

Dear La Côte Church family and friends,

In this last week leading up to Christmas, we can also use the ancient Antiphons to aid our praying. Each one is a name for the Messiah, referring to Isaiah's prophecy of the coming of the Messiah. They are: "O Wisdom", "O Lord (Adonai)", "O Root of Jesse", "O Key of David", "O Rising Sun", "O Ruler of the Nations" and "O Emmanuel".

Today, 18th December, the Antiphon is: "O Adonai" which is Hebrew for "my Lord" and was substituted by devout Jews for the name "Yahweh", out of reverence. Malcolm Guite explains: "The Advent Hope, indeed, the Advent miracle was that this unknowable, un-namable, utterly holy Lord, chose out of His own free will and out of love for us, to be known, to bear a name, and to meet us where we are."

In our more vulnerable approach to Christmas this year, we may be more acutely aware of our need for the Advent miracle – for God the unknowable to be known, to bear a name and to meet us where we are.

So let us pray this ancient antiphon, for ourselves and those on our hearts:

**"O Adonai, come with an outstretched arm and redeem us all."
Amen**

(extract from Malcolm Guite, [O Adonai, a second Advent reflection and sonnet](#))

WORSHIP THIS COMING SUNDAY 13 December 2020

Fourth Sunday in Advent

10.00 Morning Worship

God's Announcement – Love's outstretched arm

This will take place on **Zoom, followed by break-out groups.**

Morning service:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85691121086?pwd=bjRXYXVsR2NqV2FocHN2OWJCTXZSQT09>

ID : 856 9112 1086

Pass : 414491

Please have a candle or advent wreath ready to light and print off the order of service attached to this document.

Sunday Club: at 11.15 to light the Advent Wreath and hear a short story via Zoom

Hello families! This Sunday we are lighting the Advent Wreath for the fourth Sunday in Advent.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89158480427?pwd=NGlzOG5CMzdzS0dBdVZNUjUrN0J4dz09>

ID : 891 5848 0427

Pass : 115988

Christmas readings and Carols by Candle-light at 18.00

Join us:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85849205239?pwd=WE5qQmszSDdYbVRIUFItVDVPaStwZz09>

ID : 858 4920 5239

Pass : 233964

Please print out or have in view the order of service and the carol sheet so you can join in the singing.

Contact [Johan Crocoll](#) with technical difficulties

The recorded services will be on the website – <https://www.lacotechurch.ch/> later in the day or on Monday, together with the orders of service (scroll down to ‘weekly e-services’). Please contact [Louise](#) with any queries about this.

IN PERSON WORSHIP AT LA COTE CHURCH

For the time-being we are continuing to worship on-line. Please find ways to stay in touch with us either on line or by phone and do let [Carolyn](#) know if you would like a call. For have special prayer requests please contact [Peta Tracey](#).

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 THIS WEEK

TUESDAY 22 DECEMBER

19.00-21.00 A Festive Christmas Quiz with refreshments ...

please supply your own!

Zoom invitation to follow soon

WEDNESDAY 23 DECEMBER – we will not be holding Candles in the Dark this week, as there is so much else happening.

THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER

15.00 Crib service – for children – zoom link to follow early next week.

17.00 Christmas Eve Service of celebration with a Spiritual Act of Communion – zoom link next week

FRIDAY 25 DECEMBER

10.00 Christmas Day Worship – zoom link to follow next week.

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

**FOR ALL OUR MAIN SERVICES AND MID-WEEK ACTS OF WORSHIP
FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS – GO TO OUR WEBSITE**

HOME PAGE: <https://www.lacotechurch.ch/>

Do think about inviting friends, neighbours, family to join us.

THE LA CÔTE VIRTUAL ADVENT CALENDAR is continuing on our [website](#)! Enjoy! If you would prefer to receive the contents of the windows in your email inbox, [click here](#) to sign up to the mailing list.

**THE JAZZ CAROLS IS HAPPENING! SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER
20.00**

With a tiny audience at All Saints Church in Vevey, Switzerland, our 9-piece group will be performing a fresh interpretation of some well-known Christmas Carols. With four vocalists, sax, flute, piano, bass and drums, this ever-popular annual event will be available across the world via livestream. (Every cloud has a silver lining!). Line-up:

Vocalists: Daphne Gayle, Lesley Reynolds Carrput, Eve Aubert, Rebekah Nassanian.

Flute: Calen Gayle

Drums Joël Guerry

Piano: Nando Santana

Bass: Andi Fuhrer

Book your free ticket to watch online

here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jazz-carols-evening-tickets-130939141497>

FOUR FAMILIES IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS

If you would like to support the most vulnerable in our area – here is an extra way this Christmas season.

LOCAL REFUGEE FAMILIES who have been granted asylum in France (Ferney) and Switzerland – are now **in need of winter clothes, food and toys**. [Nigel Rollins](#) is keen to receive your donations during December and January. Please see the [document attached with details of the children's ages and needs](#).

OTHER WAYS OF GIVING

IN FRANCE

The Restos du Coeur distributes food and other services to needy families in France. They need goods which can be stored such as tinned food (tuna, vegetables, fruit etc), lentils, hygiene items, sauces,

biscuits etc. ALL SMALL PORTIONS - within sell-by date and unopened.

Here is the local Divonne

link: <https://ad01.restosducoeur.org/centres-departementaux/ad01-centre-dactivites-divonne-les-bains/>

IN SWITZERLAND

Cartons du Coeur is a similar organization on the Swiss side which also provides food and hygiene products to those in need. The link to the Vaudois Association is: <https://www.cartonsducoeur.ch/cb-profile/35-la-c%C3%B4te.html> The phone number to arrange a drop off is 078 653 59 60 and is available between 08:30 and 11:30. For more detail about donations go to: <https://www.cartonsducoeur.ch/donation/a-quoi-servent-vos-dons.html>

HOME-MADE CARDS FOR SALE FOR AMITIES CLIT

AMITIÉ-CLIT- SAINT-CERGUE is an Association that normally holds a Christmas sale in Gingins Church rooms to raise funds for the very poor village of Clit in North East Romania. This year the sale of home-made cards, (see the beautiful photo attached), nut oil and jam will be arranged online. Please contact Ingrid Excoffier, the Association President, on 022 360 15 97, or i.excoffier@club-soft.ch to arrange a private purchase.

For further info, see www.amitie-clit.com

Thank you for your support.

FURTHER USEFUL RESOURCES

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.

Follow us on Facebook: <http://facebook.com/LaCoteChurch> and
Twitter: <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](#).
