

La Côte Anglican Church

Weekly Bulletin 29 March – 5 April

Remember that the clocks go forward by one hour on Sunday 29th!

Reflection and prayer from Carolyn

Dear La Côte Church family and friends,

We are continuing to navigate through these very unusual times.

One thing is certain - all of us are experiencing change, and with change there is usually a sense of loss and grief. Whatever we are going through, may I encourage you to turn to God in honest prayer, to express your feelings, both your fears and thankfulness about these times. We do not need to pretend with God, who knows and loves us infinitely. We are also aiming as a community to stay connected with one another so that we can share in the ups and downs of this uncertain path. Please do reach out to one another by phone or skype – or whatever works for you – with greetings, thoughts and requests for practical help. We have two points of contact who are coordinating shopping and other errands for our community, and for any you know who would like some help.

If you are on the French side of the border, please contact [Juana Willumsen](#).

If you are on the Swiss side please contact [Diantha Terry](#).

A number of us are connecting each morning for Anglican Morning Prayer from 7.30 – 8.00am via Zoom. You are welcome to join us (see below).

PLEASE DO TAKE SERIOUSLY THE SAFETY MEASURES IN PLACE TO DELAY THE SPREAD OF COVID19.

Here is a lucid description of how quickly the virus is transmitted:

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1241838854891622401>

Remember please that even if you don't mind getting the flu, with this highly infectious virus "it is not about you, it is about everyone else". (Professor Hugh Montgomery, Channel 4, UK)

There is a rich glut of prayers and reflections online and being posted on social media, so I would simply like to share here a couple of prayers aimed at using with children, which I think work for adults too!

A prayer for the world

God of love and hope,
you made the world and care for all creation,
but the world feels strange right now.
The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.
Some people are worried that they might get ill.

Others are anxious for their family and friends.
Be with them and help them to find peace.
We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,
and all who are working to discover the right medicines
to help those who are ill.
Thank you that even in these anxious times,
you are with us.
Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.
Amen.

A prayer at bedtime

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.

Tonight we pray especially for (*names family or friends who are affected by Coronavirus*) and the people of (*country or place which is affected by Coronavirus*).
Please give skill and wisdom to all who are caring for them.
Amen.

Please go to the following link for more liturgy to help us pray during this outbreak.
<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>

WORSHIP

Worship this coming Sunday 29th March – the Fifth Sunday in Lent:

We will be sending out an order of service together with prayers and you tube suggestions for music on Saturday evening, together with a link to a pre-recorded reflection from Carolyn. We do hope you will join in at some point on Sunday in prayer and worship virtually with the wider La Côte Church community. We are saving all the sermons on our YouTube page here: <https://youtu.be/Q7JVt08L2D0>
We will also be sending out suggestions of materials we can do with our children and youth.

Morning prayer

Join us for Anglican Morning Prayer on Mondays to Saturdays at 7.30 – 8.00am. **If you are joining for the first time, please connect at 7.15** so that we can work out any technical issues. Join us by pasting this link into your browser <https://zoom.us/j/562144741> You may need to download an app, if you have difficulties please send an email to [Louise](#).

COMING UP (DIGITALLY) THIS WEEK

FRIDAY 27th March

10:00-11:00 CCC by zoom <https://zoom.us/j/339979804>
and

17:30–19:00 Rock Solid trilingual Bible Study – English, French and Farsi by zoom <https://zoom.us/j/434044238>

For the latest news

Please click on these links

Gingins: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/8570/>

Divonne: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/19960/>

ELECTORAL ROLL SIGN-UP DEADLINE

No, not exactly the most important thing at the moment, but worth pointing out ... the deadline for signing up to the electoral roll is 15 days before the AGM. And since we don't know when the AGM will take place, there's currently no deadline! So if you aren't on the roll, would like to be and fulfil the conditions, please fill in the attached form on screen and send it to Steve Rawcliffe (direct, and NOT via one of the clergy or churchwardens, please!). Given the circumstances, we aren't insisting on a physical signature.

A few forms have arrived since the last reminder went out, so we're attaching an updated version of the roll – do check to see if you're on it!

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.

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

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](#))

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>

CORONAVIRUS

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:

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