

# La Côte Anglican Church

## Weekly Bulletin

### Reflection and prayers for week of 22 to 29 September from Carolyn

Today marks the beginning of a week of global climate change demonstrations: a fitting week for us to be coming together to give thanks for the harvest AND to be asking God to inspire us to care more for our beautiful world. Dr Joseph Zammit-Lucia (The art of sustainability: imagination, not spreadsheets will create change, The Guardian, May 24, 2013), observes that "Our failure to address environmental issues is not a failure of information but a failure of imagination." We do not need much imagination to recognise climate change all around us today, but maybe we do need to ask God to inspire our imagination about how to protect and care responsibly for creation.

I think it is "both / and" in our busy lives: taking time to notice, to think, to be open to our own blind spots and then to commit prayerfully to changing our way of living in order to care more for God's world. It starts with prayerful imagination and wonder... and leads to the spreadsheets and the facts to get us really moving... or maybe for some of us it starts with the rational analysis leading to a desire to think imaginatively about our response. Wherever we are on this spectrum of the rational and the imaginative we can pray for ways of bringing these faculties together in our faith and worship.

Here is a poem about the little seed - to feed our imagination and fuel our actions. Let us pray.

*The given beauty of it –  
inert in my palm  
tender, fragile thing  
quietly holding  
good for all people,  
complex and intricate,  
storing life and the means  
of life.*

*The silent wonder of it –  
Jack in the beanstalk story:  
always ready to sprout  
while the sower is away;  
fairy story; or miracle:  
seed, soil, labour, love;  
life, death, rebirth,  
earth's best gift,  
seed of freedom  
for all our tomorrows.*

Joy Mead, *Liturgy for Harvest*, Wild Goose Publications

**I hope you can join us on Sunday, in Crassier at 10am, to give thanks for our rich harvest and to pray for ways to care for and share this harvest with all peoples.**

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## **THIS SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER – HARVEST SERVICE**

**10:00 Crassier**, All-Age Joint Harvest Service for Gingins and Divonne congregations

**NB No service in Gingins at 16:00 on this day**

We will be celebrating all good gifts around us, either our own or what we have purchased locally. **Please bring samples of home-grown produce to display.** (You can always take your crops away with you afterwards.)

In addition, we would like to facilitate **A SEED AND PLANT CUTTINGS SWAP** – so please bring leftovers from your garden to share.

You are invited also to bring **a bag of non-perishables which we can pass on to Restos du Coeur and Cartons du Coeur.**

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## **SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER – Trinity 15**

**10:00 Divonne, Holy Communion**

**16:00 Gingins, Evening Prayer**

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## **NEXT WEEK**

### **TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER**

**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](#))

### **THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER**

“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](#))

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## **COMING UP**

**Visitors from Ekwendeni, Malawi**

We are very pleased that two Malawian visitors are coming to stay in the Divonne /

Geneva region from 25 September for a fortnight. They are being hosted by the Scottish church – and are also keen to meet members of La Côte Church.

Can you please let Carolyn know by if you would like to offer hospitality in some way to them, for example with a meal and a small group of people, offering a bedroom for a night, or taking them to see something in the area and getting to know them and the needs of their community.

As many of you know, we have been supporting the work of the Ekwendeni HIV and Aids Youth Resource Centre which supports young people and their families affected by HIV and Aids. This is a valuable opportunity to see into their lives at first hand. I hope we can make the most of it, for ourselves and our young people.

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## **SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER**

**Climate March in Bern – with A Rocha. For more information, please see [here](#).**

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## **SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER**

**10:00-13:00 Holy Trinity Church, Geneva, *Ruth and Jonah, Boundary Breaking Love***

Bible study led by Clare Amos. If you would like to attend, please contact [admin@holytrinitygeneva.org](mailto:admin@holytrinitygeneva.org) tel. +41 22 731 51 55.

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## **ANOTHER CLOTHES COLLECTION OPPORTUNITY! 2-6 OCTOBER**

Please see attached information and contact Tyrrian Livesley at [tyrrian48@gmail.com](mailto:tyrrian48@gmail.com) or tel. 022 776 5116 to arrange drop-off. Thank you for your invaluable help to those in need in Belarus, Moldova & Ukraine.

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## **Information and requests**

### **LA COTE YOUTH LEADER**

As we start a new school year, we say good-bye to Armel who has been our youth leader since Easter. Thank you to Armel for all the hard work he has channelled into the lives of our young people. We are glad that we will still see him as he continues working with the youth in Holy Trinity Church. We are very pleased to welcome Emily Reid, who is joining our church family to head up our youth work part time. We pray for her as she finds her feet among us and gets to know us – especially our young people.

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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](mailto:andrea@holytrinitygeneva.org)).

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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.

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**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>

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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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