

# La Côte Anglican Church

## Weekly Bulletin

### Reflection and prayer for week of 7 to 14 October from Carolyn

This week we celebrate the life of St Francis of Assisi. In this season of Creation and of Harvest thanksgiving, the following words encourage us to respond to God in thankful prayer.

“G.K. Chesterton spoke of the “mystical minimum,” which he defined as “gratitude.”

“The grateful response for what is given – seeing the cup half full – requires seeing with a completely different set of eyes than the eyes that always see the cup half empty. I don’t think it’s over-simplification to say that people basically live either in an attitude of gratitude or an overall attitude of resentment. The “mystical minimum” is gratitude: Everything that is given, that you are breathing today, is pure gift. None of us have earned it, none of us have a right to it. All we can do is kneel and kiss the ground – somewhere, anywhere, everywhere.”

*(Rohr, Hope against darkness, 2001, p.157)*

I dare you to do that today!

Here is a short poem attributed to St Francis which may help us with this “mystical minimum” of gratitude:

#### **IN ALL THINGS**

**It was easy to love God in all that  
was beautiful.**

**The lessons of deeper knowledge, though, instructed me  
to embrace God in all  
things.**

*(Love poems from God, Daniel Ladinsky)*

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### **SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER – Trinity 19**

#### **08:45-09:15 Chapelle de Signy, Said Eucharist**

Everyone is welcome both for our worship and then afterwards in the local village café.

#### **16:00 Gingins, All-Age Harvest Service with Communion** (no Sunday Club)

We will be collecting non-perishable foods both for the Salvation Army and for a local charity “Cartons du Coeur”. This volunteer organization provides food boxes to the most needy in the La Côte area.

They are grateful to receive our donations of non-perishable food items. Cans of fruit and vegetables are always needed. At the moment, their stocks of the following items are running low: soup, cans of corn, cans of tomatoes, ravioli, coffee, and cocoa.

Information about the organization is available at: <https://www.cartonsducoeur.ch/>

### **BAKE SALE IN GINGINS**

After the service this Sunday in Gingins, there will be a bake sale in aid of our youth who are saving up to go on a life-changing Project Compassion adventure next Easter.

### **SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER**

**10:00 Divonne, Family Harvest Service**

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

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### **TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER**

Morning [Bible Study](#) group in Founex. Please contact Dorothy and Trevor if you are interested in joining this group. ([email](#))

**19:45 Divonne Parish Rooms, Church Council**

### **THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER**

“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 12 OCTOBER**

**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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### **SAVE THE DATE**

### **SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER - autumn colours nature walk**

We will meet at 13:00 at the little Coop supermarket next to Nyon train station. The 8 km route will include the chateau and garden in Prangins, Promenthoux beach, the Sentier Découverte du Bois-des-Ages (Discovery Trail in the forest by the Gland golf course), and then a portion of the Toblerone path. We will finish up with a warm drink together at the Coop café in Vich. Cars will be arranged to ferry people back to Nyon.

Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a water bottle.

If you have questions or need any further details, please contact Chris Reed ([email](#)).

If we are fortunate, we will have a crisp autumn day with lots of lovely foliage to see along the way. Hope to see you there!

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### **SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER**

## **From 18:30 Salle Alinghi, Coinsins, Quiz Night**

Tickets may be reserved with Liz Bramley ([email](#))

Flyer attached

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## **ELSEWHERE...**

### **ON THURSDAYS (19 sessions until March 2019)**

#### **19:00-21:00 The Hub, Nyon, Stephen Ministry Training**

Stephen Ministry is a confidential, lay Christian caring ministry; it's free, given as 1:1 - men with men, and women with women, and is focused on listening, caring and praying for people going through crisis. Its motto is 'Christ caring for people through people'. Cost is CHF 150 to cover training materials.

Please click [here](#) to register your interest or contact Jeremy Burrows for more information – [email](#).

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### **SATURDAY 12-14 OCTOBER**

#### **Evangelical Baptist Church of Geneva, *The Power of Blessing* led by Russ Parker**

Fri 19:30-21:00 in the Fellowship Centre in Carouge

Sat 09:30-16:00 in The Oratoire Rue Tabazan 7 - Lunch & Childcare Provided

Sun 11:45 at the Morning Service in Carouge

Sun 18:00 in The Oratoire Rue Tabazan 7 - Prayer for Healing

Email: [info@ebcg.ch](mailto:info@ebcg.ch)

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### **SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER**

#### **13:30 Geneva, Climate Change March with A Rocha**

[More information](#)

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### **SATURDAY 20 OCTOBER**

#### **09:45-12:30 Evangelical Lutheran Church of Geneva, *Breathing Space***

A half-day retreat of teaching and reflection on some basics of contemplative prayer.

For more information: Monica McKinlay ([email](#))

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### **SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER**

#### **10:00-15:00 Westlake, Nyon, *A re-story conference***

Mary Rinaldi speaks from a life restored in God after a history of childhood trauma and

abuse. She has walked through healing and restoration towards "fullness of life" in God. Through her testimony and her life she has seen many victims lives be restored. If you would be interested in bringing a friend - coming along or helping at this event, please get in touch - [email](#). [Flyer](#)

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## **SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER**

**10:00-16:00 St. John's Anglican Church, Territet, Montreux, *Quiet Day***

‘A great cloud of witnesses’: Quiet Day, led by the Revd Caroline Eglin.

For booking and more information: Revd Caroline Eglin ([email](#))

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## **SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER**

**11:00 - 17:00 GENEVA EXPAT EXPO**

This year our church will host a stand at the Expat Expo. We will be there to share information about our church community and invite new-comers along for our services and events.

This idea, as posed at this year's AGM, is to help raise our visibility to a wider community.

The council would very much like to share the responsibility of being present on this day. We propose a rota of volunteers to be present for a couple of hours at a time. We would encourage families as well as individuals to come forward. If you think you can help with this day, please contact Diantha Terry. ([email](#))

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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 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.

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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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