

# La Côte Anglican Church

## Weekly Bulletin

\*\*\*

### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE AND LA CÔTE CHURCH WORSHIP**

#### **SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES**

1. We will be reviewing the situation a week at a time
2. For this coming Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March La Côte Church will not be meeting for worship together in Gingins.
3. We have decided that our priority is to be in line with the government recommendations, which are to look after the most vulnerable in our community and to delay the spread of COVID-19.
4. We are sorry to have to do this and are aware that some of our community are particularly isolated and fearful. We would like to find ways to stay in touch and care for one another. For starters please find attached our church order for Sunday. Carolyn will be sending out a reflection on our Gospel story either written or possibly even recorded by Sunday afternoon.
5. Next week members of our council will meet to explore ways for our church to stay in contact with and support one another during this uncertain time.
6. We have had the backing of our Archdeacon, Adele Kelham, to take these measures.
7. Please let Liz or Carolyn know if you are sick or quarantined, or if you are feeling isolated and would like to be in touch with someone.

#### **SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS**

For the time being we feel that our small group meetings can continue to take place while taking good care to follow the current safety recommendations:

- a. If anyone has flu-like symptoms – including a dry cough, fever, or breathlessness that they do not attend the meetings.
- b. If anyone has been in contact with someone who has been infected, that they do not attend.
- c. Those attending wash their hands regularly, and thoroughly and use hand-sanitizer.
- d. That members of the group refrain from hand-shakes, hugs or kisses when greeting one another – and that they maintain a sensible social distance from one another during the meeting.
- e. It is wise to share refreshments in a way that does not involve hands dipping into the same plate or bowl.

The Wardens and Chaplain are monitoring the situation closely, in line with local authorities. Several members of the congregation who are working closely with WHO's outbreak response are keeping us informed and we will continue to assess the situation as it evolves.

We will make a decision regarding the AGM in due course.

For further guidance on how to protect yourself and the wider public please look at the relevant websites:

In France: <https://www.gouvernement.fr/info-coronavirus>

- Un numéro gratuit d'information sur le [#Coronavirus #Covid19](#) est disponible 7 jours sur 7, 24h sur 24 : **0.800.130.000** (appel gratuit).

In Switzerland:

### **Address for enquiries**

Federal Office of Public Health FOPH, Communications  
058 462 95 05 or [media@bag.admin.ch](mailto:media@bag.admin.ch)

<https://www.admin.ch/gov/en/start/documentation/media-releases.msg-id-78289.html>

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

This week the St Alban's Diocese in the Church of England tweeted "The Bishop's Coronavirus Golden Rules". They offer a refreshing reminder of attitudes to nurture in the midst of this pandemic. I share them here, slightly adapted for our community, with permission from St Alban's Diocese.

### **"The Bishop's Coronavirus Golden Rules"**

**This is not official advice: but this is food-for-thought about our attitudes.**

**Golden Rule One.** Each one of us can think about how we can protect and support our neighbours. So much of the public rhetoric is sowing fear about the danger of other people. So, taking all the official precautions, offer help and reassurance to others – and don't demonise anyone or any group.

**Golden Rule Two:** Think about who may be suffering more than me. For those of us who are healthy there is much less to worry about but the elderly, the housebound and those with chronic health conditions may be very anxious. How about each church undertaking an audit of all the vulnerable people they know and sharing out the responsibility to phone them each day. There's nothing like a friendly voice to offer solace when someone is worried. A smile can bring cheer, even on the phone. If you visit, follow all the official precautions or don't go.

**Golden Rule Three.** Don't give into panic and start hoarding food. There is plenty to go around, so practise the Christian discipline of sharing. Ask your neighbours what they need and do your best to help them get it. If you are self-isolating you will of course need some supplies.

**Golden Rule Four.** Live today to the full. None of us ever know what the future holds. In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6. 25 – 34), Jesus challenged his followers to live each day fully and not be afraid. Every time we are tempted to give in to fear we need to make a conscious choice to respond in trust and openness.

And don't forget to pray. Here's a suggestion from the Revd Louise Collins, a Team Vicar in Borehamwood, Herts, UK:

**Dear God our Shield and our Defender, guide and protect my neighbours in this time of health emergency; deliver them from all harm and may your love and care ever grow in this place. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.**

**+Alan St Albans**

Please continue to pray also for our WHO church members together with the wider WHO and medical and research staff, for God's strength and grace to tackle COVID-19 with calm, expertise and a unified approach.

