

**La Côte Church
Annual General Report
2025**

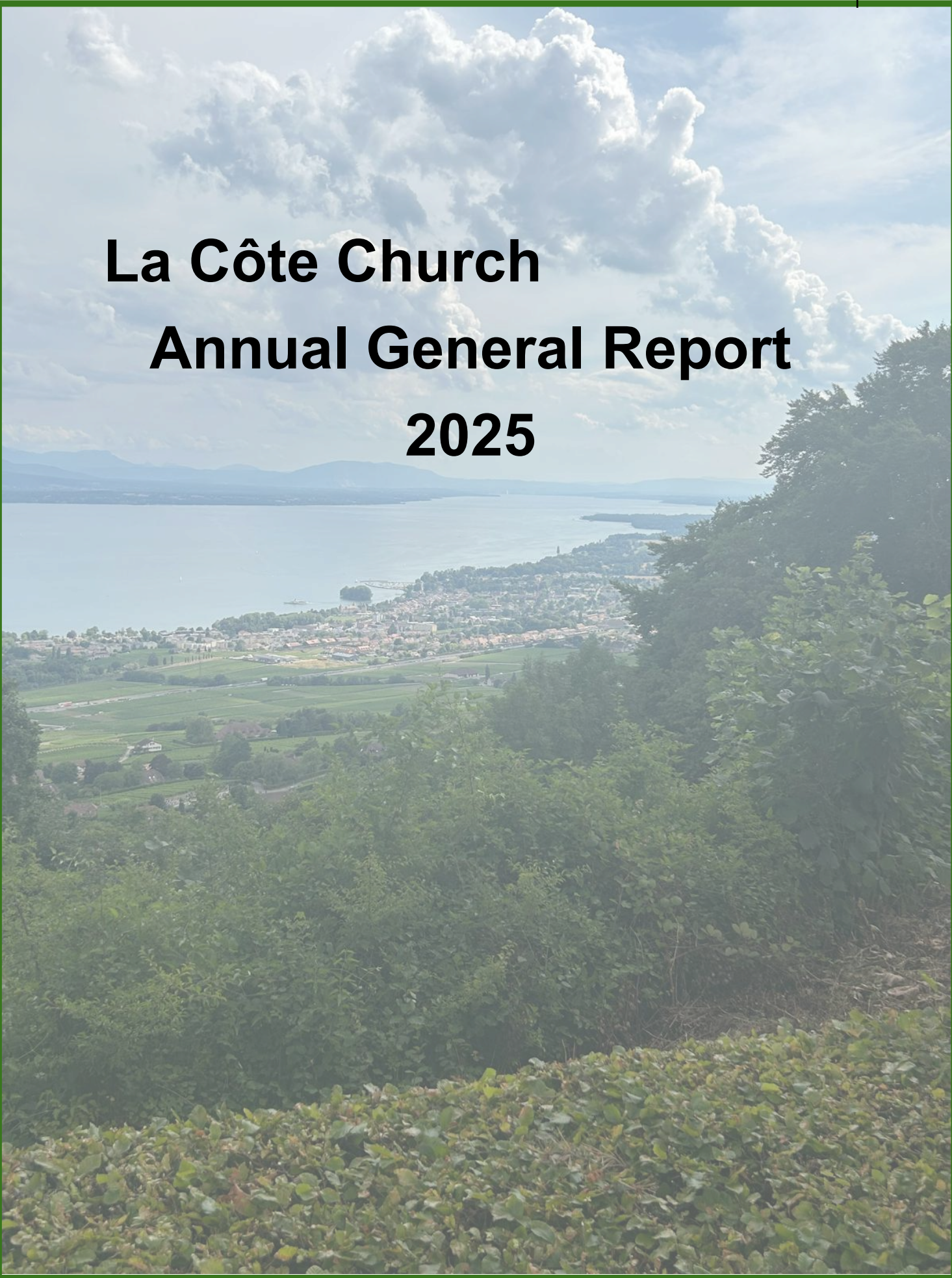


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Chaplain's Report 2025

Looking back with thanksgiving and moving forwards in trust

I love the idea of making gratitude a daily habit, training our vision to notice the ordinary, often-overlooked gifts in our lives. Our AGM encourages us in this practice, as we look back at the gifts of our church life over this last year, and as we turn our thanks to God, who is faithful.

With the backdrop of widespread turmoil and conflict and political upheaval, together with our personal challenges, losses and life changes, my prayer is that La Côte Church will continue to be an anchoring, safe and welcoming expression of God's love for all. My ongoing prayer is that we will go on keeping the main thing, the main thing - the Good News of God's abundant love always at work bringing redemption, healing and hope for all Creation.

Before you read this report, may I invite you to stop and pray for wisdom to notice God's blessing and leading through this last year. I also hope that you will learn about new aspects of our church life which you can keep in your prayers.

A YEAR OF WORSHIP IN 2025

Our varied expressions of worship are led in song and music by faithful and gifted musicians. In special services our Song group who are ably led by Richard and Heidi, enhance our celebrations, for example at Easter and our Carols by Candle-light service. Music plays such a key part in all our worship – and I acknowledge on behalf of us all, our gratitude for the gift of the generous musicians among us.

In addition, our worship is made up of many moving parts – all of which are so valuable for our weekly gatherings. We give thanks for the faithful service of our ministry team (See elsewhere), and by a host of volunteers taking part in setting up and clearing away, welcoming people with a warm smile, reading Scriptures, leading intercessions, offering reflections and sermons, administering the sacraments and helping with the practicalities of counting collection and filling in the service registers. On the practical side, we are also thankful for those who manage the PowerPoint which helps us to cut down on paper, at least in Gingins! Likewise – in each church centre – we are grateful to those who prepare and serve refreshments, enabling us to spend valuable time getting to know one another and building stronger relationships.

Our youth and children are a priority for us at La Côte. We have individual reports for our different groups further on. For now, may I express our deep thanks to all of you who are involved in any way in helping children, youth and their families feel at home among us and able to grow in faith.

In chronological order – here are snapshots of worship through last year, with thanks to Liz Bramley, our church photographer!

Welcome through baptism

A youth baptism – Louisa Nixon – 2nd February 2025 – in Gingins – before our Candlemas Service when she was welcomed into our church family, through lighting her baptism candle.



Two infant baptisms.



Leilan Vallabhi, daughter of Sasha & Nayha, in Gingins, 09.03.25



Welcoming Olivia and Louise Lachenal, (with their older sister Lydia) in Divonne, 12.10.25



Holy Week and Easter Day 2025

Palm Sunday in Divonne – standing outside at the start of the service – 13 April



Gingins 13 April – Palm Sunday procession towards the church

Easter Sunrise Service 20 April 2025





Main Easter Day Celebration 20.04.25



Ascension Day Service high up on the hill, in La Chapelle de Riantmont, Vésancy, France 29.05.26



Gift Day Feasting, after a joyful Trinity Sunday service in Crassier, celebrating community life. 15.6.25

Celebrating Betty's Priesting, at a heart-warming and joyful service on 5 July, in Crassier. The church was full of our local congregation, together with many from the Talbots' wide network of friends. We feasted on a delicious spread, generously provided by the Talbot offspring Viv and Stephen and their families.

