

# La Côte Anglican Church

## Weekly Bulletin

### Reflection and prayer for week of 2 to 9 February from Carolyn

This weekend marks the end of the season of Christmas and Epiphany when we have been celebrating the mystery of God becoming a human being. We end the season with “Candlemas” – recalling the moment when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus into the temple for a blessing. The God-light is carried tenderly into the synagogue and held up by the aging prophet Simeon, announcing that this little baby is the longed-for “light for revelation to the Gentiles.” We often think of light as a blaze of brightness, but it also comes in small, humble flickering candles and in understated words and interactions between one another. Malcolm Guite’s poem evokes the humility of the new parents presenting Jesus at the Temple.

The light was coming into the Temple in a new way, and we mark this in our service by lighting all the church candles with a large central light representing the Christ Light. As you read this sonnet by Malcolm Guite, use the imagery to help you pray for God’s peace and kindled light to shine in and through your life for his love’s sake.

**They came, as called, according to the Law.**

**Though they were poor and had to keep things simple,**

**They moved in grace, in quietness, in awe,**

**For God was coming with them to His temple.**

**Amidst the outer court’s commercial bustle**

**They’d waited hours, enduring shouts and shoves,**

**Buyers and sellers, sensing one more hustle,**

**Had made a killing on the two young doves.**

**They come at last with us to Candlemas**

**And keep the day the prophecies came true;**

**We share with them, amidst our busyness,**

**The peace that Simeon and Anna knew.**

**For Candlemas still keeps His kindled light,**

**Against the dark our Saviour’s face is bright.**

*(Malcolm Guite, *Sounding the Seasons*)*

**Lord, whatever darkness we face within and around us in our world, help us to glimpse your face, bright against the dark, always with us to illumine our path.  
Amen**

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**SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY – CELEBRATING CANDLEMAS**

**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, Evening Prayer, welcoming Revd Dave Tomlinson to preach  
**PLEASE BRING ANY OF YOUR REGULAR CANDLES FROM HOME TO LIGHT DURING THE SERVICE (and of course to take away with you at the end).**

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**SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent**

10:00 Divonne, Holy Communion

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.**

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### **COMING UP**

**TWO SPECIAL EVENTS WITH DAVE TOMLINSON (flyer attached):**

**'HOLY JOES' COMES TO DIVONNE – SAT. 1 Feb., 19:30 onwards at Divonne Parish Rooms**

In addition to our day together at the Château de Bossey, we are having a gathering with Dave Tomlinson the same evening: a chance to chat, discuss, argue about Christian faith, in a friendly, informal atmosphere, over a few drinks and eats.

If you are able to join us, please let Helen Harding ([email](#)) or Peta Tracey ([email](#)) know, for catering purposes.

**ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP - THURS. 6 Feb., 09:30-16:30 at 'The Hub' in Nyon** (opposite the station). Dave Tomlinson will be leading us in exploring a valuable personality-type method to understand ourselves and others more deeply. See attached flyer for more details and please register with Helen Harding ([email](#)).

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**SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY**

**19:00-22:00 Duillier, Musical Drop-In: *Swing 'n Soul* with Genny Laverty and Vicky Brohier**

For more information, please contact Ted Talbot - [email](#)

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**TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY**

**09:15 – 11:00 Bible Study chez Trevor Davies in Founex, continuing with the study in Matthew – this week embarking on Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount.**

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**FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY**

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

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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.

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