glory: Christianity where it all Began*

[Further information](#)

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## FRIDAY 23 JUNE

18:30 La Barcarolle Hotel, Prangins, The BRA Celebration of H.M The Queen's Birthday

The BRA would like to invite all members of the congregation and their families in Divonne and Gingins to join members of The British-Swiss Chamber of Commerce, The Victoria British Aid Fund, The Royal British Legion, The Royal Air Force Association, The Royal Overseas League and the Rolls Royce Enthusiasts Club at the Reception, which offers a splendid opportunity of renewing many friendships.

The entrance fee of CHF 35 per person is the same as for BRA members, provided bookings are made in advance.

The BRA Swiss Post Office account is:

Name	British Residents' Association, C.P. 30, 1617 Remaufens, Switzerland
Account	17-55708-4 CHF
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The last day for registration is Monday, 12 June as the BRA has to commit the numbers attending in advance to the hotel; 'no-shows' will unfortunately have to be charged. For those arriving without having booked, the cost will be CHF 40 per person.

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### **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 Duane Poppe [\[email\]](#) or Andrea Goovaerts [\[email\]](#).

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If you know of anyone who could help with accommodation for our asylum-seeking community - please go to link above for more details.

### **Odd jobs need doing for the spring and summer?**

If you would like help with odd jobs - for example, gardening, moving furniture, paint work – do get in touch with Cassie Whetham [\[email\]](#) 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 NOW ON TWITTER!**

Please let Peta Tracey know [\[email\]](#) if you would like info about a church event to be 'tweeted' or tweet to @lacoteanglican

<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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