A beaming Betty between Bishop Alison and Archdeacon Peter Hooper.

And a special guest preacher for Betty's first Eucharist, welcoming Dr Clare Amos, 6.7.25



La Rentrée 24.8.25

We enjoyed an uplifting Rentrée service in Divonne, with the tale of the Enormous Turnip. We embarked on the new school year, remembering St Paul's picture of the church as the body of Christ, made up of many different members, all working together for God's Kingdom.

Creation Time – Transforming Hope

In the month of September we offered a range of Creation Time services, ably facilitated by Sarah French and Louise Burrows. These are described by Sarah in her report as Local Environment Officer for La Côte.

And unsurprisingly (!) there was a delicious spread to follow.



Children decorating butterflies



Also on 5 October, marking **St Francis' day**, we celebrated with an **ANIMAL BLESSING** Service. Most of the 14 hounds were well behaved, apart from my trusty Rusty, who found the whole thing far too exciting!



ADVENT

Our Advent worship prepared us for the mystery of Christmas. We celebrated the First Sunday in Advent in Divonne, which was followed by a festive lunch in the beautifully decorated parish rooms. We enjoyed a delicious three course meal and some witty entertainment and our traditional sing-a-long!

NATIVITY TABLEAU

On Sunday 7 December we held a nativity play for small children in Divonne, gathering 8-9 families with their little ones dressing up and taking part in a tableau, supported by older members of our community.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

In the afternoon of Sunday 7 December, we co-led a Blue Christmas Service with the Swiss Parish. This act of worship offered a welcome and supportive space for those who were struggling to be joyful during this season.

CAROLS BY CANDLE-LIGHT

Our annual Carol Service, (14.12.25), was led by a strong song group and some beautiful singing. Thanks to Michael French, UN representative for the Anglican Communion Office, we had the privilege of welcoming Archbishop Maimbo of Tanzania to our service. We also much appreciated a reflection from Michael in this service. Advent came to a close with a light-filled Christingle service on the winter solstice, 21 December, in Gingins.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY

Over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day we welcomed people into three different acts of worship encouraging us all to focus on the gift of Jesus Christ, born to share in all our joys and sorrows, festivities and quiet.

Nativity Tableau service with little ones in Divonne



CRIB SERVICE (pictured below)

Margaret Corrigan was our narrator and Wise Woman here assisting the larger Shepherd figure, (Carolyn) setting up the crib with children.



Welcome & Farewells

Welcoming Revd Betty Talbot

I am extremely thankful for Betty's ministry among us here at La Côte and as a colleague. Her priesting last summer was a real joy and opened the door for Betty to settle into her priestly vocation. On behalf of our community, may I express our deep gratitude for her loving service. Now that she is licensed to lead and preside, she regularly enjoys crafting and leading whole worship services, thus sharing this ministry with me. In addition, she continues to oversee the Sunday club programme, hosts a fortnightly Bible Study with her husband Chris Talbot, supports the Youth Alpha with the generous provision of supper and offers warm hospitality and pastoral care to members of our community. She is continuing her priestly formation with "IME 2" training, (Initial Ministerial Education Phase 2). This requires two residential weeks of training in the UK and regular supervision with me as her training incumbent.

Saying Good bye..

We have sadly said goodbye to a number of our church family during this last year who have moved away from the area.

Raeleah and Juan Martinez with their three daughters, Penny, Phoebe and Patricia, moved back to the US in the summer of 2025.

Scott Campbell moved to work with the UN, in Colombia. His wife, Nancy Bolan-Campbell, has continued her work either from the US or remotely, in Colombia.

Jennifer Armstrong moved to Canada in June 2025 to take up a post as headteacher of a school in Winnipeg. Her husband, Eric Cockshutt, who was our newly appointed church treasurer, stayed on until November, before joining her in Canada.

Phil Clifton and Ever Gutierrez still join us in worship and have a local pied à terre, although they have now moved their residency to the UK.

In December last year Ron Carpenter moved to live in a residential home in Tampa, US. He was a valued member of the Council and of our church community. However, due to illness and his need for treatment, he was obliged to step back. We were very saddened to hear that Ron died on 5 March 2026, in Tampa, USA. We are especially praying for his wife Judy and son, Daniel, who are part of our church family.

Daniel and his father Ron Carpenter, at our Candlemas service last February 2025, facing towards the door of the church with lit candles, representing the light of Christ.



We also sadly said goodbye to people who were formerly valued members of our community before they became ill. Jeff Espasandin, beloved husband of Bev, and father to Kate and Joss, died in April in Nyon hospital. Pat Huber Brown, beloved wife of Michel Huber Brown, and former organist for us in Gingins, died in May 2025.



In June last year we said goodbye to Anne de Tréverret, who had worked as the Chaplain's administrative assistant for four years. We were grateful to her for carving out this new role of support for the chaplain, for the smooth running of our church life. We were delighted to appoint Liz Le Feuvre, who has stepped into the role and is now well established and much valued. She has brought her fresh eyes and expertise to our communications and in addition, is now looking after the website.



Farewell to Anne

Welcome to Liz le Feuvre

Community Events

I am delighted that this last year a “Social Committee” was formed, ably led by Jenny Beighton, with a creative and generous team who have facilitated some wonderful social gatherings. (See a separate report). Thank you to all the Social Committee for your dedication, amazing creativity and generous spirit.



Note the smart branded La Côte Church aprons!

Connect La Côte

In late Spring 2025, the Church Council were delighted to meet three young local women, Evie Burrows, Océane Crelier and Eva Prince who were keen to foster connections across the generations and nationalities in the La Côte area, with church adjacent events. The group formed a Swiss association called “Connect La Côte” and were keen to work with members of our church community and beyond. From May to December 2025, they set up some enjoyable, interactive gatherings, such as a quiz night, a language café and a board games afternoon. Each event was extremely well organised and offered a warm welcome to everyone. However, due to a change in their life circumstances, the three members of the association have decided to dissolve it. They raised **355.96 chf.** and have generously offered these funds to La Côte Church to go towards a social event. On behalf of our La Côte Church community, may I express our warm thanks to them for this initiative and for the blessing they have been to us through their social events.

Lenten Lunches



2025 marked 1700 years since the Council of Nicaea took place. From it came the creed that later evolved into the Nicene Creed, a vital statement of orthodox Christian belief. Nicaea is now Iznik in modern-day Turkey and is in our Diocese of Europe.

A Lent course was specially commissioned and written for chaplaincies in our diocese to use in this special year. La Côte Lenten lunches in the Divonne parish room were organized and for five weeks, we met together to chat and share a meal of soup, bread and cheese, and then we discussed our way through the Lent course material, looking closely at the words of the Creed and seeking to understand their meaning and significance more deeply. It was a convivial time for those who attended.

