

Dear La Côte Church family and friends,

Many of us will be resuming some sort of routine after a summer break. If that is you – welcome back. For those who have stayed and kept things going in our church community – our warm thanks to you!

“Those that wait on the Lord will renew their strength” are the words I have framed on the wall above my desk – given to me at my ordination a few years ago now! I did not realise at the time how often I would look at up at this verse and therein find reassurance and encouragement.

So whatever is unfolding in our lives and the life of our church as we plan for the autumn, my prayer is that our strength will be renewed as we take time to wait on God – together and individually over the coming days.

Loving God,

We come to you with our mix of thanksgiving and petition.

Thank you for the blessings of the summer – for your presence and love in friends and family, in creation and in moments of discovery, laughter and joy. Thank you too for your presence with us in times of uncertainty and worry when plans have gone awry and we have stumbled and fallen.

Help us loving God to wait on you, to open our minds and wills and longings to your love and your kingdom ways.

Help us to hold lightly to our sure agendas.

We entrust our ways and plans to you.

We offer to you now the needs of those on our hearts – for your healing, for renewed strength and hope, for fresh guidance on their journeys.

**We offer you ourselves, to be a living and joyful sacrifice for you,
In the name of Christ,
Amen**

Giving online and in person

Many thanks as ever for your giving to the life of our church and thus to our mission and service within and well beyond our community. Here are the details for online giving:

Merci beaucoup, diolch yn fawr, Geoff Senogles.

Here are the bank details for our church:

IBAN CH42 0022 8228 5504 9740 H
Holder The La Côte Anglican Church Development Association
 1267 Coinsins
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WORSHIP THIS COMING SUNDAY

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 11TH Sunday after Trinity
10.00 an online service of the Word on Zoom

There is an order of service for Sunday attached, together with the words of our songs. We suggest that you print off a copy or have one on another screen for the service. We would like to try worshipping without the liturgy on the screen and instead able to see whoever is leading us.

Here is the link for you to click on to join us:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88590884648?pwd=QS93NIF0WEEdZMER5cUR4aTFxOTFsQT09>

ID : 885 9088 4648

Password : 736673

Contact [Johan Crocoll](#) with technical difficulties

And please feel free to stay on to chat in breakout groups after the service for a short while.

OR

16.00 in person gathering physically in the shade of the beautiful garden chez Philippe and Julia Chambeyron at:

1199 rue Guy de Maupassant

01220 DIVONNE-LES-BAINS France

PARKING : Please park inside the courtyard, along the street and up the alley by the apartment to the right of the house, by the oak tree.

Evidently, Covid-19 is still very much alive and dangerous so there is no pressure for anyone to attend our in-person services. The safety of our church community is paramount. Please take careful note of our safety measures for this service:

IN PREPARATION:

- A. Please register online if you are going to join us by emailing Liz Bramley to let her know.**
- B. Only come if you feel safe enough to join us particularly if you are in a high-risk category, (heart or lung disease, those with suppressed immune systems etc).**
- C. Stay away if you have any Covid symptoms – high temperature, dry cough, sore throat, headache. Please leave if you develop symptoms during the service and let the welcomer know why you are leaving.**

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU:

- A. a face mask**
- B. your own tissues and a small bottle of sanitizer**
- C. your own chair or blanket to sit on. We will be aiming at 30-40 minutes long**
- D. We suggest a sunhat, water bottle and insect repellent**

AT THE SERVICE – WHAT TO EXPECT:

- A. You will then be checked off on arrival**
- B. Visitors will need to leave contact details**
- C. There will be hand sanitizer available**

- D. You will be given an order of service, which we will ask you to take home and recycle. (The person giving it to you will have sanitized their hands before handling them).**
- E. For the moment there will be no congregational singing – but we are very glad that Steve and Monika Rawcliffe are able to play some music for us.**
- F. Seating plan – individuals or family groups will be placed 2 metres apart (we will have a way of marking these out on the grass).**
- G. Greetings / sharing the peace will not involve physical contact**
- H. There will be a retiring collection so no offering basket handed round.**
- I. There will be no communion this week.**
- J. There will be no refreshments on offer for the time being.**

The forecast for Sunday so far is sunny/cloudy. If it changes to rain – we will send out a message to those who have registered on Sunday morning to cancel.

We will also be offering online worship for those of you who are unable to be with us or feel that it is best to be cautious.

COMING UP DURING THE WEEKS

MONDAY to SATURDAY

7.30 – 8.00 Morning Prayer by zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85122087785>

Meeting ID: 851 2208 7785

Please contact [Peta Tracey](#) if you are having technical difficulties

MONDAY 24 AUGUST

20.00-21.00 Church Council meeting on Zoom.

TUESDAY 25 AUGUST

09.15-10.30 Prayer Group meeting in person in the garden, chez John & Peta, Coinsins. Please let them know if you are able to attend for arranging chairs at required distance.

If you are unable to join, but would like prayer, please contact Peta at tracey.p@bluewin.ch

ELSEWHERE

GROWTH IN PRAYER AND REFLECTIVE LIVING (GPRL) COURSE

Do you want to grow closer to God, deepen your prayer life or want to make choices that are in tune with God's dream for you? If so, the course "Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living" (GPLR) may be for you. It is being run by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Geneva.

<https://sites.google.com/view/geneva-isc/home>

Please see the attached flyer for further details. Note that the start date is 7 September and the course application deadline is 28 August.

No expertise in prayer or reflection is required. The course is open to all.

FOR THE LATEST NEWS

Please click on these links

Gingins: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/8570/>

Divonne: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19960/>

SUPPORT FOR THE WIDER COMMUNITY – there continues to be food collection points in Nyon for people to donate non-perishable provisions for those especially hard-hit by the pandemic. These are taking place every week. Here's the link for the Facebook page for this food distribution : <https://www.facebook.com/Distribution-alimentaire-Nyon-104984657888790/>

FURTHER USEFUL RESOURCES

If you haven't already come across it, you may like to look at Clare Amos's blog: <https://faithineurope.net/> which includes some beautiful prayers, poems and reflections.

LA COTE ANGLICAN CHURCH IS ON TWITTER!

Please let [Peta Tracey](#) know if you would like info about a church event to be 'tweeted' or tweet to @lacoteanglican

Follow us on <https://mobile.twitter.com/lacoteanglican>

WORK WITH THOSE SEEKING REFUGEE STATUS

Mentoring opportunities: *Please contact [Andrea Goovaerts](#).*

- **Accommodation:** *Please speak to [Diantha Terry](#) with any thoughts you have.*

Do you have jobs that need doing?

Please contact [Diantha Terry](#).