



NEWSLETTER

August & September 2013



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**Christian communities
in Gingins and Divonne**

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE



ENJOYING THE GREEN TIMES

"Green" said an Eritrean friend in response to my question. "The difference between here and my country - here it is green and there everything is brown." I wonder if we get a little blasé about the luscious green all around us in this luxuriant part of the world. This year I especially noticed the luminous green spring foliage, following the heavy May rains. Green is deemed to be a calming colour and yet it also speaks of vibrant growth and life.

It is a fitting liturgical colour for this time of year also called the "ordinary" time in our church calendar. We have left behind the celebration whites and gold of Christmas, Epiphany and Easter, the sombre tones of purple Advent and Lent and the exciting red of Pentecost. Now is the time for getting on with following Christ, encountering God in the ordinary of green times. For many of us this green colour coincides with the change of pace in our lives, as the summer months bring holidays for children and students. I'd like to say that this opens up calmer times, but I fear that this may not be the case for many parents and other care-givers. Without school and term time activities there is less structure and fewer activities to occupy our charges! I was sitting on my balcony recently - just *sitting* and gazing at Mont Blanc - without any book or other form of entertainment. Our neighbour, a Dad of two small children wandered past, noticed my eerie tranquillity and in a voice tinged with envy and weariness called up "how dare you!" I had dared, and hope I will again. The change in pace does offer many of us a less hectic routine and moments to reflect if we so choose.

Green reminds me of growth - but also of calm. "He makes me lie down in green pastures", as Psalm 23 goes. The lying down is the tough bit for many of us, who tend towards a human "doing" rather than "being". But there it is: the shepherd making me lie down, and stop and let go of the illusion of having things all under control. Lying out on the grass, head back and eyes closed in the warm sun, you may well be familiar with the relaxation of the moment but also the vulnerability of letting go.

Back in Spring John and Peta led our La Côte prayer group on a prayer walk - through their local woods and farmland in Coinsins. The prayer station which resonated most this time was the fallow field where wild grasses and flowers were growing. It had a carefree, spontaneous feel about it - a playful flourishing of weeds sprouting up with no fear of being wrenched from the soil. It may well be in the fallow moments of summer that our minds and emotions have space to become more reflective and imaginative. In our fast-moving culture which encourages us to strive for more learning, growing,

understanding, acquisition, lying in a green field for the sake of it, may feel against the grain. But I would argue with nature on my side, that without making time for fallow moments – the soil of our lives will never replenish its nutrients.

“Our being is God’s gift to us. Our becoming is our gift to God”

observed Canon Mark Oakley to describe our relationship with God. We spend much of our lives being buffeted from one demand or pressure to another, striving to love God and neighbour in and through it all. The green pastures of Psalm 23 urge us to carve out some green moments in our lives when we notice the “gift of our being”, for his name’s sake (v3). You may well be thinking, “Carolyn, you are a fine one to talk, O headless chicken!” Yes, I hear that loud and clear, so I *am* speaking first to myself, even if it does not come easily. I am spurred on by George Herbert’s poem “The Pulley” in which he speaks of our “repining restlessness” and our need for moments when our weariness will toss us back onto God’s breast.

The Pulley

When God at first made man,
Having a glass of blessings standing by,
“Let us,” said he, “pour on him all we can.
Let the world’s riches, which dispersèd lie,
Contract into a span.”

So strength first made a way;
Then beauty flowed, then wisdom, honour, pleasure.
When almost all was out, God made a stay,
Perceiving that, alone of all his treasure,
Rest in the bottom lay.

“For if I should,” said he,
“Bestow this jewel also on my creature,
He would adore my gifts instead of me,
And rest in Nature, not the God of Nature;
So both should losers be.

“Yet let him keep the rest,
But keep them with repining restlessness;
Let him be rich and weary, that at least,
If goodness lead him not, yet weariness
May toss him to my breast.”