Online Lenten Course - on the Nicene Creed

“Celebrating Nicaea: seeing afresh the faith which holds us together”

Alongside the local study group in Divonne, La Côte Church teamed up with Holy Trinity to offer this course online. The main facilitators were Revd Glenn Ruffle, Canon Daphne Green, Dr Clare Amos and Canon Alan Amos, Carolyn Cooke and Chris Potter. On average 12-15 people gathered online, mainly from our two churches but also from other parts of the Diocese. We explored the history and theology of the Nicene Creed with interactive sessions that were enlightening, stretching and nourishing for our faith.

La Côte Playgroup



The La Côte Playgroup opened its doors in April 2025 as an outreach initiative, offering caregivers and their little ones a place to meet with coffee, tea and lovely toys, donated by our La Côte community. It meets in term time on Wednesdays from 9.30 - 11.30, in the Divonne Parish rooms.

The Playgroup is staffed by an enthusiastic team of volunteers who have provided invaluable support to this project. However, we are now considering the future of this

project as numbers attending are very low. We have advertised on local social media and parent groups, and although there are 13 members in our 'Playgroup WhatsApp group', weekly attendance is generally between 2 and 4 families. We have had a lot of positive feedback from those who have joined us, but moving forward there is a need to reflect on whether this low number makes the project sustainable. Two factors influencing attendance may be the fact that in France children from the age of 3 are required by law to be in school and also little ones are now often in crèche, as both parents are likely to be working. Thus, we are starting the new term in April with the intention to run until the end of June and then review.

Many thanks to all who have supported this project, Carolyn, Council and our hosts in the French church for their initial and ongoing support, including provision of the parish rooms, the safeguarding team for helping our volunteers to complete all the necessary training, the help we have received to ensure the room is thoroughly cleaned the day before each playgroup morning and all who have donated toys which our little ones very much enjoy playing with. Finally, many thanks to the team of volunteers, who not only make coffee, put out toys, clear away etc., but most importantly make everyone who comes to join us feel very welcome.



Alison Ball

ECUMENICAL ACTIVITIES

La Pastorale Nyonnaise is an active and engaged group of local church leaders and representatives from diverse traditions. Carolyn has attended their bi-monthly breakfasts in Nyon.

We share in joint worship, both for the **Swiss National Day Service** on 1 August and a service to mark the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. The Pastorale also shares in social outreach with a weekly Food Bank that operates out of La Fraternelle and Westlake church centre in Nyon. In addition, a “Pastorale Sociale” has been set up to address local social and economic needs and to share good practice.

With our host parish of La Dôle - Pastor Etienne Guilloud continues to be very welcoming and open to joint services and events, such as the 'Blue Christmas' service, Maundy Thursday service, an Easter Day sunrise service, both in collaboration with Chris Potter, and the current monthly Taizé services.

We also celebrated together the **Jeûne Fédéral** (14 Sept.) with a contemplative prayer walk, concluding with Taizé prayers in Bonmont Abbey. The international students studying ecumenism at the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey were able to participate in this act of worship, leading the prayers of intercession.

Ecumenical Institute at Bossey - welcoming students to our services

We are always glad to welcome international students living, breathing and studying ecumenism at Bossey, where they reside for five months. We are grateful for those who have enabled some of these students to join us in worship, with individuals coming from Germany, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, South India and Sudan. We currently enjoy the presence of Revd M. Jabu Jay Singh, Presbyter, a Master's student from the Church of South India, Kanyakumari Diocese.

Daily Morning Prayer on Zoom entered its fifth year since the start of the pandemic and participants include members of the French Protestant Church and Old Catholics, as well as of the RC Church in the UK – please see separate report.

Cursillo is an ecumenical three-day course in Christianity & continues to be offered in collaboration with English-speaking churches in the Geneva area, with participation from La Côte. At the most recent course in May 2025, Revd Betty Talbot served on the clergy team along with Revd. Glen Ruffle from Holy Trinity Church (Geneva) and Spiritan Fr. Edward Flynn ([C.S.Sp](#)). Many members of our church have greatly appreciated the spiritual growth and richly broadened friendships made possible during these weekends (Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon). The next

Cursillo three-day course will take place in November 2026. Please contact Betty if you would like information about it.

The **Ignatian Spirituality Community (ISC)** Geneva offers a variety of opportunities for people to engage with Ignatian Spirituality through

- Retreats and Days of Reflection that create space for silence, prayer, and renewal.
- Spiritual Conversations where participants can explore their faith and personal growth.
- Guided Prayer and Spiritual Direction for those seeking a deeper relationship with God.

These opportunities are open to people from all walks of life, regardless of background or tradition. During 2025, various members of La Côte Church have participated in the activities mentioned above. Some of us have benefited from the weekend silent retreats held in April and November at L'Hôtellerie Franciscaine in Saint-Maurice. Others have participated in the year-long course "Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living", and others attended the one-day Advent Retreat held at the St John XXIII Parish Church in Geneva. There are a couple of members from La Côte who serve as Spiritual Accompaniers at ISC (Geneva).

If you would like to know more about ISC (Geneva), have a look at <https://sites.google.com/view/geneva-isc/home/about-us?authuser=0>.

With our French host church in Divonne, L'Eglise Protestante Unie de France, we continue to value a positive and warm working relationship. With the agreement of our French host church, our church community is using the Divonne Parish rooms more and more. For example, the La Côte play group uses the Parish rooms on Wednesday mornings during term time, Lenten Lunches were held there, and the Youth Alpha group has been meeting there on the second and fourth Sunday evenings in the month. The Divonne Parish room was also the venue for Advent festive lunch, attended by Matthew Kahane and his wife from the French church.



La FACCV « La Fédération des Anglicanes et Catholiques Chrétiens dans le Canton de Vaud » Application for recognition submitted.

During the course of the last ten years, La Côte Anglican Church has participated in an application to the cantonal authorities, to be recognised as a public interest group in the Canton of Vaud. We have been part of a federation of Anglican Churches and Old Catholic Churches that have submitted a huge dossier describing who we are and how we operate and we seek to serve the wider society in which we reside. It has been a long and at times arduous process but we were relieved to finally submit our application to the cantonal governing body in June 2025.



As part of this application Carolyn represented the FACCV, by taking part in a short course at Lausanne university, exploring the presence and impact of different faith communities in the wider

Swiss society and especially locally in Vaud. She has also continued to represent the FACCV on an interreligious platform that meets 3-4 times a year sharing with local Muslim, Jewish and Christian leaders. On November 16 the FACCV took part in an historic interreligious celebration for the 750th anniversary of Lausanne Cathedral.

Carolyn Cooke & Betty Talbot

How we work: the teams behind the scenes

The Church Council

The La Côte Church Council meets monthly, usually online, but sometimes in person, and looks at issues that concern all aspects of our church and community life. This covers the operational day to day life of the church, including our finances and resources, our worship, safeguarding, community life and outreach. It also covers the more strategic questions of the direction and priorities of our church.

