La Côte Anglican Church

Weekly Bulletin

Reflection and prayer for week of 24 November to 1 December from Louise Burrows

This Sunday, we will be reflecting on the theme of 'Christ the King'; I wonder what image that brings to your mind? Perhaps one from the book of Revelation – a shining throne in heaven surrounded by saints and angels? Our New Testament passages for this Sunday help us to flesh out a bit more of what it means that Christ is King. In Luke, we read about Christ being crowned with thorns rather than with gold, and perhaps we might also reflect on him entering Jerusalem on a donkey rather than a war-horse, and that he was born in a stable not a palace. This is a humble king who identifies with his people and who in his death and resurrection did all that was needed to bring us healing and wholeness. Our reading from Colossians talks of Christ as the one through whom and for whom all things were made, and who sustains all of creation. This is a king who encompasses the universe and is way beyond anything that we could ever imagine. So let us celebrate Christ the king who both identifies with us in our weakness and sustains us with his power, as we wait for his kingdom to be fully realized here on Earth as it is in heaven.

God the Father,

Help us to hear the call of Christ the King

And to follow in his service,

Whose kingdom has no end;

For he reigns with you and the holy spirit,

One God, one glory.

AMEN.

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SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER – Christ the King 10:00 Divonne, Holy Communion 16:00 Gingins, Evening Prayer

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SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER - Advent Sunday

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, Holy Communion

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ADVENT SERVICES:

8 DECEMBER, SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

10:00 in Divonne, Holy Communion

16:00 in Gingins, Christingle Advent Service, led by our youth for all the congregation

15 DECEMBER, THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

16:00 Gingins, Nativity Play Service for all La Côte Children

and:

THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER

20:00 Temple de Nyon, Service of Light in the darkness

SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER

19:00 for 19:30 start, Temple de Nyon, Jazz Carols

LOOK OUT FOR OUR FULL CHRISTMAS PUBLICITY NEXT WEEK!

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 26 NOVEMBER

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

THURSDAY 28 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 29 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

COMING UP

THIS SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER

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

Come and buy your Christmas crackers, cards, gifts, bric-a-brac, books, cakes, mincemeat & jams! Enjoy all-day refreshments, accompanied by carol singing. Activities for kids too!

MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2019

12:30 Bern, Ecumenical Service for opening of parliament

More information here.

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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

SAFEGUARDING

Please find a message from our Safeguarding team attached.

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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.

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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 (<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 (email) if you would like info about a church event to be 'tweeted' or tweet to @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.
