

La Côte Anglican Church

Weekly Bulletin

Reflection and prayer for week of 14 to 21 January from Bishop Robert, via Carolyn

Below is the link to a fuller overview of last year and the coming year from the Bishop's Blog – well worth a look.

<https://bishopeurope.wordpress.com/2018/01/07/looking-back-looking-forward-thoughts-for-a-new-year/>

Here is an extract encouraging us to embark on 2018 with a spirit of joy and expectancy.

“I was much heartened to receive from the Taizé community (whose guiding principles are simplicity, mercy and joy) a request that I (and the church more widely) make Joy a central reality in my life in 2018. My diary for the next few months is already filled with a mixture of church visits (Barcelona, Toulouse, Pau, Prague, Aquitaine to start with), ecumenical events (meetings with other Anglican bishops; meetings with Old Catholic Bishops; a CEC General Assembly) and the business of synods at different levels. How important to approach the commitments of a new year with a spirit of joy, expectancy and delight! The Christian virtue of joy is not a superficial feeling but the assurance that our activities contribute to God's purposes, and the confident trust that we are loved and valued by God. In the words of the prophet Zephaniah: 'The Lord your God is with you. He takes great delight in you; he will renew you with his love; he will sing with joy because of you.' So as I go into 2018, I aim to try to live into this prayer, written by the Swiss Saint Nicholas of Flue:

My Lord and my God; take from me all that keeps me far from you.

My Lord and my God; give me all that brings me closer to you.

My Lord and my God, take me out of myself and give me completely to you.”

A note of thanks from our Church Council who met on Tuesday 9 January

“As we start the New Year, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all of you who have contributed generously throughout the year to our church life and to our finances – and especially during these last weeks. We are delighted to say that we have managed to overcome the deficit we had in November and ended up in credit by about 800chf! Congratulations to everyone – and we give thanks to God for the generous spirit in action in our community.”

SUNDAY 14 JANUARY – Epiphany 2

10:00 Divonne, Service of the Word – followed by a Bake Sale to raise money for youth events coming up for La Côte young people

If you can help by making something to sell, please contact Calen ([email](#)), and do come armed with some euros to purchase the goodies.

16:00 Gingins, Holy Communion, with prayers for the Bossey Students who are soon heading back to their respective countries

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY – Epiphany 3

16:00 **Gingins, Holy Communion with anointing**

Coming up

TUESDAY 16 JANUARY

The morning [Bible Study](#) group in Founex is looking at St Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Please contact Dorothy and Trevor if you are interested in joining this group. [email](#)

WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY

09:30–11:00 Church Hall, Gingins, [Coffee, Cake and Catch up](#)

THURSDAY 18 JANUARY

19:30 at the Fisherman's Pub, 20:00 at La Débarcadère, Nyon - [La Côte Blokes' Dinner](#)

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND JORDAN IN 2018 – see [flyer](#)

[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 an URGENT 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 – 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.

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>

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.