Council is made up of the two clergy, ideally two church wardens, elected council members from our electoral roll, and representatives of the safeguarding team. We also welcome our Synod representatives, who provide frequent updates from the wider Diocese & members from the Safeguarding team who oversee all our activities.

New Council members – With Eric Cockshutt moving away and Ron Carpenter needing to step back due to illness, in September 2025 the Council co-opted three new members. Richard Warren, Jenny Beighton and John Buckingham, (our new church treasurer). All are very positive additions to our council bringing fresh perspectives and skills.

Council Quiet Days As in Jan 2025, in November last year we met in person for a Quiet Day of reflection for the year to come and we always appreciate being able to share views openly and respectfully. This second council Quiet Day gave us an opportunity to reflect on our journey as a church and our vision for the church going forward, which we will share with you at the AGM.

A new Pastoral Care policy. Amongst the regular items that we consider, such as safeguarding and ongoing youth activities, this past year, we have looked specifically at how best we can support our community with pastoral care, which was the subject of our discussion at last years' AGM. Over the past year, Chris Talbot, supported by Kate Shepherd and Richard Warren and in conjunction with Louise & Jeremy Burrows (who head up the Stephen Ministry that was successfully introduced in 2025), has carefully considered the needs of our community and the resources available to us and produced a [Pastoral Care Policy](#) that supports our vision of support for our church community.

If anyone is interested in joining Council, please do contact any Council member.

Kate Shepherd (Secretary to the Church Council)

If you would like to know more about how and where our church sits in the wider Diocese in Europe, please go to appendix A

The Ministry Team

The Ministry Team last year comprised our clergy Carolyn Cooke and Betty Talbot, and lay members: Louise Burrows, Heidi Hawkings, Chris Potter, and John Tracey. During this last year Chris Talbot and Niki Lowe undertook a Congregational Worship Leaders' training, to equip them to lead a service of the Word. They have thus since joined our Ministry Team. Meanwhile, Heidi and Louise have stepped back from their involvement. Chris Potter began Reader Training in September 2025, a two-three year course which will equip him to exercise primarily a preaching and teaching ministry around a very full day job.

The Ministry team meets about six times a year, sometimes in person and sometimes online, to pray and reflect on our worship and to discuss and plan for future services. Then, with the support of many other people, we put the plans into action, leading services, preaching sermons, offering reflections and communicating within the church and beyond. This collegial approach helps to share responsibility, to bring different approaches to our worship and offers a safe space to explore spiritual and theological themes.

This last year a new pattern of pastorally focussed services was more intentionally set up by Chris Talbot and Chris Potter. This pattern includes services at key moments in our Church calendar which address pastoral issues of loss, human vulnerability and our need for comfort. These services include:

Holy Saturday, Refugee Sunday (June), All Souls, Safeguarding Sunday and Blue Christmas.

I am profoundly grateful to all members of this ministry team, both those who have now stepped back, and to our current members. La Côte Church is far richer for the mix of people who serve on this team. Our warm appreciation also goes to members beyond our ministry team, who have blessed us with reflections and sermons this last year, including Mike and Sarah French and Richard Hawkings.

Carolyn Cooke

2025 Archdeaconry Synod Meetings

The Archdeaconry Synod of Switzerland met online on March 29th 2025, and in person on October 3rd and 4th in Zurich at St. Andrew's Church.

Archdeacon Dr. Rev. Hooper hosted our Zoom meeting on March 29th, 2025. During the meeting, Archdeacon Dr. Peter Hooper presented an update on the Diocese's strategic direction, highlighting three mission pillars: growth in numbers, depth of discipleship, and service to the world. He reported that funding is being sought to enable effective planning and recruitment in these areas. Dr. Hooper also underscored the importance of maintaining the Diocese's intercultural identity, balancing Anglican tradition with local diversity.

The main focus of the meeting in October 2025 was *Caring for Creation* and *Safeguarding*, two very pertinent topics at the present time. Led by Grace Fagan-Stewart, the Diocesan Safeguarding Team gave a presentation and facilitated a discussion about Safeguarding practices in our Church communities. Safeguarding policy exists to ensure that everything we do takes place within a safe and properly regulated environment. Safeguarding also includes the management of allegations under an established code of practice, and risk assessments can be undertaken for clergy when necessary. Our safeguarding representative Liz Martinez was present to contribute to these discussions and give feedback.

Chris Lynch, the Diocesan Net Zero Lead, spoke about the Church's commitment to *Caring for Creation* (C4C). Within the Church of England, caring for creation is understood as part of our responsibility to God. The C4C group supports churches in working towards environmental goals. We were very fortunate to have Sarah French from our congregation, contribute to discussions on environmental goals in our community.

Alice Debell and Nonalee Dong



Safeguarding

In 2025, as Ever Gutierrez moved from the area and left the team, Cate and Liz were delighted to welcome Heidi Hawkings, a qualified psychologist as a third safeguarding officer. La Cote church is unusual as many parishes have only one safeguarding officer, however we believe it is important to have a team, not only in order to spread the load, but also to be able to bring different perspectives to any concerns that may come up and to try and find the best way forward.

One of the functions of safeguarding officers is "triage" deciding whether issues that arise are safeguarding or something else such as bullying or even a simple misunderstanding. Any matters are discussed in confidence between the team and the clergy before going any further. We hope that La Cote parishioners feel comfortable speaking to us and/or the clergy if anything concerns them. We believe it is always best to be transparent and sort matters out in a constructive manner.

To get this message across we held a Safeguarding Sunday service in November which was a wonderful collaborative effort between the Safeguarding Officers and the clergy. We also stressed the need to comply with the administrative clearance system. This is particularly important as there will be an audit of safeguarding this year. A tool called the Safeguarding Dashboard, provided by the Church of England, is being used for this and is obligatory. We therefore need to make sure that we are fully compliant.

The Safeguarding Officers were invited to the Swiss Synod this year in view of the upcoming audit. Liz Martinez attended and it was a great opportunity to talk to the diocesan team and other Safeguarding Officers.

The team are very encouraged by the increasingly positive attitude of La Cote to safeguarding and thank everyone for their efforts.

Cate Bichara, Heidi Hawkings & Liz Martinez

Pastoral Care

PASTORAL CARE AT LA CÔTE
COMPASSIONATE SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT

Pastoral care at La Côte Anglican Church offers spiritual, emotional, practical, and mental-health support for anyone in need.

Our clergy (Rev. Canon Carolyn Cooke and Rev. Betty Talbot) coordinate care, including prayer, fellowship, short-term practical help, and guidance on accessing ongoing support when needed.



Emotional needs are referred to Stephen Ministers – trained lay volunteers offering confidential one-to-one support through listening and prayer.

Care also happens through our small groups, prayer teams, and special services. Support is free, confidential, and available to all.