George Herbert (1593-1633)

Carolyn

COUNCIL UPDATE



Since the 2013 AGM on 7 April, the La Côte Chaplaincy Council has held two meetings: on 6 May and 10 June. At the AGM Monkia Rawcliffe stepped down as a member of the Council and Catherine Crocoll resigned as Archdeaconry Synod Representative and ex-officio member of the Council. Susan Werkhoven took over this role, and Charlie Wetham, was elected as a new member of the Council. At its first meeting after the AGM, the Council elected the following Officers for the coming year: Lay Vice-Chairman: Dwight Moe, Treasurer: Philippe Chambeyron, Secretary: Val Geschonke.

A concern for La Cote, pointed out at the AGM, was that in spite of the steady growth of the community, income was not keeping pace. It had remained static at around SFr.200,000.- annually. However, Council was pleased to hear that more people had agreed to pledge this year. Fundraising for good causes has continued: SFr.2,900.- had been raised for asylum seekers and the Church Syrian Appeal raised SFr.1,300.-. Our donation has been sent to Swiss Solidarity to be used towards their work with refugees. A meeting of the finance sub-group was held on 22 May 2013 and discussed, among other matters, communication with the wider church about finances, a proposal to set up a discretionary fund for people in financial difficulty and the introduction of an "envelope system", of specific interest to residents in France. These matters will be discussed in Council later.

At its first meeting, the new Council discussed the role and purpose of the Chaplaincy Council, to enable the meetings to be used to the best effect. The Chaplain and Churchwarden, Liz Bramley, had attended a day's training organized by the Archdeaconry on "How to be a good council member", which provided many ideas for more productive interaction. Good engagement at meetings meant that members should be able to bring to the table differences of opinion, and agree to differ. Members acknowledged that there was a tendency for a Council to gravitate towards management, which was usually more straightforward. However, the Council also had



the responsibility for governance: setting purpose and approving values: looking outside the Church, to what trends and external factors affected it. Sub-groups will work on specific issues, such as finance and youth work, and the Council will take decisions based on their findings. This will allow the Council more time to step back and see the bigger view.

Pentecost service held on 19 May at the Temple de Nyon

At its June meeting the Chaplain presented a document setting out in an aspirational way pictures of what the La Côte community could become. Members found these ideas inspirational but noted that it was difficult to interpret vision, and to evaluate success. Some aspects presented a challenge and we could not realistically expect to achieve it all. The Council will have an opportunity to respond to the document in the autumn.

Council discussed the Development Group's recommendations for the top priorities for the next year, determined as "Children and Youth" and "Presence". Other priority areas were identified as welcome, prayer, maintaining clergy and communication. The employment of a youth leader was an indispensable factor in the achievement of our end goals for children and youth and the Council agreed to set up a Youth Pledge fund for this purpose. This was something new, but integral to the life of our Church. Pledges are needed rather than donations to allow us to plan our spending. As an interim solution, Eamon Parkes, a theology graduate, joined us to assist part-time in our work with young people. He has led some of the Friday SAS events for 10-14 year olds, and had also worked on themes for the SAS camp. Eamon has agreed to stay at La Côte for a year until June 2013 and will receive support and guidance from members of the Church.

The Council also considered the Development Group's findings regarding "Presence". La Côte had grown to become a regional church and the Council acknowledged the need to be more accessible. The Pentecost Service held at the Temple de Nyon had been an experiment of worship elsewhere. The idea was to consolidate, not to split the community. Bearing in mind resources, the Council wanted to look into the possibilities of holding services elsewhere in the region, at other times, perhaps mid-week, and the availability of an appropriate location. It encouraged the Development Team and the Chaplain to investigate this. Our presence in Divonne is also restricted, compared to the other French churches, because we do not have an official status. The Council therefore also requested the Development Group to look into ways to permit us to stand alongside the other churches with the same legal footing.

The Council will consider these issues further when it meets again in September and will consult members of the congregation on what they see as the needs of the Diocese in Europe in respect to the successor of Bishop Geoffrey.

LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY FROM THE CHAPLAINCY COUNCIL

Dear friends,

You will no doubt be aware that we have welcomed Eamon Parkes into our La Côte Church community as part-time youth leader and hopefully you will have had an opportunity to chat with him after worship. This has been an exciting development and an answer to prayer as we have been exploring the options open to us since our AGM in 2012 when we put forward plans for a full-time youth leader over 3 years.

There was huge support for this in principle and a youth pledge fund was established, but in these difficult economic times, the full amount of funds was difficult to gather. Since autumn 2012 a youth work focus group has been working hard to find other solutions so that we could move forward with our current youth groups and put down a firmer basis for the ever-growing children's groups in both our congregations. This group has regularly reported progress to Council. One of the many blessings was the

very positive experience with Josiah and Sissi Jennings from Youth With a Mission, who worked with us from September to December 2012.

In January 2013, we advertised locally with the English-speaking churches in the area and Eamon contacted us at the end of March. Carolyn and I met him for an initial informal talk, and then for a more formal interview. We are very impressed with Eamon who arrived here from Ireland last summer to accompany his wife, a teacher in the Collège du Léman. With a professional background in architecture, a degree in practical theology, and a qualification for teaching English, Eamon has a lot of life and Christian experience to offer our young people. In the past he has led youth camps in Ireland, and been involved in mentoring young people and in humanitarian projects. Here in Switzerland he has completed an internship with UNICEF, done some supply teaching at CDL and is now teaching English to adults in a language school on a part-time basis.

Eamon is very enthusiastic about his work with our young people. Fairly soon after he started working with us in mid April, having agreed on a trial period until the end of June, it became clear that a commitment for next year was a natural step both for him and us. We are very pleased that with Eamon's commitment and skills we can plan effectively and develop some consistency with our young people over the year to come.

As Eamon started work with us, we agreed with him on a monthly fee of 800 CHF, plus expenses. Eamon's work will centre around:

- Sunday youth groups (chatfaith in Divonne, 14+ group in Gingins)
- SAS for 10+ youngsters on Friday evenings
- Supporting and resourcing 10-14 age groups in both congregations
- Organising June SAS camping trip and other possibilities for camps
- Building relationships with our young people.

In order to honour our commitment to Eamon, we must seriously look at the financial resources available. Several people made contributions when we set up the youth fund, and the Divonne Christmas lunch proceeds were added to this. Some of this has now been spent on Eamon's fees to date, and subsidizing the youth weekend organised by Westlake Church, which 12 of our young people attended. Currently we have 4,136 CHF available for our youth work, which at the agreed rate, will cover Eamon for 4 months.

Please consider helping us to finance the continuation of this work, preferably by offering a regular pledge, or alternatively by making a one-off donation. This year we are aiming to add at least 6,000 CHF to our fund, in order to be in a strong and confident position to build on Eamon's work so far and thus ensure consistency for our youth from September 2013 to June 2014. Please contact Ted Talbot who is our youth fund administrator – he will advise you on ways of paying. His contact details are: tedtal@vtx.ch and 022 361 04 01.

Carolyn, Julia and the youth work focus group firmly believe this is part of the calling and ministry of La Côte for the future. Please support our plans.

With thanks and prayers,

La Côte Anglican Church Chaplaincy Council



Focus on youth - YWAM service held on 16 June at Gingsins

HOLY CONVERSATIONS

NEXT STEPS IN OUR STRATEGIC PLANNING

It has been a positive and creative year for us at La Côte as we have taken time to review our current mission focus and our sense of direction as a church. This discernment process has been the key focus for the last 10 months at La Côte. It has been entitled “Holy Conversations” after a handbook for strategic planning in churches, by Alice Mann and Gil Rendle (2003). We have aimed as a church community to listen and to talk to one another and to God about who we are and what we are called to be and do as a church community in this region. Here is the next phase of the journey: two strategic priorities which have emerged from the review process and have been agreed at Council level for the coming year. Thank you to Julia who has written up the following report to bring the church community up to date.

