

Dear La Côte Church family and friends,

Continuing our 'Everyday Faith' stories about life during COVID-19 from our church community:

This week we hear from **Charlie Whetham**, in a video (link below). Charlie attends Gings services with his wife Cassie and their three children, aged 12, 10 and 8. In this video, taken during the summer, he shares with us the challenges of Covid for him and the family during lockdown. Charlie works for Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, so is understandably stretched at work with the extra demands of Covid-19, together with a PhD he is doing on the side!

Please click here to watch the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p16P88VuOpE&feature=youtu.be>

Thank you Charlie for sharing with us in this way.

Following on from the video, I encourage us to pray for all in research and public health related organisations – especially those known to us in Gavi and WHO. Covid-19 is evidently still at large and dangerous and so are all those working tirelessly to keep our communities safe, to find a vaccine and to treat those who are suffering with the virus.

As we think of Charlie's children, we pray for all our children and young people embarking on the new academic year. We pray especially for those going into new situations – our youth heading off to universities and colleges, and our children attending new schools.

We are sad to be saying good-bye to two of our church families at this time. We entrust the Harding family and the Oswald family to God's ever present love as they move on – giving thanks for all that they have shared with us on the journey.

Here is an encircling prayer for entrusting those who come to mind to God's love.

Circle of love

Encompass _____.

May your love well up within her/him.

May your passion enlighten her/him.

Circle of healing

Encompass _____.

May your healing touch rest upon her/him.

Circle of protection

Encompass _____.

Surround _____ with your eternal safety.

Protect her/him from all temptations and ills.

Give her/him courage and strength

To live always from Your safe and powerful centre.

Amen

Taken from Bruce Epperley's blog,

<http://www.anamcharabooks.com/blog/2016/10/3/drawing-a-circle-of-love-the-celtic-encircling-prayer-by-bruce-epperly>

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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WORSHIP THIS COMING SUNDAY

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST 12TH Sunday after Trinity

10.00 an online service of the Word on Zoom

On Saturday we will send out the order of the Zoom service for Sunday. Please print off a copy or have one on another screen for the service, so we can see whoever is leading us.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82361640339?pwd=L1FYVktPUHF0QTVqR3ZoeGdPc3Ewdz09>

ID : 823 6164 0339

Password : 802261

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.

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. If you need help to access zoom then please get in touch with [Johan](#) who will help you out.

However, we will be recording the sermon and putting it on the website <https://www.lacotechurch.ch/> every Monday, 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.

OR

16.00 in-person Evening Prayer in the Temple de Gingins.

Evidently, Covid-19 is still at large in our communities, so there is no pressure for anyone to attend our in-person services. In fact as this is our first service inside a church building the Church Council would like to recommend that if you are in the high risk category with regards to Covid-19, you refrain from attending this week. That way we can have a "practice run" with regards to our precautions and ensure that we can set up a procedure that is as safe as possible for the coming weeks.

For those of you in our community who are keen to join us and not in the high-risk categories, 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. 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 – which we will ask you to wear throughout the service.
- B. your own tissues and a small bottle of sanitizer
- C. your own water bottle

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 Richard Hawkings has offered to play some music for us. The lyrics of the songs will be on our screen to help us focus.
- F. Seating plan – individuals or family groups will be placed 2 metres apart on the pews. These will be marked out by cushions.
- 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.

In spite of all this, we do look forward to seeing some of you to worship together this coming Sunday.

COMING UP DURING THE WEEKS

CHILDREN AND YOUTH – We are meeting this week with Emily our youth worker and with our Sunday club leaders to explore how best to accompany our children and youth after our very successful summer activity sessions. Watch this space!

MONDAY to SATURDAY

7.30 – 8.00 Morning Prayer by zoom

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

Meeting ID: 851 2208 7785

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

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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/>

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](#).*

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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](#).