If you would like to receive care, or feel called to help provide it, please contact La Côte Anglican Church's clergy:

Email: carolyn.cooke@lacotechurch.ch; betty.talbot@lacotechurch.ch

Web page: www.lacotechurch.ch/church/pastoral-care/

In 2025, at the request of the Church Council, a new pastoral care strategy was prepared by Chris Talbot with assistance from Kate Shepherd and Jeremy and Louise Burrows. It aims to describe the opportunities for giving and receiving pastoral care in our community, at the same time as acknowledging the limits to what we are able to provide.

In brief, our clergy coordinate care and support requests concerning spiritual or theological questions, emotional needs, short-term practical help, and serious emotional and mental health challenges. While La Côte may be able to offer short-term practical help, we can also facilitate referral to ongoing long-term care. Care also happens naturally through small groups, prayer teams, fellowship, and special services such as All Souls and Blue Christmas. All support is offered freely, respectfully, and confidentially. In 2025, our community became a member of Stephen Ministry La Côte, along with John XXIII, Westlake, and Crossroads. Stephen Ministers are trained lay volunteers who offer confidential one-to-one support through listening and prayer.

Members of our congregation who are interested in becoming Stephen Ministers or who would appreciate support from a Stephen Minister are encouraged to contact Funke (the Stephen Ministry point person in our church) or a member of the clergy.

Louise Burrows

Creation Care Engagement at La Côte, in Switzerland and the Diocese

I have been serving as the Local Environment Officer for La Côte, helping to encourage and support our church community in caring for creation. This role connects our chaplaincy with the Caring for Creation Working Group and the wider diocesan efforts.



At the end of 2025, I attended the Archdeaconry Synod in Zurich, which highlighted the goal of reaching net-zero carbon emissions by 2030 & introduced helpful tools like Carbon 360, as well as funding opportunities such as *Quick Wins* and *Gifts to Go Green* to support practical action.

We also heard about Eco Church (<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk>), an inspiring award scheme that helps churches take meaningful, structured steps in environmental stewardship. It looks at five key areas: Worship and Teaching, Buildings & Energy, Land & Nature, Community & Global Engagement and Lifestyle. The Diocese in Europe encourages all chaplaincies to participate in this award scheme and has been recognised as a **Bronze Eco Diocese** and is now striving towards **Silver** accreditation. (<https://www.europe.anglican.org/caring-creation>). Here at La Côte, we have not yet completed the Eco Church survey—but we are likely already at Bronze level overall, and possibly even Gold in some areas.

At the Synod meeting, I was also appointed Archdeaconry Environment Officer for Switzerland. In this role, I participate in diocesan meetings, contributing to wider discussions on Caring for Creation and supporting the Diocese in Europe's journey towards net zero. This role also involves helping to strengthen connections between chaplaincies, sharing learning, and encouraging practical action at the local level.

As part of **the Season of Creation** (1 Sept - 4 Oct 2025), our La Côte worship services focused on creation—celebrating its beauty, inspiring praise and wonder, and nurturing an active hope in caring for our world. This was a truly whole-congregation effort, with many people contributing in creative and meaningful ways.

We also held a *Peace with Creation* Prayer Walk and our community joined the *Peace with Creation: Ecumenical Prayer Service* at Bonmont. It was a joyful and inspiring season.

If you are passionate about creation care and would like to be involved in taking this forward, please do get in touch—I would love to hear from you.

Sarah French

Social Committee

Providing good social events is fundamentally important to the life of the church. Bringing people together, sharing meals and social time, having fun, making friends and connecting people builds fellowship, grows community and provides a safe and supportive environment where we can demonstrate and participate in christian life and its values. This is what “church” is: a family and family time together.

At Easter 2025 a small group of volunteers began to form a team to help plan, coordinate and carry out various social events in the life of the church at La Côte. The team comprises essentially Jenny Beighton, Karen Robson, Niki Low, Liz Bramley, Steven & Gilliane Talbot, and Liz le Feuvre, but with much appreciated help from several others who volunteer at different events. Each person brings their own unique and much appreciated skills from flower arrangements, creative decorations and ideas for themes, experience of catering for large numbers, admin, co-ordinating & organising, as well as setting up and clearing away. Many tasks are joyfully shared together.

Although all the team members contribute with their time and often their culinary skills, we are not the church caterers, rather facilitators enabling anyone within the church to join in and



help create enjoyable events together. The events of 2025 were varied and colourful and generally focused around food! We enjoyed potluck sharing meals, an afternoon tea and a full three course Christmas meal with entertainment.

Jenny Beighton

Music at La Côte Church – Worship Music and the Song Group



The musical worship at La Côte is led by a group of volunteer musicians. Many thanks to those who have provided instrumental musical support for services in 2025: Jeremy Burrows, Jane Djaté, Nonalee Dong, Ray Fiander, Steve and Monika Rawcliffe, Nigel Rollins, Pam Walsh, Genny Laverty and Vicky Brohier, Richard and Heidi Hawkings, as well as Oliva Rakotonanahary, organist of the Swiss Reformed Church.

The La Côte song group sang at various services throughout the year, including on Easter Day and at the Candlelight Carol service in Gingins. Practices usually take place on Saturday mornings, a week or so before the service at which we are invited to sing. In December, Christine and Mark Warren very kindly welcomed us to their home for an evening of choir practice followed by mulled wine and mince pies. This year, we sadly said goodbye to fellow singer Maryrose Rudaz, who moved to another part of Switzerland. She will be much missed. New musicians and singers are always welcome, so please feel free to join us.

Richard & Heidi Hawkings

NURTURING OUR YOUTH

OUR UNDER-FIVES

Monthly, Messy, Godly play for pre-school children and their parents or care-givers

On Good Friday of 2025 some parents with children under 5 and I trialled a story and play session. Having had the privilege of baptising some of these children, I was keen to support them in their Christian faith.

Since then, the group has developed into a monthly event at 10.30 on Sunday



mornings. It usually takes place in the parish rooms in the church in Crassier. There have been on average 5-7 children, with their parents who stay and are responsible for their children. The session starts with songs followed by an interactive Bible story and a prayer. Children are then invited to respond with various craft and play activities, related to the theme. Emma Ryves, a pre-school teacher and mum of a three year old, offers invaluable support and ideas for each session. Other

parents also help with games and we take it in turns to bring snacks for both adults and children. Many of these families took part in our Nativity play Tableau in November and some attend our All Age services.

We are currently evaluating what is working and what we can amend to ensure that the group is a support and encouragement for parents and children alike.

I am also grateful to members of our community (such as Barbara Ingham and Niki Lowe) who come along to get to know the families and to help with activities, refreshments and safeguarding requirements.

Carolyn Cooke

Sunday Club



“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it” (Proverbs 22:6). This is one of my favourite verses from Scripture and it provides a *raison d’être* for Sunday Club.