Carolyn

PROGRESS TO JUNE 2013

At the AGM in April, Carolyn presented a summary of progress since the Bossey Day and plans for the coming months. At the February Council meeting we had agreed to set up a development planning sub-group which would be accountable to Council. The tasks of this group were to draw together all the feedback from the Holy Conversations in order to shape our vision and priorities. The team consists of a mix of Council members and planning team members: our two clergy, Ed Kelley, Tim Price, Geoff Senogles, Richard and Heidi Hawkings, Chris Potter and Alison Ball.

This team has met three times. The first meeting on 7th March aimed to cluster and categorise the feedback into some overall themes: **Vision, Strategic, Prayers** and **Quick win**.

The second meeting on 19th March aimed to work on a mission statement and to group priorities into top, middle and bottom in relation to the following mission statement:

La Côte Anglican Church- a Christian community committed to growing together in love for God and for our neighbours through welcoming everyone, worshipping together and witnessing in the wider world.

From this statement, strategic priorities emerged, the top ones of which were: **Welcome, Children & Youth, Communications, Presence and Focus on prayer.**

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The development group's task for the meeting held on Wednesday 5th June was to determine some strategic priorities from the 'top priorities' list and set measurable goals. The two strategic goals for the next year were determined as: **Children & Youth** and **Presence**.

A significant part of the discussion centered around other areas which had emerged as strategic priorities in the top and middle brackets, but which can be seen as 'cross-cutting areas' or 'lens through which our priorities can be viewed'. These are:

- Welcome
- Prayer
- Maintaining clergy
- Communication.

Taking a matrix model, these four areas could be seen as ways of achieving the 2 strategic priorities.

The next part of the discussion focused on looking at how to set measurable goals for the 2 priorities, using a guide set out in 'Mission Action Planning.'

1. Children and youth

We will have an active, vibrant, prayerful, engaged La Cote youth community at all ages when:

- a. we have secured our youth leader in his current role,
- b. we have linked actively to other Christian youth events (from other local churches)
- c. we are adequately resourcing and valuing our volunteer children and youth leaders,
- d. we are integrating young people more in our worship both as participants and leaders
- e. we are facilitating extra weekday activities and events.

2. Presence

It was noted that here there is a difference between the two congregations as they function in two different locations and have different levels of maturity. 'Presence' will therefore be different. Gingins is in a rural village with no accessibility by public transport. Divonne is in the centre of a growing town which is constantly expanding. The Sunday morning market is an important factor. We will therefore need to work with 3 levels of 'presence' – La Côte/Swiss lakeside area; Divonne/Pays de Gex; the overall chaplaincy area. Our measurable goals for this are as follows:

We will be more present in the La Côte/Swiss lakeside region when:

- a. we have an "outpost" (eg office, meeting place, etc) in a local large community,
- b. when prospective congregation members can come to us by train/public transport,
- c. a regular open prayer group is meeting in Nyon or another local town,
- d. We have improved our external communication (web site).

We will be more present in Divonne/Pays de Gex when:

- a. we have more access to the Divonne market,
- b. we stand alongside the other churches with the same legal footing,
- c. we can publicize our events and church life locally,
- d. we have a French association in order to achieve the above.

We will be more present as the whole of our overall La Côte chaplaincy area when:

- e. La Cote church is supporting, though its congregational members, opportunities for meeting and ministry in our communities and places of work.

We hope you will see all this as an exciting plan for the year to come, a work in progress which will draw many in. If there are areas to which you would like to contribute, please contact Carolyn or Julia. Since the last development team meeting, as part of the 'Presence' strategic priority, we have seen opportunities to offer more to our older members and these will be explored in the coming months.

Please pray for our La Côte Anglican Church community as we look to the year ahead. Pray about how you might help.

God has a purpose for you.

You are given a part to play in the Body of Christ.

Go then in peace, and serve God with faith. Amen.

