

La Côte Anglican Church

Christmas Bulletin

Reflection and prayer from Carolyn

This final week of Advent reminds us of our longing – not just for Christmas celebrations to get underway – but for the coming of Christ's reign more fully into our lives and our world. Mary's prayer of praise (The Magnificat) rings out with hopeful trust in God who brings down the powerful and lifts up the lowly, the God who fills the hungry with good things and sends the rich away empty.

This is a life-giving and timely reminder for us as we rejoice in the Word made flesh, to find our joy in God our Saviour, asking for his strength to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God, just as Mary sought to do.

**O God, whose word is fruitless
when the mighty are not put down,
the humble remain humiliated,
the hungry are not filled,
and the rich are;
make good your word
and begin with us.**

**Open our hearts and unblock our ears
to hear the voices of the poor
and share their struggle;
and send us away empty with longing
for your promise to come true
in Jesus Christ. Amen**

(Janet Morley, in *Tell Out My Soul*, Christian Aid, 1990)

I also attach some inspiring prayers we had at our Christingle service in Advent, which will offer some guidance for prayer, especially on the theme of the light of Christ coming into the darkness of our world.

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SAPIN SOLIDAIRE

This venture has been set up by the Eglise Evangelique Réformée du Canton de Vaud. It is an opportunity to buy a gift for a child who might otherwise not receive anything this Christmas. This Friday 20 and Saturday 21 December you can go to the "Sapin Solidaire" in the Nyon Christmas Market to find out how you can take part.

<https://eerv.ch/sapin-solidaire/>

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Please see [here](#) for CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

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For our Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 15:00 in Gingins we would like to invite grown-ups as well as children to take part. So do come dressed up, or with something that symbolises a character in the Christmas Narrative, so that adults and children can take part. There will also be mulled wine and a soft drink afterwards.

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Mulled Wine – after our 17:00 Christmas Eve service

We would also like to offer mulled wine after our main service on Christmas Eve. If you think you can help to prepare and serve this – please let Carolyn know. We can provide the mulled wine and urn but need help with setting up and serving it.

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IN THE NEW YEAR:

SUNDAY 5 JANUARY

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 for all ages

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.

COMING UP

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. Since retiring, Dave Tomlinson, our speaker, 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>

Flyer attached

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.

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.