The presence of children at church touches our heartstrings. Certain services such as Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, Advent/Christmas season services, and the All-Age services are geared for the involvement of children. But normally during term time, the children attend Sunday Club on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at Divonne, and on the third Sundays of the month at Gingins.

However, despite the willingness of the Sunday Club team to provide a constant welcoming and a fun environment for the children, attendance of children is irregular. Some weeks we may welcome just one or two children, at other times we can have five or six in a class, and on occasion, no children at all.

During 2025, the Sunday Club team included Naomi Grobety, Liz Martinez, Susan Nixon, Funke Staeuble, Betty Talbot and Vivienne Tardieu. If you would like to take part in this precious ministry, please come and talk with me.

Betty Talbot

Youth Alpha

Following the success of our confirmation preparation for young people in our community, we continued to offer online sessions together with youth from Holy Trinity, Geneva, throughout last year, with Revd Joy Van Staaldunen. Our young people also helped prepare and lead the main Passiontide service in April 2025.



Following Betty's priesting in July, she and I agreed to set up and run a Youth Alpha course starting in September, with the assistance of Armel Ayegnon, part time Youth worker at Holy Trinity Church in Geneva. This Youth Alpha is a way of exploring the Christian faith, prepared by Gen Z for younger generations. We have run the sessions in termtime on a fortnightly basis, on Sunday evenings from 18.00 – 20.00, in the Divonne parish rooms.

We have 9 youth on our books and have averaged between 6-8 young people each session. We start with some games and then supper prepared by Betty and Chris Talbot. We are extremely grateful to them for their generous provision and warm hospitality. The second part of the evening is spent watching and discussing a Youth Alpha film about the Christian faith. We are also delighted that Emma Hattersley, a member of our church who moved to work at CERN from the UK in 2025, has joined our leadership. Her involvement, insights and youthful outlook on life have been invaluable.

WHAT NEXT? We are hoping to evaluate these youth gatherings – both with our young people and their parents, to see where we go from here. As some of our youth have expressed an interest in confirmation, we will be exploring preparation for this next step.

Carolyn Cooke & Betty Talbot

OUR REGULAR SMALL GROUPS

Morning Prayer on Zoom – a great way to start the day



Each weekday morning why not start off on the right foot Zooming in with a dozen or so friends who celebrate Anglican Morning Prayer?

Our Chaplain, Carolyn is, as always, very welcoming and has encouraged us to share the readings, leading prayers and leading the service. There's always a peaceful 10 minutes of prayers for the world, the church, our communities, families and concerns. Prayers for healing are an important aspect with everything treated in strictest confidence. It's a great privilege - a warm, meaningful start to the day that's evermore needed in today's troubled world.

A warm, open-hearted ambience where everyone's encouraged to pop in or out as/when they can. No stress, just a peaceful, positive place to enjoy being part of 'two or three gathered together'. A good place to belong and an effective antidote to the world's turmoil.

Would you like to begin your day this way? It's only 30mins starting at 07h30 until 08h00 sharp to let people get off to work. For an easier start – maybe try Saturday's gentler 08h30/09h00 timing?

The link is always in the bulletin:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84315258948?pwd=WWZaMTRzZEpnNHV3ekZYRFRUYU96Zz09>

You're most welcome – but if it's not for you, please know we're praying for you in Morning Prayer.

John & Peta Tracey

Sunday Lunch Group

A monthly Sunday lunch group has continued to meet at the Auberge de la Réunion in Coinsins and become very popular. The size of the group varies from 12 to 20 and is a great opportunity for outreach and fellowship. We are very well looked after by the patient staff at the Auberge and enjoy the chance to chat over a good lunch at a reasonable price. Usually taking place on the 4th Sunday of the month, there can sometimes be exceptions, so do keep an eye on the Bulletin for details

John & Peta Tracey



Window on Wednesday (W.O.W)



Throughout 2025, the WOW group met every other week on Wednesday mornings in the Parish room in Gingsins (9h30-11h30) with just a short break over the summer holidays. During the first part of the year, we read *Practicing The Way* by John Mark Comer and since September, we have been reading *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancey.



We are also part of the team that makes the Christingles for the Advent service and this December, we enjoyed joining the International Women's Club of Nyon for their Christmas Carol Concert. We meet to read, talk and share our faith, enjoying tea, coffee and pastries. We have an active WhatsApp group with past and present members and all are welcome to come along when they are able to.

Diantha Terry & Kate Shepherd

The Girls Gathering

We are delighted to share that the launch of our women's discussion group at La Côte has been both enjoyable and successful. This group is open to **all women across the La Côte region**. We meet once a month on a Tuesday evening, making it accessible for those who are not available during the day. Each gathering offers a relaxed and welcoming space to:

- Share a simple wonderful pot-luck meal brought along by participants
- Hear from a guest speaker on a contemporary topic
- Engage in informal and meaningful discussion
- Build friendships and connections

It's a space to share experiences, inspire and encourage one another—a place to gather, eat, laugh, and simply be. We are a casual group of like-minded women who enjoy good food, thoughtful conversation, and hearing the stories of interesting and inspiring women. Around the table, trust grows, connections deepen, and community is built.

Topics Have Included:

- Nature and Spirituality (Liza Zogib)
- Families and Life-Stage Changes (Heidi Hawkings)
- Human Rights Demystified (Jennifer Philpot-Nissen)
- Navigating the New Media Landscape (Cathy Jewell)
- From Frustration to Action: A Journey into Politics (Dr Jacklean Kalibala)
- Building Bridges through the Expressive Arts (Funke Staeublé)

We meet in the Parish rooms of the Nyon Protestant Church, once a month on Tuesday evenings at 19h30.

We currently have around 40 women on our email list. A small core attends regularly, with an average of around 14 participants each month. The group benefits from a changing mix of women at each gathering, contributing to a dynamic and enriching experience.

Looking ahead, we would value a more active shared involvement, and warmly welcome additional volunteers to help with organising speakers, preparing for gatherings, and staying on late assisting with clearing and cleaning the hall afterwards.

Sarah French & Heidi Hawkings

La Côte Blokes

The La Côte Blokes Dinners have enjoyed another year of conviviality, stimulating discussion, and good food.

We attract 15 to 20 men each month to share a meal and take in a presentation by a guest speaker. Recent topics have included: Nuclear power: good or bad?, mental resilience for international staff, and the process of the Conclave (led by a former member of the Swiss National Guard).

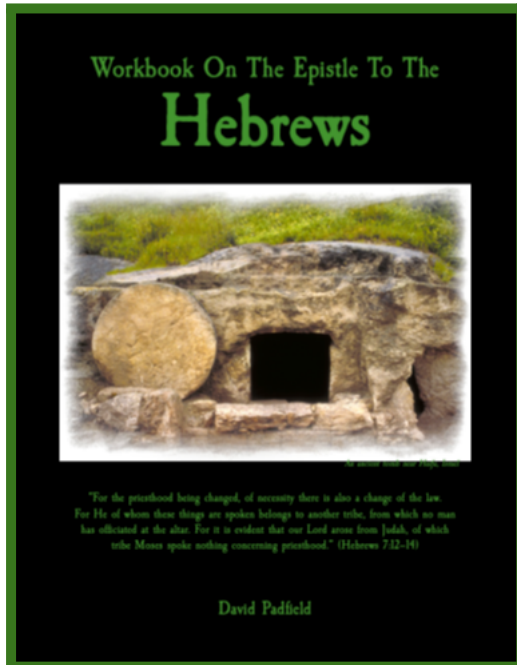
We meet in Nyon on the 3rd Thursday of the month. All men are welcome.

