La Côte Anglican Church Weekly Bulletin

Reflection and prayers for week of 2 to 9 June from Carolyn

I have enjoyed a little search on the expansive and varied "Thy Kingdom Come" website and encourage you over the Ascension weekend to go digging for treasure yourselves.

As Peta Tracey has said below – "Thy Kingdom Come" is a global wave of prayer, inviting Christians worldwide to pray between Ascension and Pentecost – on the broad theme "Thy Kingdom Come." I found the words of Shane Claiborne inspiring.

"When we pray "thy Kingdom come" we are trying to bring God's dream on earth as it is in heaven, right into our neighbourhood."

He points out that prayer can be a place to hide, when we don't know what else to do. However, he argues that prayer is also the starting point which may well lead to action.

"Prayer is not just about us getting God to do what we want him to do – but about us getting ourselves to do what God wants us to do and to become who God wants us to become." He spent some time learning to pray with Mother Teresa and her sisters, getting up every morning at 5am and kneeling before the cross. The prayers were all about Jesus filling them with himself – with these words:

"Jesus, may every person I come into contact with feel your love in my soul, may I leave your fragrance everywhere I go."

Shane describes prayer as "a way of becoming like our God, and so we get up off our knees and seek the Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven."

He concludes: "Our faith is not just a ticket into heaven and a licence to ignore the world around us. Our faith is about bringing God's dream on earth. So let us pray, Thy Kingdom Come, and then let us seek first the Kingdom of God on earth as in heaven."

You may like to hear Shane for yourself - about three minutes of your time: <u>https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/shane-claiborne-shares-his-thoughts-what-does-it-mean-when-we-pray-thy-kingdom-come</u>

As a starting point for your own daily prayers during these nine days between Ascension and Pentecost – here are two resources, (chosen from many) – which offer simple guides and meditations for each day:

https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/prayer-journal-2019

https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/novena-2019

Thy Kingdom Come

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'Thy Kingdom Come' is a 'global wave of prayer', initiated by the Archbishop of Canterbury, calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost (May 30-June 9) for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. La Côte Anglican Church has signed up to participate in 'lighting up the world with prayer' and is starting off with a walk on Ascension Day, May 30 (see separate notice).

You can join in individually, as a family, or as a church group, by tapping in to the many resources available on the Thy Kingdom Come website: <u>http://www.thykingdomcome.global/</u>

And download the app for free daily bible readings, video reflections and podcasts from world-renowned theologian Tom Wright.

SUNDAY 2 JUNE – Easter 7

08:45-09:15 Chapelle de Signy, Said Eucharist

Everyone is welcome both for our worship and then afterwards in the local village café.

16:00 Gingins, Evening Prayer with Sunday club

SUNDAY 9 JUNE – Pentecost

10:00 Divonne, All-Age Communion Service

Everyone is welcome both for our worship and then afterwards in the local village café.

16:00 Gingins, Holy Communion with Sunday club

LA COTE YOUTH LEADER ADVERT

Please share this <u>advert</u> with anybody you think might be interested and suitable.

COMING UP

TOMORROW - 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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SUNDAY 2 JUNE

19:00-22:00 Duillier, Musical Drop-In: with Pat Stimpson, supported by Mark Shaw and David Cooke – *rock & roll from country to city*

For more information, please contact Ted Talbot - email

TUESDAY 4 JUNE

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

FRIDAY 7 JUNE

09:30-11:30 Church Hall, Gingins, CCC Fridays

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SATURDAY 15 JUNE

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

WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE

18:30-20:30 Geneva English School, Genthod, Celebration of H.M. The Queen's 93rd Birthday

Organised by the British Residents' Association of Swiss-Romande: information

NB Register no later than 1 June!

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).

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.

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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 (<u>email</u>) 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 (<u>email</u>) 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.