Julia Chambeyron June, 2013

The Editor thanks Churchwarden Liz Bramley for the photos contributed to this issue of the La Cote Newsletter, in addition to all the other duties she faithfully carries out on our behalf.



SWISS ARCHDEACONRY SYNOD, 22 June 2013

Revd Adèle Kelham, Chaplain of Christ Church Lausanne and members of the congregation hosted our summer Synod in their newly renovated church. Val Geschonke and Susan Werkhoven, Lay Synod Representatives for La Côte attended the meeting with our Chaplain.

Following the announcement of the retirement of Bishop Geoffrey, the Synod was informed of the procedure for the election of the new bishop. Our Diocesan Representative, Mary Talbot, reported on the whole procedure which will probably take about a year. The process starts now with the chaplaincies; or even individuals. We can submit suggestions by the end of September 2013 on what we see as the needs of the Diocese. Based on this information, the Vacancy-in-See Committee will look for the person who can fulfil these needs. A diocesan profile will then be drawn up



Bishop Geoffrey visits La Côte

and the appointment process will continue step by step. Adrian Mumford, Diocesan Secretary, was present at the meeting to answer questions about the differences between the Diocese in Europe and other dioceses in the UK. For example, we are not on British territory and therefore this is not a royal appointment. Two people from each Archdeaconry (in our case Revd. John Newsome and Mary Talbot) will sit on the Vacancy-in-See Committee. The process will then continue stage by stage and the Appointments Committee hopes to be able to draw up a shortlist of candidates by Easter 2014. In the meantime, Bishop David and other bishops will be available for confirmations and other duties.

Revd Canon Dr Douglas Pratt, Adjunct Professor at Old Catholic Theological Department, University of Berne addressed Synod on “Interfaith and Christian/Moslem Relations”. Throughout the ages Christian/Moslem relationships have revolved between mutual affinity, mutual antipathy and mutual enquiry. These three features have continued throughout the ages, sometimes more than one, sometimes another. In the mid 20th century Christian churches encouraged a turnabout with dialogue between the two faiths. Several forums have been established in recent years to study relationships, interpretation of biblical and Koran texts and how to build bridges between our faiths. Christianity and Islam are the dominant faiths in the world. Therefore we must find a mutual solution and not be influenced by anti-islamic propaganda: rather try to see how we can both live within a common set of modern values.

This year the charity Partner Sein celebrated 20 years of ecumenical co-operation with other relief organisations in Switzerland. Our Archdeaconry contributes to the 38 projects it supported this year with a total of CHF 226’550. The Swiss Archdeaconry also continues to contribute €200 per month to the Athens chaplaincy to help them in their assistance to the poor and needy there. The Archdeaconry now holds CHF 3’500 on behalf of the British Charity Fund - Berne, to be used for the support of needy British citizens in Switzerland. This is part of a British Embassy fund which has been put at our disposal. The Archdeaconry Treasurer, John Waygood, should be informed via the Chaplain if any British person known to members of chaplaincies in our Archdeaconry (or spouses and children) need support. More money could be made available if long-term support became necessary.

Our Diocesan representative Nick Leaver thanked Synod for electing him and giving him the opportunity of seeing the Diocese at work. He found his first Diocesan Synod an amazing experience with high quality speakers and impressive organisation. The SACEP (Swiss Archdeaconal Christian Education Programme) meeting “How to be a good Council Member” with Keith Lamdin held on 27 April in Berne, was very

interesting and successful. Roy Taylor, Chaplain at Holy Trinity Geneva, is shortly leaving Switzerland and in future SACEP will be run by Hilary Jones (Basel). The Archdeacon thanked Roy for his work on SACEP and wished him all the best in his new post in Tenerife.

At January Synod a suggestion was made that we could use our time at Synod more effectively by holding discussions on more relevant matters of interest to chaplaincies. A two-day Synod once a year was suggested, which could be more productive than two one-day sessions, when there is less time for constructive discussion. Some chaplaincy-related problems of interest to everyone might be better dealt with in meetings organized by SACEP, giving more members of the churches the opportunity to take part. The Retreat held in May at Crêt Bérard was poorly attended this year. It was a pity, as the speaker, Dr Clare Amos, was excellent. The reasons were not clear, but could be due to cost, date, location, or not enough publicity. The Standing Committee will discuss this further.