David Cooke



Tuesday Bible study group

La Côte Church provides a variety of groups to enable us to sustain and deepen our Christian faith. The Bible Study group is one such gathering. It is an ecumenical group of 12-13 mostly retired people who gather to explore the Bible and its applications to our lives today. We meet on alternate Tuesdays to the Prayer group.



In 2025, we undertook studies of four very short books of the New Testament, each of them one chapter long: Paul's letter to Philemon, 2nd and 3rd John and the epistle of Jude. These were opportunities for rich exchanges of understanding and experience. We began a study of the letter to the Hebrews, which we are continuing in 2026. In July and December, we shared lovely meals together.

Our meetings conclude with prayer for one another, and for others in need.

These meetings are a source of encouragement, spiritual nourishment in God's Word, and friendship and fellowship to all involved.

Chris Talbot

Tuesday Prayer Group

The Prayer Group is a fortnightly gathering, which took place at our home in Coinsins up until the end of November 2025, but has transitioned to an online Zoom meeting since the beginning of 2026, led by Carolyn (Chaplain) and Diantha. We are very grateful to them for taking over the leadership of the group.

We spend an hour together (09.00-10.00), beginning with sharing, in confidence, our concerns for prayer.

We then bring all our prayers - for the world, our church, those in need and each other - to God in a short Celtic liturgy from the Northumbria Community, which gives us Scripture readings and a meditation on which we draw for inspiration.

Believing that prayer is at the heart of our community, not just on Sundays but throughout the week, we trust that these meetings provide a haven of hope in these challenging times.

All are welcome to join, either occasionally or regularly, or to send prayer requests in confidence to Carolyn or Diantha. Please check the Bulletin for the Zoom link.

Peta & John Tracey



Nyon Food Bank

(in partnership with The Lost Food Project Switzerland and the association Coup de Main)

The Nyon Food Bank is a collaborative effort involving The Lost Food Project (TLFP), the association Coup de Main and members of several local churches, including La Côte Church. TLFP's mission is to reduce food waste and to support those in need by gathering fresh food close to its expiry date from local supermarkets and other suppliers, which is then redistributed through its network of partners. Coup de Main is one such partner and is responsible for the collection, delivery and distribution of fresh food received from TLFP, as well as of dry food received from church members or purchased with donations.

The Food Bank, which is held on Wednesdays, serves between 80 and 100 families every week. It serves a wide range of individuals, ensuring inclusivity regardless of religion, gender, age, disability or ethnicity. Among those benefiting are:

- Ukrainian refugees (the largest beneficiary group, including individuals of all ages, seeking stability and support);
- Non-Ukrainian asylum seekers and refugees (primarily young men in their 20s and 30s, who face significant challenges to integration in Switzerland);
- Swiss nationals (though a smaller demographic, many elderly individuals rely on the Nyon Food Bank's services, highlighting a hidden but pressing need for food support within the local community).

The Food Bank's approach goes beyond food redistribution; it actively works to combat the stigma associated with receiving food aid. By framing its efforts as part of a broader initiative to reduce food waste, the Food Bank fosters dignity and community engagement among recipients.

The Food Bank's success is dependent upon having a sufficiently large pool of volunteers each week to cover the different needs: transport of food from the warehouse to the distribution point; coordination of volunteers at the church; registration of beneficiaries; and distribution of food to beneficiaries. If you are interested in joining the team or would like to make a donation, please contact: coupdemain.1260@gmail.com

Caroline Allsopp-Leitner

Social Action Group

The Social Action Group makes recommendations to the Church Council about how to allocate charitable giving. The criteria we apply include:

- Support to relatively small community service organisations so that the church's modest gifts have proportionally greater impact
- Support to local institutions as well as international ones
- Support to institutions with whom we can have a direct contact

We seek to raise funds for and awareness within the church and wider community about the organisations we support. Here is some detail about the organisations supported in 2025.

- **Bishop's Lent and Advent Appeals:** *1,500 CHF given by La Côte Anglican Church in 2025*

Each year, La Côte Anglican Church contributes to two appeals launched by the Bishop in Europe for community service organisations. In 2025, the Lent appeal supported one of the Diocese's partners in the Gospel, USPG, helping to provide essential care and support for Ukrainian refugees spread across Europe and refugees in other parts of Europe. For more detail, see <https://www.europe.anglican.org/news/latest-news/bishops-lent-appeal-2025>. The Advent appeal supported USPG's fundraising for the Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza. For details of the remarkable and heartbreaking work of the hospital, see <https://www.europe.anglican.org/bishops-advent-appeal-2025>.

- **Embrace the Middle East:** *1,860 CHF given by La Côte Anglican Church in 2025, of which CHF 860 were raised at a church bake sale held in April*

Emerging from a 19th-century mission organisation, Embrace the Middle East is a Christian development and humanitarian relief charity. It partners with Christians in the Middle East as they work to transform lives and restore the dignity of the most excluded and marginalised communities. Embrace works with 40 local partners in Egypt, Iraq, Israel / Palestine, Lebanon and Syria, funding temporary refuge, homes, health care, education, and action for justice and human rights. Its goal is to contribute to a culture of human flourishing in a troubled region. See <https://embraceme.org>.

- **Lions Clubs of Switzerland and Médico Lions Clubs de France:** *Donation of used eyeglasses*

The Lions Clubs of Switzerland collect used eyeglasses in collaboration with Médico Lions Clubs de France, who recondition the glasses received and distribute them to patients with visual impairments in developing countries. In the spring of 2025, a collection of used eyeglasses was organized by La Côte Anglican Church in collaboration with Holy Trinity Church in Geneva; 300 pairs were received and donated. Thanks to everyone who kindly contributed to this collection. See <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/recycle-eyeglasses> and <http://www.medico-lcf.org/?q=recyclage-des-lunettes>.

- **Médecins Sans Frontières:** *€580 raised by the French Association at its 2025 Advent lunch*

MSF is an international humanitarian organisation that provides medical aid and psychosocial support to those suffering from wars and disasters in dozens of countries. See <https://www.msf.fr>.

- **Alias 01:** *€580 raised by the French Association at its 2025 Advent lunch*

Alias 01 (Association Locale d'Intégration, Accueil et Solidarité) is located in the Pays de Gex. It accompanies refugees with administrative support, help with learning French, material aid, and above all a friendly local network. See <https://www.jeveuxaider.gouv.fr/organisations/10956-alias-01-association-locale-dintegration-accueil-et-solidarite>.

