

La Côte Anglican Church

Weekly Bulletin

Reflection and prayer for week of 19 to 26 March from Carolyn

We are currently bearing witness to the tragedy in many countries on the brink of famine, especially Yemen, Somalia, Nigeria and South Sudan. Of course we can point the finger at the political chaos and conflicts in these regions that have in large part contributed to such distress. That by no means lessens the needs of those trapped in the suffering. We are currently offering the opportunity to give to a collection in our chaplaincy on behalf of relief work for those facing starvation. This is happening at our church services, alongside the regular collections, until 26 March. In addition to our actions we seek to stand in prayer with and for those suffering. Here are two prayers to inspire us – one from a mother within the suffering and one from a child at a distance asking God to guide her to make a difference.

A mother in Poverty

O Lord, listen to my cry.

I am in a deep hole of suffering.

When I sleep, hoping for a better tomorrow,

The sun rises with more problems at my face.

Very sick children.

Empty cups without drinks in them.

No plates of food to eat.

I pray every time,

Thinking that God will provide,

But nothing changes.

Jesus, come and help me

Overcome this poverty.

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Sister Vicky Waraka, Mundri, South Sudan (Lifting Women's Voices, 2009)

Through the eyes of an American 8-year old

Dear God,

Every evening I have food on my plate I can eat,

But not everyone does.

Sometimes I just want to walk up to them

And give them everything I have.

Could you please help me

Make a difference right here

And all over the world? Amen

Lucy Kitch-Peck, Pennsylvania, US (Lifting Women's Voices, 2009)

SUNDAY 19 MARCH – Lent 3
16:00 Gingins, Holy Communion

SUNDAY 26 MARCH – Lent 4
10:00 Divonne, Holy Communion with anointing
16:00 Gingins, Evening Prayer

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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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COMING UP IN TWO WEEKS TIME

Sunday 2 April La Côte Anglican Church AGM

This will be held at 14:00 in the church in Gingins with a short break between the meeting and our 16:00 worship.

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS We are looking for new Church Council members who would aim to attend the 8 evening meetings we hold a year in either Divonne or Gingins.

The aim of the Council is to be the governing body of the church, to support and guide the chaplains in their leadership, to oversee the financial situation of the church, to set the strategic priorities and to manage the operational side of church life. This is an absolutely key area of ministry in our church. We are very grateful to our current church council for their hard work and commitment and would like to continue to build up this leadership body.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our church council or would like to know more about this role, we would love to hear from you. Please do get in touch with Carolyn or Julia to discuss further.

We are also looking for a new archdeaconry representative, free to attend the two Swiss Archdeaconry meetings per year – usually one in Bern and one elsewhere. This person could be an ex-officio member of the church council – but it is not obligatory.

Our church council secretary, Val Geschonke, would like to step back from this role after faithful service over many years. If you would like to know more about this role, please ask Carolyn or Julia.

Joining the electoral roll. If you are not already on the electoral roll and would like to take part in voting at our AGM and/or be on our church council, you will need to join. Please complete the [electoral roll form](#) and return to Steve Rawcliffe, our Electoral Roll officer, to the address on the form – or bring to church this Sunday 19 March.

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On **Sunday 25 June**, we will hold a confirmation service at which our Diocesan Bishop Robert Innes will preside. This is an opportunity for adults to confirm their baptismal vows for themselves through the confirmation ceremony - especially if those vows were made on their behalf at infant baptism.

If you are interested in confirmation and would like to know more please get in touch with Carolyn or Julia. We will seek to offer a short course of preparation for anyone who is interested.

Next week

TUESDAY 21 MARCH

The morning [Bible Study](#) group in Founex will be continuing its study of Mark's Gospel. Please contact Dorothy and Trevor if you are interested in joining this group. [\[email\]](#)

WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH

Lent Seminar: Indeed, it is more blessed to give than to receive! Charity: business or development?

19:30-21:30 Salle Alain Blancy, Parish rooms Eglise Protestante Unie, Divonne

Speaker: Philippe Guillaume, theologian, Old Testament Professor (University of Bern) and biblical archaeologist

Please click [here](#) for more information on Lent Seminars.

THURSDAY 23 MARCH

18:30-21:30 Catholic Church, Nyon, [Thursday Space](#)

We will be looking at the final chapter of the book, "The Gift of leadership", exploring the nature of "Vision" in leadership. We are addressing the notion of leadership in the broadest sense, that ALL of us are called into some level of leadership and of being led.

For our children and youth

FRIDAY 24 MARCH, next SAS (10-14s): "And...cut!"- film night

SATURDAY 1 APRIL, Interchurch lazer tag in Geneva. See Calen for details.

Two more key dates for the diary

Sunday 30 April La Côte Gift Day – Joint service in Crassier @ 16:00

Sunday 25 June Confirmation – Joint service in Crassier @ 10:00

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SATURDAY 25 MARCH

The Prangins Jazz Friends invite you to *The Great American Song Book* with Daphne and Calen Gayle, Daniel Casey, David Cooke and Tom Schut

Doors open 19:30, concert begins 20:30 at Le Vieux Pressoir, Prangins

Admission free (contributions welcome)

Thy Kingdom Come - Archbishop's call to prayer

<http://www.anglicannews.org/news/2017/02/archbishop-of-canterbury-calls-on-christians-to-join-global-wave-of-prayer.aspx>

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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.

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>