With respect to Swiss Ecumenical relations, the Archdeacon attended recent meetings of the Swiss AGCK which is in the process of restructuring its organisation. It was decided to join the Sunday Alliance, which is campaigning against Sunday trading. A formal agreement on mutual recognition of baptism is in the pipeline. The Anglican community at Neuchâtel is now part of Lausanne (previously Berne). The present priest-in-charge at Neuchâtel, Revd. Diane Cox, will retire in August 2013. The Archdeacon expressed our thanks to her and wished her all the best. The next Swiss Archdeaconry Synod will be held in January 2014.

Miriam Keller & Val Geschonke

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<p>MISSION STATEMENT</p>

<p>WE ARE A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY COMMITTED TO GROWING IN LOVE FOR GOD AND FOR OUR NEIGHBOUR</p>

LA CÔTE NEWS

NEWS FROM DIVONNE

On June 23rd our worship was a very lively youth-led service on the theme of the fairness of God. The chatfaith youth group had been grappling with this and shared their thoughts with the congregation by means of the parable of the vineyard workers from Matthew 20, a quiz, a sketch and a talk by Eamon. Saskia, Eoin, Naomie and Fiona led parts of the liturgy and prayers with Ed and Julia. The music group led our singing – thanks to Nigel, Jane and Richard for the great contributions. The theme of vines continued in the

prayers which Susan had prepared – we each used vine leaves to write our thanks for God’s unexpected generosity to us. The whole service was very much appreciated by us all and was followed by the annual picnic chez Chambeyron. Despite the cool weather and clouds, we all enjoyed the amazing food and a chance to chat. The children braved the pool and adults and children alike practised their tennis!



Children's service, Divonne

On June 30th the children had their final session in Sunday Club before the summer break. They welcomed back Aimée Abra Tenu from Togo. She brought us up to date with developments at STEJ, the NGO she founded 12 years ago. The village primary school has grown and is now part of the public school system. A canteen system is planned, whereby families will rear chickens and grow crops and the mums will prepare a midday meal for the children. Those travelling to the nearest secondary school appreciate the bikes donated last year – 26 more are now needed as more children progress to *collège*. The *maison de quartier* now has 6,000 books available to children for after school and weekends, as well as a few computers. Zam-ké, the brand of recycled products which some of us snapped up after the service, now employs 8 people and is developing new lines. The latest initiative, laundry soaps, employs another 10 people and a large order of 60,000 soaps has been made by a local wholesaler.

The Divonne children decorated jam jars in which to collect coins over the summer, and the funds collected will support two children in the primary school – Lucien and Géraldine.

As ever, Aimée inspires all those she meets. If you would like to learn more about the work of STEJ, or support its projects, visit www.stejtogo.org or contact Julia and Philippe Chambeyron.

Julia

BAPTISMS

It has been a delight to celebrate with a number of families the baptisms of their children.



Tess Aoifa Valentin - 21 April 2013
with parents Mark and Diane



Thanksgiving prayers for **Elsa Nicholson** - 14 July 2013 with parents Lexa and James



Mia Zoe Molinar - 5 May 2013
with parents Annabell Molinar and Philip Cox



Louis Aaron Shepherd - 14 July 2013
Davin and Kate Shepherd parents

*May God the Father of all bless the parents of these children
and give them grace to love and care for them.
May God give them wisdom, patience and faith,
help them to provide for their children's needs
and, by their example,
reveal the love and truth that are in Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