- **Restos du Coeur:** *Collection of foodstuffs at our 2025 Harvest celebration*

Since its creation by the actor Coluche in 1985, Restos du Cœur's tens of thousands of volunteers have been fighting poverty, hunger and exclusion. They offer a wide range of social services to the most deprived people in France. For example, in 2024-25, 161 million meals were served and 1.3 million people offered shelter and other services. La Côte Church's generous donation of dry goods at the Harvest celebration was given to the Gex branch. See <https://ad01.restosducoeur.org/centres-departementaux/ad01-centre-dactivites-gex/>.

- **Rêves Suisse:** 700 CHF given by La Côte Anglican Church in 2025

Founded in 2006, Association Rêves Suisse works to make the dreams come true of children and teens who are suffering illness, disability or emotionally. Located in Nyon, the association aids hundreds of children every year and helps to finance camps and sports days for specialized institutions. The type of activities requested vary widely, such as meeting favourite celebrities, going to Legoland, spending a week at sea, adventuring with equipment adapted to each child's needs or spending a day with animals. Children and teens apply online, identifying three wishes with the aim of being able to fulfil the top wish, but with the second and third choices as a "back-up" should the first choice not be possible. See <https://reves.ch>.

- **Nai Qala:** 700 CHF given by La Côte Anglican Church in 2025

Founded in 2007, based in Ghazni province of Afghanistan, the Nai Qala Association works for an educated, healthy and balanced society in which women and men lead social, cultural and economic changes in an inclusive manner that enables their children – boys and girls – to thrive. They focus their efforts on neglected parts of Afghanistan. See <https://www.nai-qala.org/welcome-on-nai-qalas-website/>.

- **The David Nott Foundation:** 700 CHF given by La Côte Anglican Church in 2025

The David Nott Foundation trains doctors and nurses in countries enduring conflict and disaster. It has trained specialists in emergency surgery, anaesthesia and obstetrics in Iraq, Libya, Moldova, Palestine, Somaliland, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, the United Kingdom and Yemen. David Nott's remarkable book *War Doctor: Surgery on the Front Line* (Picador, 2019) recounts his extraordinary experiences as an emergency surgeon in war zones throughout the world. See <https://davidnottfoundation.com>.

If you would like to support the work of these organisations, please speak with one of the Social Action Group members. And we would welcome new members to this Social Action Group, so please speak to one of the members below for more information.

Caroline Allsopp, Liz Bramley, Carolyn Cooke, Kate Shepherd, Chris Talbot

Appendix 1: La Côte Church Governance, Management, Elections and Appointments (AGM 2026)

The Chaplaincy Council is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The composition and remit of the Council is governed jointly by Swiss law, French law and the Anglican Canons, in particular the statutes of the Swiss La Côte Church Development Association, the French Association Culturelle and the Church Representation Rules 2020.

The lay membership of the Chaplaincy Council is decided by election. Normally there are two people elected as the chaplaincy wardens. In addition, there are 5-6 elected lay members. They normally stand for three years and may then do a second term of three years. If they are staying on council for longer, this needs agreement at the annual general meeting.

The clergy are, *ex officio*, i.e., by virtue of the positions that they hold, deemed members of the Council. So too are the chaplaincy's representatives to the Archdeaconry Synod, who are chosen by the congregation in separate elections for a three-year tenure (last elected in 2023). In addition, the Chaplaincy Council can appoint people to its membership (co-opted members).

The present Chaplaincy Council is thus made up of:

Clergy: *ex officio*

- Carolyn Cooke
- Betty Talbot: Assistant Curate who was priested in July 2025

Wardens:

- Diantha Terry
- Liz Bramley – standing down

The elected lay members who are standing for re-election this year:

- Jenny Beighton
- Jessica Chapman
- Steve Rawcliffe
- Kate Shepherd (Council Secretary)
- Richard Warren

Co-opted member – Treasurer

- John Buckingham – who took up the role of Treasurer in December 2025

Archdeaconry Representatives: elected for a three-year term from 2023-26

- Alice Debell – standing again

- Nonalee Dong – standing down and we are now looking for a replacement.

Safeguarding Team

One of these representatives attends each council meeting.

- Cate Bichara
- Heidi Hawkings
- Liz Martinez

How we work

The Chair of the Chaplaincy Council is the Chaplain, currently Carolyn Cooke.

The Treasurer, Secretary and Lay Vice-Chairs are appointed each year at the first Council meeting after the congregation's annual meeting.

Council normally meets monthly. The agenda for the Council meeting is prepared by the standing committee, made up of the chaplain, church wardens, vice-chair and secretary.

We have sub-committees who report to the Council on matters of:

Finance – the finance subgroup is made of: Carolyn Cooke, Liz Bramley, John Buckingham and Diantha Terry, Mark Warren, (Planned Giving administrator)

Social Action – this comprises Chris Talbot, Caroline Allsopp, Kate Shepherd, Liz Bramley and Carolyn Cooke

We would like to develop a working group for

Youth and Children

The Electoral Roll Officer is currently Steve Rawcliffe who prepares our electoral roll each year. You need to be a member of our electoral roll for six months to vote on church decisions and policies.

The La Côte Swiss Development Association is the charitable body recognised by Swiss Law. Our Church governance complies with Swiss Law with the La Côte Swiss Development Association sitting within our Annual General Meeting and operating under the governance of the church council. In addition, Swiss authorities recognise the President of the Association, John Tracey, the Secretary, Liz Bramley and the Treasurer, John Ingham.

The French Association La Côte Anglican Church was constituted in December 2013 (under the French law of 1901), due to our presence in Divonne in worship and community life. However, this 1901 Association has now been dissolved, as it was proving to be a lot of extra administrative work for little gain. We can still organise activities and conduct worship in Divonne as we are, connected to our main Swiss Association.

I would also like to thank Liz Le Feuvre, who has stepped into the role of Chaplain's administrative assistance with dedication, professionalism and strong people skills. She juggles many different organisational demands and expectations in our diverse community with patience, discretion, good humour and faithful hard work. I am deeply grateful for her support.

This last year Diantha Terry joined Liz Bramley as Church Warden. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to them both for unstinting commitment and hard work in their multifaceted roles as Church Wardens and in their dedicated support of me as Chaplain. After many years of devoted service in our church, Liz is standing down as Warden. On behalf of our whole community, may I express our deepest gratitude to her. I am very thankful that she has agreed to stay involved in our finance subgroup.

May I take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to all who serve on our church council and in our church governance. Thank you for your faithful leadership and for all the hard work that goes on in front and behind the scenes for the smooth running and flourishing of our church. In addition, thank you to our strong and committed safeguarding team of three who work hard to make our church a safe place for all. Our thanks also go to Alice Debell and Nonalee Dong for serving as our Archdeaconry representatives for our Archdeaconry Synod.

Carolyn Cooke