### **Sunday collections**

As we are unable to gather for worship, please consider putting your contribution to the offering on one side and then bringing it once the virus has died down.

\*\*\*

**SUNDAY 15 MARCH – Lent 3**  
**16:00 Gingins, Holy Communion**

**SUNDAY 22 MARCH – Lent 4**  
**10:00 Divonne, Service of the Word**  
**16:00 Gingins, All age communion**

\*\*\*

**LA COTE ANGLICAN CHURCH AGM**  
**Sunday 29 March – Coffee from 13.30**  
**14:00 prompt start in Gingins parish rooms**

\*\*\*

**AGM OF THE FRENCH ASSOCIATION**  
**Sunday 22 March**  
**11:30 Divonne Parish Rooms**

\*\*\*

## **DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR EASTER DAY**

If you would enjoy helping with decorating the churches for Easter, either in person or through giving a donation, please get in touch with Carolyn.

\*\*\*

## **COMING UP**

### **MONDAY 16 MARCH**

**20:00-21:30** chez Louise & Jeremy Burrows, La Rippe

*Finding our Way*

### **TUESDAY 17 MARCH**

**09:30-11:00** Bible Study probably in Gingins Parish Rooms

*Finding our Way*

### **WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH**

**10:45-12:00** chez Jenny West in Divonne

*Finding our Way*

### **THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY**

**19:30 onwards** at the Prieuré in Nyon, La Côte Blokes' Dinner – with a focus on the subject of men and mental health.

### **FRIDAY 20 MARCH**

**09:30-11:15** Gingins Parish Rooms chez CCC

*Finding our Way*

\*\*\*

**LENTEN SEMINARS 2020: DISTORTING TRUTH AND EXPLOITING FEAR** (flyer attached) *from 19:30 at the parish rooms in Divonne*

**WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH – *Distorting truth and exploiting fear for political power***

Speaker: Chris Talbot

**WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL – *Distorting truth and exploiting fear for profit*** Speaker: Dr.

Nigel Rollins

\*\*\*

**15-17 MAY – ST ANDREW'S ZURICH, ARCHDEACONRY CHOIR FESTIVAL 2020**

*Registration by 15 March*

The Festival Choir, comprising singers from Chaplaincies across the Archdeaconry of Switzerland, meets to rehearse over the weekend to sing Evensong on Saturday 16 May at 17:30 and Eucharist on Sunday 17 May at 10:30. *For more information, please contact Shaun Yong, choirmaster: [musiczurich@anglican.ch](mailto:musiczurich@anglican.ch)*

\*\*\*

## BODMIN WAY PILGRIMAGE

**Discover Cornwall, follow the Celtic Saints, support the Bodmin Way. A pilgrimage for friends from Switzerland and France, 3 – 9 September 2020.**

The Bodmin Team Ministry would like to invite you to spend a week exploring its own pilgrimage route, the Bodmin Way, and to discover many of the local attractions. This would be an ideal setting for an introductory visit to the 'real Cornwall'. See flyer attached and visit the website [www.bodminchurch.com](http://www.bodminchurch.com)

\*\*\*

## INFORMATION AND REQUESTS

### **Donations towards the funeral service and burial of Surush.**

A number of you have been asking how to contribute to the ceremony of thanksgiving and farewell for our church member Surush. The Association "Le lieu-dit" offered to cover the costs and then receive donations made payable to the association. If there are any funds left – they will put towards his gravestone. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Here are the details:

**Compte Bancaire Le lieu-dit**

**IBAN: CH 46 0900 0000 1477 7852 7**

**CCP: 14-777852-7**

**BIC: POFICHBEXXX**

*Don't hesitate to contact Carolyn Cooke with any queries about this.*

\*\*\*

### **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](mailto:).*

\*\*\*

## 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](mailto:).*

**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](mailto:)*

### **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](mailto:)) 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](mailto:)) if you would like info about a church event to be 'tweeted' or tweet to [@lacoteanglican](https://twitter.com/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.

\*\*\*