

La Côte Anglican Church

Weekly Bulletin

Reflection and prayer for week of 17 to 24 November from Carolyn

This week was World Kindness Day – I got up early and made a coffee for my husband – so that's that for the year!

It does seem slightly odd that we are developing all sorts of random World... Days. In with the days that are important to highlight, such as World Mental Health Day and World Water Day, there is Cinnamon Bun Day, Pi Day (not the edible sort), World Waffle Day (the sort you eat) and, only a few days away, it is World Cake Day!

Joking apart, World Kindness Day invites us to celebrate acts of human kindness and to look out for stories about people's generosity of spirit which can only be a good thing in the midst of so many darker stories.

It was Ahmad Al-Rashid's tweet that drew my attention to this day. As a refugee, he writes: "I was met with so much kindness since I was forced to leave my home country, Syria. Lots of strangers helped and supported me along the way. The journey has been shaped by endless small acts of kindness that helped make life bearable."

As individuals and as a church community we give thanks to God for the many kindnesses given and received in our midst. We pray too for God to fill us with his grace so that our lives will be shaped by small acts of kindness that help to make life bearable and hopeful for others.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,

Let me be as Christ to you;

Pray that I may have the grace to

Let you be my servants, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,

Fellow travellers on the road;

We are here to help each other

Walk the mile and bear the load.

(Richard Gillard. 1977, *Scripture in Song*)

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SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER – 2nd Sunday before Advent

16:00 Gingins, Holy Communion

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SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER – Christ the King

10:00 Divonne, Holy Communion

16:00 Gingins, Evening Prayer

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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

SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER

14:00, Parish room, Gingins

The Safeguarding team invite you to join a group to go through the new **Safeguarding course** on the protection of children and adults. 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. Christine Warren, Cate Bichara and Liz Martinez ([email](#))

TUESDAY 19 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](#))

THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER

19:00 onwards at the Prieuré next to the Temple in Nyon, La Côte Blokes' Dinner

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

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.
