

LA COTE CHURCH EASTERTIDE GIFT DAY

*We invite you to join us...
in thanking God for His Risen life
and steadfast love, and in thinking
about how we can give something of
ourselves back to Him*



*Sunday 30th April at 4pm Service for all
the family in the Temple de Crassier*

A time to receive and a time to give

During this season of Eastertide we especially focus on celebrating God's love and mercy shown most fully in the Easter event. Through Jesus' life, death and resurrection we are reconciled to God, who brings forgiveness and renewal. Over the coming weeks of Christ's Passion and Resurrection we have an opportunity to think and pray about our stewardship of all that we have been given in terms of our time, resources and money and how it applies to giving to God's mission. An aspect of this relates to our La Côte Church and how our giving supports its ministry and mission.

As you may know from the AGM, we have a carefully drawn up budget to meet the costs of ministry and mission at La Côte. Now as a church community I invite and encourage everyone involved in any way in our church to take joint responsibility to ensure we can sustain our church life financially, along with the indispensable gifts of time, energy, and talents that so many of you offer.

What is a "gift day"?

Our Gift Day is an opportunity, upon personal reflection, to offer a gift in addition to our regular giving or pledging. Our Gift Day replaces the wonderful yet demanding Autumn Fair event we have held in previous years. We are hoping to raise in the region of 20,000chf which will go a long way to contribute to the general running costs of our church life and presence in this region of La Côte and the Pays de Gex.

What matters most is that after prayerful consideration, we give what we can from the heart. As Paul says in 2corinthians 9 v 7 *"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* Our gift to God is firstly in response to God's gift of love to us. It is also, on a more practical note, a way of supporting the ongoing mission and witness of God's people through our church community as we do not rely on nor receive financial help from other sources.

The essentials at a glance.....

- A Gift Day is an opportunity to give something extra
- The Bible urges us to be generous with all we have and to give from the heart
- Prayers leading up to our Gift Day - on the days prior to the service we will send out daily requests to pray for different areas of our mission and ministry
- You decide how to offer your gift:
 1. *Through envelopes which we will be giving out at our services in April. OR – you can prepare your own envelope to bring, entitled “La Côte Church Gift Day, God’s gifts to us and our response.”)*
 2. *You can send a donation online – with bank details: Please mention that it is for the Gift Day.*
 3. *Committing to raising a fixed sum through a service done – for example washing a car, a night of baby-sitting, a music lesson – and then donating the money to the Gift Day.*
 4. *You may like to take this opportunity to increase your regular giving.*



***Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.***