

La Côte Anglican Church

Weekly Bulletin

Reflection for week of 19 to 26 May from Helen Harding

A new heaven and a new earth

Einstein said that the most important question is "Is the Universe a friendly place?" The signs don't look good: terrorism; environmental disasters; illness; bereavement; the sudden death last week of a young and talented author and bible scholar. The world is not as it should be. Evil very much exists, and we have every right to be angry at the injustices we see, and ask with the psalmist why it seems God has forsaken us. The comforting words of Julian of Norwich "all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well" could be seen as a mere platitude in the light of global and personal tragedies.

In Sunday's reading from Revelation we see a revelation of God's eternal character (Tom Wright – *Revelation for Everyone*). "God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eye."

Hope is important.

We do not deny the pain, grief or worry, and yet we keep going. It is good to be reminded that the eternal desire of our loving God is to wipe away our tears. The same God who, through the incarnation, wept with those who mourn, and knew pain and suffering. In remembering that all is held in love we can hold up our heads and say that one day, piece by piece, all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.

"What I love about the Bible is that the story isn't over. There are still dragons and beasts. It might not look like it, but the resistance is winning."

"The church does not offer a cure. It does not offer a quick fix. The church offers death and resurrection. The church offers the messy, inconvenient, gut-wrenching, never-ending work of healing and reconciliation." Rachel Held Evens 1981 - 2019

SUNDAY 19 MAY – Easter 5

16:00 Gingsins, Holy Communion (with Sunday Club)

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SUNDAY 26 MAY – Easter 6

10:00 Crassier, Joint Service – Gift Day

NB No service in Gingsins at 16:00

This is a service for all the family. An opportunity to worship as a whole La Côte Community, giving thanks to God and reflecting on how our giving of time, talents and finances resource our church life and mission.

We will be exploring the story of the Good Samaritan, which was one of the foundational stories for La Côte Church.

LA COTE YOUTH LEADER ADVERT

Please share this [advert](#) with anybody you think might be interested and suitable.

COMING UP

TUESDAY 21 MAY

Bible Study on the Book of Daniel - Coffee from 09:15, starting at 09:30, chez Trevor Davies

THURSDAY 23 MAY

“Space” in Nyon at the Prieuré next to the Temple de Nyon from 19:00 for a light shared supper – followed by a Bible study and Evening Prayer. (Contact Chris Potter if you would like to know more: [email](#))

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SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY 30 MAY

ASCENSION DAY MORNING WALK - Morges to Tolochenaz r/t

Do come and join us for a morning walk, starting at 09:30 in Morges. We will meet at 09:30 at the entrance to the swimming pool restaurant by the lake, for a walk along the lakeside to the Maison de la Rivière at Tolochenaz. This takes about an hour and we will stop either on the beautiful beach or at the Maison de la Rivière for a mid-morning snack (please bring with you). You can visit the river museum (entry fee) if you wish, or walk with us back to Morges, to finish by 12:30. Please let us know - Peta Tracey & Jenny West - if you are coming or for more information, on [email](#)

Directions to starting point: exit autoroute at Morges, turn right (towards ‘centre ville’) and, at roundabout, take second exit to car park. Turn immediately right and then left, following signs to ‘piscine’. The parking will be free as it is a public holiday.

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ELSEWHERE

SATURDAY 1 JUNE

10:00-13:00, Holy Trinity Church, Geneva, Bible Study Morning – Gospel of John

Led by Clare Amos. All are welcome but please let the Church office know at admin@holytrinitygeneva.org

SATURDAY 15 JUNE

09:30-16:00, Holy Trinity Church, Geneva, Summer Fair

[Information and requests](#)

Work with asylum seekers

MENTORSHIP opportunity. Would you like to mentor an asylum seeker or refugee? The only requirement is that you speak English or French, and if possible both languages. Mentoring can be deeply satisfying, a win-win relationship for both mentor and mentee. Just give it a try! For more information (no commitment), contact Andrea Goovaerts ([email](#)).

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ACCOMMODATION. There is a need to help these people find a welcome and integrate in our local society – even though they are far from home. Please do prayerfully consider if you can help or know someone who can.

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

Do you have jobs that need doing?

If you would like help with odd jobs - for example, gardening, moving furniture, paint work – likewise do get in touch with Diantha Terry ([email](#)) who will be able to match you up with one of our refugee friends in the community.

LA COTE ANGLICAN CHURCH IS ON TWITTER!

Please let Peta Tracey know ([email](#)) if you would like info about a church event to be 'tweeted' or tweet to @lacoteanglican

Follow us on <https://mobile.twitter.com/lacoteanglican>

PARKING OUTSIDE THE TEMPLE IN GINGINS

We have been asked very clearly to park ONLY in the four places to the right of the church as you approach it. This will thus be reserved for those setting up in church and needing to drop off equipment. Please ensure that you park either behind the Auberge de la Poste, in the village itself – or down by the Post Office and playing fields at the entrance to Gingins. We apologise for any inconvenience this will cause you, but we are keen to work with the commune and to continue enjoying good relations with the local people of Gingins.
