

# La Côte Anglican Church

## Weekly Bulletin

### Reflection and prayer for week of 3 to 10 November from Carolyn

In many parts of the globe, Halloween celebrations are underway this week. Halloween itself simply means the eve of all Hallows, and All Hallows is the Christian “All Saints Day”, a day when we think particularly of people past and present who have reflected the light of Christ for us and to us. It is followed immediately on November 2nd by All Souls Day when we remember all the souls who have gone before us into the light of Heaven.

At the turning of the year, as the days darken and shorten, the pre-Christian traditions used to make offerings for the souls of the dead. The poet Malcolm Guite observes: “Our Christian hope is that the greatest and only offering, to redeem both the living and the dead, has been made by Christ.”

He has written a sonnet to reclaim this season for All Souls/All Saints. The poem points to the light of Christ shining through the words and quiet lives of saints – both “plain in our sight” and “far beyond our seeing.” “All are gathered up in the web of being... where all saints are known and named.”

#### *All Saints*

*Though Satan breaks our dark glass into shards  
Each shard still shines with Christ's reflected light,  
It glances from the eyes, kindles the words  
Of all his unknown saints. The dark is bright  
With quiet lives and steady lights undimmed,  
The witness of the ones we shunned and shamed.  
Plain in our sight and far beyond our seeing  
He weaves them with us in the web of being  
They stand beside us even as we grieve,  
The lone and left behind whom no one claimed,  
Unnumbered multitudes, he lifts above  
The shadow of the gibbet and the grave,  
To triumph where all saints are known and named;  
The gathered glories of His wounded love.*

In a moment of quiet, I invite each of us to light a candle and offer up to Christ's redeeming love, those who have died recently – both those known to us personally, and victims of tragedies that have come to our attention.

Included in our prayers this week is Peter Harris, founder of the environmental charity A Rocha. His wife, Miranda Harris, and the CEO of A Rocha, Chris Naylor, and his wife, Susanna, died tragically in a car accident in South Africa. We pray for Sarah French, a member of our church who works for “A Rocha International” and who is supporting the

organisation at this time of shock and loss. Here is the press release.

*On Monday 28th October Peter and Miranda Harris, co-founders of A Rocha, and Chris Naylor, A Rocha International CEO, together with his wife Susanna, were involved in an horrific car accident in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Miranda, Chris and Susanna did not survive. Peter and the driver of the car are being treated at a local hospital and are in a stable condition.*

*Above all, their families and friends are held in our prayers. We know that this comes as a profound shock to everyone in the A Rocha Family and others all around the world.*

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2019/october/rocha-co-founder-harris-naylor-ceo-killed-south-africa.html>

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## **SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER**

**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 Gingsins, Holy Communion – An All Souls service with prayers for the departed**

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## **SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent**

**10:00 Divonne, Service of the Word with Remembrance theme**

**16:00 Gingsins, Holy Communion with Remembrance theme**

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**Please note that in Gingsins 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 5 NOVEMBER**

**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](#))

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## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER**

**'In Remembrance' Gala Concert** to mark the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings in Normandy will be held in aid of the Invictus Games on Sat. 9 Nov. at 20:00 in the Rosey Concert Hall, Rolle. This unique event will be one of remembrance and celebration - remembering the sacrifices made by civilians and service men and women, not only during the Second World War, but in conflicts around the world even today. And celebrating the peace and friendship that followed the war, expressed so powerfully through the musical programme. Tickets online:

<https://www.starticket.ch/fr/tickets/in-remembrance-concert-20191109-2000-rosey-concert-hall-rolle> or at Manor, Coop-City and K Kiosk.

**NB Poppies will be on sale at Gingins this Sunday and in Divonne & Gingins on 10 November.**

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## **SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER**

The Safeguarding team invite you to join a group to go through the new Safeguarding course on the protection of children and adults on

**Sunday 17 November at 14:00 in the Parish room at Gingins.**

This is an opportunity to learn more about safeguarding and is open to everyone.

Do come along to this; we are working with children and the immigrant community here and we can all live next door to someone in distress.

Following the course, enjoy a cup of tea and cake together before the Church service.

The Diocesan office in London supports our initiative and everyone who attends will be sent a certificate.

Please let us know if you wish to attend. ([email](#))

Christine Warren, Cate Bichara and Liz Martinez

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

Plans are progressing for our annual La Côte Church away-day at the Château de Bossey. Dave Tomlinson, and his wife Pat, are all set to come and we know he will be an excellent speaker. He describes himself on his Twitter page as a 'bad Christian, slightly better vicar, struggling writer, improving husband, model epicure, awesome dreamer'. Most of us can relate to at least one of those - as do nearly 1,500 'followers' on Twitter! Since retiring, Dave has become chaplain of St. Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation & Peace in London and broadcasts on Radio 2 for 'Pause for Thought'. Along with his wife, Pat, he co-founded 'Holy Joes', a church in a pub. His focus is frequently on 'keeping faith in changing times'. Don't miss this unique opportunity at La Côte!

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## **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.

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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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