

La Côte Anglican Church

Weekly Bulletin

Reflection and prayer for week of 15 to 22 April from Carolyn

Welcome back to those who have been away, and Godspeed to those of you either on holiday or travelling during this Easter season. I encourage you to dip in to the daily readings set by the Church for Eastertide. They drench us with the meaning of Christ's resurrection for a world so in need. We rejoice that, in the death and resurrection of Jesus, we too are born into new life. Here is a prayer that encourages us to witness to the hope of Easter in places where evil and death seem to have the last word. If you can, I invite you to read this poem with a pause after each line, to allow the meaning with its implications to sink in to your life: body, mind and spirit.

Risen Lord, you have conquered death.

In our baptisms we die to an old way of life and are born into new life in you.

Help us not to be afraid.

Born into your new life, inspire us to face up to the powers and principalities that confront us.

Energise us to work for justice.

Strengthen us to say, "This evil shall not stand."

Move in us to say, "No longer shall the powerful go away sated and satisfied and the weak go away hungry and hopeless."

You are risen today and we proclaim you Lord of all.

We rejoice as you call us by name, O Lord.

Swell our hearts that they might be full of your love.

Open our eyes that we might recognise you in our world.

Unplug our ears that we might hear your cries.

Strengthen our hands that we might reach out to you.

Fortify us that we might have the courage to face the task,

Empower us to truly follow you, our risen, conquering Lord. Amen

(Adapted from An Easter Prayer in "Just one year", 2006)

SUNDAY 15 APRIL – Easter 3

16:00 Gingins, Holy Communion (with Sunday Club)

SUNDAY 22 APRIL – Easter 4

10:00 Divonne, Holy Communion (followed by AGM)

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

Coming up

SATURDAY 14 APRIL: Spring walk through the Bois de Chênes nature preserve

Join us for a relaxed 5 km spring walk through the lovely Bois de Chênes (Oak Woods), a peaceful nature preserve nearby in Coinsins. After the walk we will enjoy a cold drink together at the Tracey's home in Coinsins. Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes.

If you are coming by public transport, let's meet up at the little Coop supermarket next to Nyon train station (lake side of the station) at 13:00. We will catch the 820 bus at 13:19, arriving in Coinsins at 13:33.

If you are coming by car, meet us in the parking lot of the Coinsins auberge (Auberge de la Réunion) at 13:30. There is plenty of parking at the auberge and next door at the Coinsins town hall.

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

TUESDAY 17 APRIL

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 18 APRIL

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

THURSDAY 19 APRIL

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

TOMORROW - SATURDAY 14 APRIL - IN GENEVA

Bible Study, *Women in the Gospels*, to be led by Dr Clare Amos at Holy Trinity Church.

[Flyer](#)

LA CÔTE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 22 APRIL

Bring and share lunch after the General Assembly

Finger buffet: it would be great if as many of you as possible can bring a plate of finger food for us all to share.

If you can help, please contact Susan ([email](#)) and Hilary Fiander ([email](#)).

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AGM DISCUSSION

Our church council have been preparing for our AGM on 22 April. Our theme this year is:

“Celebration of the life of the church – A Forum for feedback and listening”.

To this end, we would like you to give us some feedback in advance if possible so we can make the most of our AGM.

There will be little cards available at church on which to respond to the following about our church:

More of...

Less of...

Questions

These can be handed in during the offertory OR you could email Dwight at lacoteagm@outlook.com so he can collate the answers.

CLOTHES COLLECTION FOR EASTERN EUROPE

(Deadline 24 April!)

This is a good incentive to have a clear out for a great cause. Please see [here](#) for details.

SACEP CREATION CARE CONFERENCE

Saturday 28 April, St Ursula's Church, Berne

Come and find out ... how we all CAN make a difference to our common home - the world we live in! This conference gives us a unique opportunity to find out more, to share and discuss. [Flyer](#)

CURSILLO WEEKEND 3-6 MAY IN GENEVA - IS THIS THE RIGHT TIME FOR YOU?

‘Cursillo’ is Spanish for a short course and is a three-day residential weekend to refresh your Christian faith. For us, it brought home what it means to live as a Christian day-to-day in this place and context. It's not a separate church, but simply a resource for our church and the other participating English-speaking churches in the Geneva area, to encourage and equip us in our Christian journey. So it's ecumenical and in English! We - and many others in our church community who have participated in a Cursillo weekend - can highly recommend it. It is a blessing that will stay with us forever. Please do ask us - Peta & John Tracey, Chris & Betty Talbot, Jean & Manfred Mayer, for more information.

KEY DATE

Sunday 27 May: Gift Day in Crassier at 10:00

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 – 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.