

Dear La Côte Church family and friends,

Our church is joining in the Season for Creation together with many churches across the world. This year the theme is “Jubilee for the Earth.”

<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/what-we-do/climate-change/time-for-creation>

Here is the beginning of Pope Francis’ inspiring pastoral letter, (written for 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2020).

*“You shall thus hallow the fiftieth year  
and you shall proclaim a release throughout the land  
to all its inhabitants.*

*It shall be a jubilee for you.”*

*(Lev 25:10)*

*“Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*Each year, particularly since the publication of the Encyclical Laudato Si’ (LS, 24 May 2015), the first day of September is celebrated by the Christian family as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the beginning of the Season of Creation, which concludes on the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on the fourth of October. During this period, Christians worldwide renew their faith in the God of creation and join in prayer and work for the care of our common home.*

*I am very pleased that the theme chosen by the ecumenical family for the celebration of the 2020 Season of Creation is Jubilee for the Earth, precisely in this year that marks the fiftieth anniversary of Earth Day.*

**In the Holy Scriptures, a Jubilee is a sacred time to remember, return, rest, restore, and rejoice.”** (I have put this line in bold because it sums up the focus of this Jubilee for the earth season. Of course, we rejoice and give thanks to our creator God for creation, but this is a time to switch our spiritual lens onto how we live with care in creation. To remember, return, rest and restore are actions that all speak of healing for the earth. I encourage you to read the rest of the letter from Pope Francis, who offers spiritual wisdom and practical suggestions for this sacred Jubilee time.

You can read the letter in full HERE:

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2020/documents/papa-francesco\\_20200901\\_messaggio-giornata-cura-creato.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200901_messaggio-giornata-cura-creato.html)

You may also like to read an introduction from Dr Dave Bookless from A Rocha International, who gives a pithier summary of what Jubilee for the earth looks

like together with an uplifting Psalm of praise:

<https://blog.arocho.org/en/jubilee-for-the-earth-new-rhythms-new-hopes/>

Over the coming five weeks at La Côte we will be celebrating this Season of Creation – caring for our common home – for the welfare of all.

**6<sup>th</sup> September – Jubilee for the earth – Reset, rest and restore**

**13<sup>th</sup> September – Jubilee - a time to lament and a time to act**

**20<sup>th</sup> September – Jubilee – Enough is enough?**

**27<sup>th</sup> September – Celebrating Home and Harvest**

**4<sup>th</sup> October – Celebrating the Feast of St Francis**

Each Sunday we will hold an on-line and an in-person service of worship, Covid statistics permitting.

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## **WORSHIP THIS COMING SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 JUBILEE FOR THE EARTH (1)**

**Zoom Service of the Word 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/86234244174?pwd=V256M0RYR2xJdGtQUUYzL3A1ZzBQdz09>

ID : 862 3424 4174 Password : 013907

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 Holy Communion, 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.

**For all other Covid-19 precautions – [please see the attachment.](#)**

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### **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, 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.

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### **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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### **COMING UP DURING THE WEEK**

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH** – This week we had an encouraging meeting with a team of upbeat Sunday club leaders and are delighted to announce that our Sunday gatherings for children and youth are back – as are SAS and Sherbert youth activities. Emily will be filling you in with the details or do contact her directly. [Emily Reid](#).

### **TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER**

**9.30 – 11.00 Tuesday Bible Study – on Zoom.** We are continuing our study of the Gospel of Matthew for a few more sessions. We always welcome newcomers. If you would like to know more please email [Trevor Davies](#).

**20.00 on Zoom – Social Action group.** We will be talking about where to allocate our funds for charity – with a particular focus this year on Covid-related support. If you would like to join this valuable discussion please contact [Jon Beaulieu](#).

### **THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER**

**19.00 – Thursday Space will be re-grouping in the Prieuré, taking the necessary Covid precautions.**

## **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

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## **ELSEWHERE**

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:Movementministrynyon@gmail.com) for more info.

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## **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](https://www.facebook.com/theholished/) every [Sunday evening](https://www.facebook.com/theholished/): <https://www.facebook.com/theholished/> or afterwards on YouTube: [https://youtu.be/seG\\_mMEWefE](https://youtu.be/seG_mMEWefE) with previous episodes at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/revddavetomlinson>

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**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.

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### **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](https://facebook.com/LaCoteChurch)

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### **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](#).*

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