ASYLUM SEEKERS AND LA CÔTE CHURCH

Eritrean Information Session

Eritrea rarely features in the news, yet Eritreans are the major group of human rights victims who receive asylum in Switzerland (and Christian believers who attend our church). To raise awareness on the situation in Eritrea, we organized an information session at Gingins church. The event was well-attended with around 30 people. Rev Mike French and Duane Poppe gave us the background on the dictatorship and 'police state': the forced labour of virtually every citizen and the disappearance of people who dare to speak out. We learned about the fear, the lack of freedom from three Eritrean refugees, who shared their experiences as to why and how they had fled the country. Finally, Revd. Mireille Dolfus explained about the Swiss vote on 9 July 2013 on whether to reform the asylum law and how this might affect deserters from Eritrea, what the Swiss churches are doing and more about the legal situation of asylum seekers in the Canton of Vaud.

Update on activities

This summer our efforts have centred on the following: offering lifts to church, occasional meals, and developing closer friendships, linking them to odd jobs and garden work, building their skills in key areas and English language classes and individual tuition (with Westlake).



Preparing Eritrean meal

Speaking personally, I have found it very rewarding. On first encounter there is often hesitancy, doubt, even a bit of suspicion. But after a short while it is wonderful to see their beaming smiles of recognition, to receive their heartfelt thank-you, or hear the enthusiasm in their voices when they answer a phone call from us.

As friendship grows we have felt privileged when they have trusted us enough to share something of their past. Three of the Christians attend our church: Abel (Eritrea, Lausanne); Yasser (Syria, Lausanne), Eskindir (Ethiopia, Begnins). They all speak a bit of English – please give them a warm welcome when you see them – they like to practice their English which they have picked up by watching English and American films!

THANK YOU to everyone who has helped!

Joy

FAREWELL TO THE INGLESFIELD FAMILY

David, Stéphanie and their four sons Tristan, William, Louis and Andrew were with us at La Côte for 2 years – but made a big impact! From their active participation in worship in Divonne, through David's great support for your youth work, their enthusiasm for the SAS camping weekends and on to Stéphanie's memorable performances in the Gingins crib services....we will miss them so much!

We send them every possible blessing for their new lives in the UK –THANKS TO THEM ALL – and keep in touch!

BIBLE STUDY SESSIONS IN DIVONNE....



On the evening of May 15th nearly 30 of us gathered in the Divonne parish rooms for a session entitled 'Living and Learning with Luke'. This was led by Biblical scholar and teacher Dr Clare Amos, who is currently Programme Coordinator for Interreligious Dialogue at the WCC. Clare's talk was thoroughly engaging, both inspiring and full of theological insights about Luke's gospel, and included poems and quotes from other writers too. We all left wanting more so we have invited Clare to come back on Wednesday 4th December for an Advent session on John's gospel. We will confirm date, times etc later in the year, but this will be another excellent opportunity for deepening our knowledge and our faith.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY EVENINGS COINSINS



After many years of hosting the fortnightly bible study evenings, the Tracey's are now taking a break. A social evening was held on 26 June at their home to mark the end of the group meetings. Our thanks go to Peta and John for their generosity and long term commitment.

LA CÔTE HIKING GROUP

This has not been the best year for Saturday hikes and many have been cancelled because of heavy rain on the day. Nevertheless, 15 of us braved the torrential rain on 29 June for a hike led by Michel Ruffieux, who is a ranger and a very knowledgeable guide in the Jura. Despite the weather, we all enjoyed the morning and we look forward to organising another outing with Michel later on this year or next.



Making the most of the hot weather on 13th July La Côte walkers managed two teams of four and had great fun participating in the "*Rallye pédestre familial de Tartegnin*". It was so much enjoyed everyone who participated wants to go again next year...so if you missed coming with us watch this space in 2014!

Mollie

SONG GROUP SUMMER PARTY

Members of the Song group gathered on 14 June to welcome Margaret and Harold Corrigan back among us after the many weeks they spent in England caring for Margaret's Dad at his home until the end of his life. Twenty-one people were present at the party, hosted with panache by Mollie Lufkin, although some regular members were not able to make it. We all had great fun and are looking forward to getting back together for our regular practice sessions (with a lot of laughs) after the summer break.



