

# La Côte Anglican Church

## Weekly Bulletin

### Reflection and prayer for week of 20 to 27 October from Carolyn

As tension mounts around the Brexit debate in the UK and in Europe, I encourage you to explore the Brexit Resources Hub which has been set up on our Diocesan website:

<https://europe.anglican.org/brexit/welcome-to-our-brexit-resources-hub-1>

This resource has three objectives. It aims to:

- Give you the Brexit information you need – from Governments and the EU;
- Signpost you to other sources looking at specific issues, to help you have discussions in your chaplaincies on Brexit; and
- Keep you posted on the advocacy work Bishop Robert is leading, especially on Citizens' Rights issues, as well as on Brexit in the wider Church, being offered by our Diocese in Europe.

The Hub also reminds us that, whatever we feel about this situation, we are called to be mindful of one another and to bring the complex issues and needs to God in prayer. I also strongly believe that as God's people we are called to be agents of peace, integrity and stability at this time of flux.

Here are two prayers from Church of England Website to aid our prayers for the UK Parliament and for the European Union at this time.

(<https://www.churchofengland.org/together>)

### ***The Archbishop of York's Prayer for the UK Parliament***

*God of eternal love and power,*

*save our Parliamentary Democracy;*

*protect our High Court of Parliament and all its members*

*from partiality and prejudice;*

*that they may walk humbly the path of kindness, justice and mercy.*

*Give them wisdom, insight and a concern for the common good.*

*The weight of their calling is too much to bear in their own strength,*

*therefore we pray earnestly, Father,*

*send them help from your Holy Place, and be their tower of strength.*

*Lord, graciously hear us.*

*Amen.*

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### ***The Archbishop of York's Prayer for the European Union***

*God of all Hopefulness,*

*Upholding and Renewing your Creation:*

*Give your Grace abundantly to our  
European Union Leaders, that they may  
Lead with Wisdom and Insight,  
With a Willingness to Lead and be Led.  
In your mercy cast out, in us, all fear,  
godlessness, sin and love of money;  
And help us to live Truth, Justice,  
Peace, Compassion and Joy.  
To the Glory of your Name.  
Amen.*

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We were blessed to have welcomed and heard from Revd Dr Chad Rimmer at La Côte Church on Sunday 6 October for our St Francis Celebration. Please find attached the text of his thought-provoking sermon, rounding off our season of Creation Time.

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### **SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER – Trinity 18**

**16:00 Gingins, Holy Communion – Our theme *The Puzzle of Prayer: one piece of the jigsaw...***

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### **SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER – Trinity 19**

**10:00 Divonne, Holy Communion**

After the service we would love for as many of you as possible to stay behind to share an apéro and a conversation about our life as the Divonne congregation and as part of La Côte Church.

**16:00 Gingins, All-Age Worship / All Saints**

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**Please note that in Gingins we have been asked not to park in the courtyard in front of the church house and meeting room. This is a private parking area for residents.**

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### **NEXT WEEK**

#### **TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER**

**09:15–10:30 chez J&P Tracey, Coinsins, [Prayer Group](#)**

Please contact Peta if you would like to join us or have prayer requests (in confidence).

[\(email\)](#)

## **THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER**

“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**

### **BOSSEY DAY 1 FEBRUARY 2020!**

Please put the date in your diaries now for our annual La Côte Church away-day at the Château de Bossey. We will have a guest speaker from the UK: Dave Tomlinson, a writer and retired CofE priest – a fervent proponent of progressive Christian theology and practice. His books include *The Post-Evangelical*, *How To Be a Bad Christian (and a better human being)*, and *Black Sheep and Prodigals (an antidote to black and white religion)*. Dave also regularly contributes to BBC Radio 2's 'Pause for Thought' on the Breakfast Show. Described as a 'liberal evangelist' Dave's passion is to make faith humane, and accessible to the non-religious – and to see Liverpool Football Club rule the world!

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## **[Information and requests](#)**

## **SAFEGUARDING TEAM**

Liz Martinez has joined Cate Bichara and Christine Warren on the Safeguarding Team. They are delighted to welcome her and are very much looking forward to working together.

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## **HELP NEEDED WITH TRANSPORT OF BOSSEY STUDENTS TO GINGINS PLEASE!**

A new intake of students - from all over the world and many different denominations - has recently arrived at the Bossey Ecumenical Institute. They are very interested in visiting local churches during their time here and always appreciate meeting people in the area and being invited to their homes. And it is so rewarding and enriching for us too! Margaret Owen has kindly been arranging transport to/from Gingins for many years and has now passed on the coordination of lifts to me. So I'd be very grateful for any offers to pick up a small group (according to the no. of passengers you can take) at 15:30 on a Sunday from Bossey and to take them back after the service. Please do let me know if you would be willing to participate in this and I will then find out your available dates. I will also organise a pot-luck lunch at our place in Nov. to get to know them better! Thank you so much, Peta ([email](#))

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## **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.

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### **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>

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### **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.

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