

La Côte Anglican Church

Weekly Bulletin

Reflection and prayer for week of 10 to 17 November from Carolyn

On Sunday, we will be commemorating Remembrance Sunday – an act of remembering conflicts past and present, and to pray for ways that lead to peace in the future. We will remember those who have lived and died in war as they sought to serve others and we will acknowledge our complicity in perpetuating conflicts. We will pray for those who are suffering today as a result of war and we will commit ourselves, by God's grace, to ways of peace and justice. Here is a meditation written by Dr Clare Amos that puts into words these longings.

*Faithful father, minder of our yesterdays,
We thank you for your blessing and cherishing,
For your care which has brought us and all creation to this day.
Forgive the failings of our past,
the false steps and paths that we have taken
in our lives and in our histories,
As individuals, as nations, as members of your own people.
Grant us the courage not to forget,
Not to stifle the sounds of suffering in which we have been complicit;
Encourage us also to trust in your power to redeem,
Your willingness to work with flawed humanity and re-create an earth
Which all can celebrate with you as truly good.*

*Holy Spirit, hope for our tomorrows,
Grant us vision of the future of this world as you would have it be.
Inspire us with your power and grace us with your gifts and fruits –
Love, joy and peace, generosity and gentleness,
Faithfulness and kindness, patience and self-control.
May they become seeds in us, taking root deep within our lives,
Starting-points for change and growth.
Speak into the divisions and hatreds of these days,
In the turmoil, open our ears to catch your quiet breath,
And give us voice to echo your aching and longing for the promised time,
When in communion with you true life and freedom will be shared by all.*

*Christ, comforter yet challenger of our todays,
You are the beginning and end of creation,
Drawing together past and future,
Threading them into the texture of the present.
Through your life and ministry you showed us the importance of 'today',
Of carrying out God's mission in the world of here and now.
You did not allow yourself to be bound by time past
Nor await impassive for an unseen future.
Still, today, you do not let us stand aside and delay,*

*But urgently you offer us both salvation and judgement.
You demand that we choose, and invite us to work with you
To accomplish God's purpose, yesterday, for ever and today. Amen.*

Taken from <https://faithineurope.net/>

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SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER – 3rd Sunday before Advent

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

16:00 Gingins, Holy Communion with Remembrance theme

NB Poppies will be on sale in Divonne & Gingins this Sunday.

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SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER – 2nd Sunday before Advent

16:00 Gingins, Holy Communion

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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.

NEXT WEEK

TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

09:15 – 11:00 Bible Study chez Trevor Davies in Founex, continuing with the study on Daniel

THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER

“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](#))

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER

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

and

17:30–19:00 at the Prieuré next to the Temple in Nyon, Friday Space

A trilingual Bible Study – English, French and Farsi

PERMISSION TO USE PHOTOGRAPHS

The church is in the process of renewing the website and in order to make the church look interesting to newcomers we would like to put on photographs taken at events.

If you do not wish any photographs with you on to be used please send a message to Liz Bramley [email](#).

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, or at the door.

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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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HOSPITALITY?

“**UP WITH PEOPLE**” is a travel and education programme for young people.

Their mission: “Through music and action, we empower young people to be positive agents of change for a more hopeful, trusting and peaceful world.”

Could you host one of their young people with a bed and some meals from 25 November to 2 December? See the attached flyers for more information.

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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!

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.