Val



JUNIOR LA CÔTE NEWS - DIVONNE

OUR TRIP TO THE ANIMAL SHELTER

At Sunday school, we had a guest speaker who came to share some information about our trip to the SOS Animaux shelter in Cessy. Our guest speaker was a friend to animals, because she used to work at the shelter and has two dogs and two cats. Then



we made cards for Fathers' Day, but I put so many dogs on my card it looked more like dogs' day! We also sold cakes which people had given to help raise money for the shelter. The money can buy food and veterinary care for the dogs.

In the afternoon, some of us from Sunday school met up at the animal shelter in Cessy. I have already been there, as sometimes my Mommy, my sister and I go to walk the dogs in the afternoons. Anyone can go, and the dogs are really happy to get out, so it's a way to make somebody's day nicer. It makes my day nicer too, because I love dogs!

Our young writer, Sophia Mitchell Jones (8) and Amélie Nissen (7)

We had quite an adventure, because we got a really big dog called Boss and he doesn't like other boy dogs. He was great on the walk, but when we got back, another dog came out of the office as people were leaving, and the two dogs got into a big fight! The manager helped pull them apart.

The people who take care of the dogs are really wonderful and they are in very good health. The lady told us that most of the dogs find a home within six months, but that smaller, cuter dogs usually go within a week. I am glad there are so many people who want to share their homes with these dogs. I am grateful this was organised and it was my favourite Sunday School day because I love dogs and I like helping them.

Sophia

MUSICAL DROP-IN

The Musical Drop In evenings are held on the first Sunday of the month chez Ted Talbot, 28 chemin de la Combe, 1260 Nyon, with drinks and cold buffet provided, (cover charge: CHF 7) . The idea is not just to provide great live music, but to create an opportunity to meet old and new friends, invite neighbours or merely relax in pleasant company. **For a map and further information, contact Ted Talbot, tel: 022 361 04 01 E:Mail: tedtal@vtx.ch.** Look out for details of the event to be held next in the La Côte Bulletin.



La Cote
Autumn Fair
28 Sept 2013
10.00-17.00
Salle Communale
Crassier

We hope you can join us for this fun day out for all the family, with lots of attractive quality stalls, games and food.

Proceeds will go to the Church for its ministry in the local community and overseas projects



The organizers get cracking at the first Autumn Fair workshop, hosted by Christina.

SAS

Ted Talbot first started SAS in 2001. It stands for Special Activity Scene for 10 to 14 year-olds and provides fun activities and a meeting point for English speaking young people in the Nyon area. Some participants are La Côte community youngsters, others not. Contact Ted for further details. **Email tedtal@vtx.ch - tel: 022 361 04 01**



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LA CÔTE SERVICES August – October 2013

		Gingins 4pm	Divonne 10am
Trinity 10	4 th Aug	Holy Communion	
Trinity 11	11 th Aug	Iona Evening Prayer	Family Service with 2 baptisms
Trinity 12	18 th Aug	Holy Communion	
Trinity 13	25 th Aug	Evening Prayer	Holy Communion
Trinity 14	1 st Sept	Reaffirmation of Baptismal vows with Holy Communion	
Trinity 15	8 th Sept	Holy Communion	Morning Worship
Trinity 16	15 th Sept	Ecumenical Service at the Bonmont Abbey at 10.00 Holy Communion at usual 4pm time	
Trinity 17 Harvest Celebration	22 nd Sept	All Age Worship with Holy Communion	Family Communion
Trinity 18	29 th Sept	Evening Prayer	Holy Communion
Trinity 19 St Francis	6 th Oct	Service of Blessing for Animals (see details of time nearer the day) Holy Communion at usual 4pm time	
Trinity 20	13 th Oct	Evening Prayer	Morning Worship
Trinity 21	20 th Oct	Holy Communion	
Trinity 22 Bible Sunday	27 th Oct	All Age Worship	Holy Communion