

Dear La Côte Church family and friends,

“Setting God’s People Free” is a new Church of England initiative to encourage everyone to find their place in the body of Christ. Our Anglican churches in Switzerland have been invited to pilot this initiative, so we will be exploring this vision together over the coming year.

In brief, “Setting God’s People Free” focuses on two key areas of church life.

1. **The first strand concerns our gatherings.** Wherever we come together in God’s name we want to value everyone’s presence in our church life and to encourage people to grow in areas of ministry and service.
2. **The second strand is in our sending people out at the end of our gathered worship.** Our aim is to find ways to affirm and support all that people are and do in their everyday lives of faith beyond our church gatherings.

In the light of the first strand I am preparing a rota for our gathered worship – both on zoom and in person. If you would like to have a go at something, for example, reading a Bible passage, or on a more practical note, helping to set things up or welcoming people – I would love to hear from you. You are not alone in trying things out – we have a supportive ministry team who would be happy to assist you.

Here are some key areas in our services where you might like to take part:

Readings (in person / on zoom)

Leading prayers (in person / on zoom)

Music playing an instrument – even if we cannot sing

Responding in the liturgy on behalf of the whole community on zoom.

Moderating Zoom gatherings Learning from and assisting Johan Crocoll.

Setting up and welcoming for our in-person services, especially with the extra Covid measures in place.

Prayer with and for people

Helping with our children and youth (you will need some safe-guarding checks for this).

There are many other aspects of church life – but this week we are focussing on our gathered worship. May I encourage you to take a moment to think about our gathered worship (online or in person) and where you feel you might like to be involved. I look forward to hearing from you, preferably by 16th September.

Here is a prayer for our community

Loving God, we give you heartfelt thanks for the wonderfully motley crew that we are here at La Côte Church – everyone precious in your sight. Help us to value one another – not just for what each person does, but for who s/he is as a sister or brother in Christ, beloved by you. May our church be a community where people find sacred space and welcome, forgiveness, hope and joy in belonging to you and to your people.

In the name of your Son, our Redeemer and brother, Jesus Christ, Amen.

At La Côte we are celebrating the Season of Creation in our worship – caring for our common home – for the welfare of all.

6th September – Jubilee for the earth – Reset, rest and restore

13th September – Jubilee - a time to lament and a time to act

20th September – Jubilee – Enough is enough?

27th September – Celebrating Home and Harvest

4th October – Celebrating the Feast of St Francis

Each Sunday we are holding an on-line and an [in-person service](#) of worship, Covid statistics permitting. We hope you will join us and take part if you would like (please see the reflection above).

WORSHIP THIS COMING SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2020

JUBILEE FOR THE EARTH (2)

A time to lament, a time to act

Zoom Service of the Word with an Act of Spiritual Communion at 10.00, followed by break-out groups.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82938009628?pwd=Z3NzYXhYNkZDcjZ2cnZYOUZrZ05EZz09>

ID : 829 3800 9628

Password : 310989

Please print off a copy or have one on another screen for the service, so we can see whoever is leading us. ([Order of service attached](#))

Contact [Johan Crocoll](#) with technical difficulties

In-person Evening Prayer, outside by Gingins church.

PLEASE REGISTER with [Liz Bramley](#) – if you are planning to attend. There will be Sunday club for children and youth outside and they will also need to be registered. The temperature is set for 28°C this Sunday – so please dress appropriately.

For all other Covid-19 precautions – please see the attachment.

Pre-recorded services

We will no longer be preparing pre-recorded services, but instead would like to encourage you to join in with one of our 'live' options - either the 10am zoom or the in-person worship at 4pm.

However, the recorded sermon will be on the website <https://www.lacotechurch.ch/> by Sunday midday, where you will be able to access it along with the order of service (scroll down to 'weekly e-services'). We will not be sending out a weekly email about this but will leave you to click onto the website. Please contact [Louise](#) with any queries about this.

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:

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Holder The La Côte Anglican Church Development Association
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COMING UP DURING THE WEEK

CHILDREN AND YOUTH – This week there will be Sunday club at church for our children and youth. SAS and Sherbert youth activities are also starting up. Emily will be filling you in with the details or do contact her directly. [Emily Reid](#).

TUESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

09.15-10.30 Prayer Group meeting in person chez John & Peta, Coinsins. Please let them know if you can 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

FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

9.30-11.00 – Coffee, Cake and Catch up restarting in the Salle in Gingins. We will be exploring the book “An Altar in the World” by Barbara Brown Taylor.

18.00 – Celebrating God’s Creation ‘Jubilee for the Earth’

An online Service to Mark Creation Tide

Led by Rt Rev'd Robert Innes and Rt Rev'd David Hamid

Preacher Rt. Rev'd Nicholas Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury and the Church of England's lead bishop on environmental issues

The link for the service will be posted on our La Côte Church website for you to follow on Youtube.

MONDAY to SATURDAY

7.30 – 8.00 Morning Prayer by zoom – ALL are welcome – either to dip in and out or attend regularly.

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

Meeting ID: 851 2208 7785

Please contact [Louise Burrows](#) if you are having technical difficulties

ELSEWHERE

Online Stephen Ministry Training – starting Thursday 24th Sept online – running until March 2021. Class size is limited so please book early. ([See attached flyer for more info](#) or contact [Louise Burrows](#))

Beginning 17 September – Community Bible Study

Community Bible Study (CBS) is an international, interdenominational, English-language Bible study group that welcomes everyone, women and men, to join in studying God's Word. CBS in the Geneva region has been running for over 20 years. Our new CBS year begins on September 17, and we will be studying in depth Paul's two letters to the Corinthians. If you

would like more information, please check our website <https://sites.google.com/site/cbsigeneva/home?authuser=0>

or contact Betty Talbot (bettytalbot56@gmail.com)

Starting up this term:

Movement Ministry – Pilates and Strength Classes for young and old

Fascia Pilates – Tuesdays 18.00-19.00

Strength and Stretch – Wednesdays 8.00-8.50

Strength and Stretch – Thursdays 11.25-12.05

Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothes

Donations for a school in Tanzania

At La Fraternelle Church 6 rue Juste Olivier, Nyon

Movementministrynyon@gmail.com for more info.

FURTHER USEFUL RESOURCES

THE HOLY SHED – Meeting up online with Revd Dave Tomlinson

In addition to worshipping together at our Zoom and in-person services, you might like to listen to broadcasts from 'The Holy Shed' live every Sunday evening, or afterwards on YouTube, brought to you by Revd Dave Tomlinson, whom many of you will remember from our Bossey Day back in Feb. For half-an-hour Dave entertains and inspires us with parables from everyday life, insights into tough questions about God and

the Bible, what it really means to be a Christian, prayers and 'a toast to life'.

You can either tune-in live to the Holy Shed Facebook page at 7.30pm every Sunday evening: <https://www.facebook.com/theholished/>

or afterwards on YouTube: https://youtu.be/seG_mMEWefE with previous episodes at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/revddavetomlinson>

Dr Clare Amos's blog: <https://faithineurope.net/> includes each week a reflection on the lectionary readings for the week and some life-giving prayers and poems.

LA COTE ANGLICAN CHURCH IS ON TWITTER AND ON FACEBOOK!

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>

AND

Follow us on <facebook.com/LaCoteChurch>

WORK WITH THOSE SEEKING REFUGEE STATUS

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

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

Do you have jobs that need doing?
Please contact [Diantha Terry](#).

Carolyn Cooke