

# La Côte Anglican Church

## Weekly Bulletin

### Reflection and prayer for week of 15 to 22 December from Carolyn

The heavy grey rains of yesterday soaking through to the skin made today's early morning walk even more special. To the east, the glinting sun lined the clouds sitting below the Alps over Lac Lemman. To the west, the same sun lit up the freshly fallen snow of the Jura peaks. Breath-taking beauty – so easy to miss or take for granted.

*Loving, Creator God, give us eyes to behold your glory each day of Advent, of your coming among us. Thank you for the stunning beauty of this region many of us call home. May we treasure it with every act of our lives, especially at this time when consumerism can easily consume us. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, born as one of us to consecrate the whole. Amen.*

And for those of us seeking to “find our way” in the light and shadows of this season, here is what is happening this week at La Côte which may shed light on our paths. We look forward to seeing you with family, friends and neighbours.

### For those seeking stillness:

**Half an hour of “Lectio Divina”**, a quiet, guided meditation of a Scripture passage.

**Wednesday 11 December 18:30-19:00**, Temple de Divonne (see below for more info).

**For those seeking comfort and hope in a time of sorrow, and those who want to support them:**

**Blue Christmas Service** - Service of Light in the darkness

**Thursday 12 December 20:00 Temple de Nyon**

**For those seeking hopeful, creative interpretations of Christmas tunes and stories:**  
(I've been listening in to the music practices – some wonderful new harmonies!)

**Jazz Carols**

**Saturday 14 December 19:00 for 19:30 start, Temple de Nyon**, flyer attached.

Please click on link to reserve tickets: [www.lacotejazz2019.eventbrite.com](http://www.lacotejazz2019.eventbrite.com)

**For those seeking the joy (and chaos?) of the story of Christ's birth, re-told by La Côte Church children:**

**Nativity Play Service (The Fox's Tale)**

**Sunday 15 December 16:00, Gingins**, followed by mulled wine and Christmas snacks.

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**What is Lectio Divina?** With the help of a short Bible study passage read aloud three or four times, this is a chance to allow a word or phrase from the passage to speak to you and to listen for what God may be saying to you in the moment. You are welcome to come along to one or more of these both this week (see above) and next week:

Tuesday 17 December at 18:30 – 19:00 in the Temple de Nyon, (EERV) in Nyon.

Wednesday 18 December at 18:30 – 19:00 in the Temple Protestante de Divonne where

we normally meet for worship.

**Also** - every Wednesday lunchtime at 12:30 there is a Lectio Divina at Holy Trinity Church, Geneva to which everyone is welcome.

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### **Extra notice about the Nativity play service refreshments**

After the service with refreshments - we will also be holding a sale of handicrafts: jewellery made of recycled material, paintings, spices, sculptures and wooden decorations. This is in aid of Psy-pour-Haiti, a charity supported by Denise Bouvier, a member of La Côte Church. It is a mentoring programme conceived and run by young Haitians who meet weekly with schoolchildren to help them develop self-esteem and resilience in order to better serve their country in the future. All members of staff remain volunteers and are now in the 9th year of service!

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**CHRISTMAS SERVICES** [here](#).

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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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### **COMING UP**

#### **THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER**

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

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#### **SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER**

##### **14:00 Guided Tour of the Reformation Museum (MIR)**

Valerie Offord will be giving another guided tour (in English) of the Reformation Museum situated in the Old Town next to the Cathedral. This prize-winning Museum possesses many original interesting documents relating to the Reformation of the 16th century in the time of Calvin and Luther but also takes the story of 'welcoming' Geneva up to the present day.

The tour is free but admission to the Museum costs between 6 and 13 CHF per person.

For further details please contact Valerie Offord. ([email](#))

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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!

Do have a listen to his latest Advent Sermon -

<https://twitter.com/anormanwalker/status/1203689031684558850>

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## Information and requests

### 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 ([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.