



NEWSLETTER

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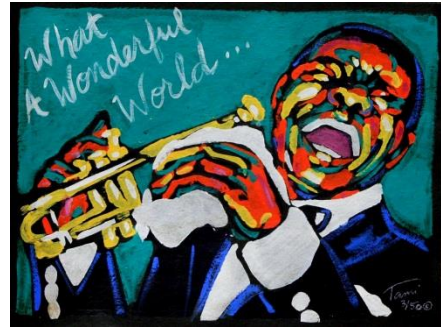
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MESSAGE FROM CAROLYN

CREATION-TIDE FOR WONDER AND WORSHIP

Many of you will know the song “What a wonderful world”, first recorded by Louis Armstrong in 1967. I recently came across a BBC adaptation of this song put to stunning scenes of our world. If you have two minutes I urge you to look up the BBC David Attenborough rendition on You Tube.



I love this season of creation-tide in our church calendar – with the encouragement to focus on the beauty of creation. No doubt many of us have had moments of wonder at our natural world during the summer months. Creation-tide encourages us to channel our “wow” factor towards God the creator, through praise, prayer and action. Wonder leads to worship, as in the well-loved hymn by Karl Boberg:

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God; to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!*

King David expressed this so well in his prayer of consecration of the building of the ancient temple. In the presence of all the assembly, David blessed God with these words of wonder:

“Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours.” (1 Chronicles 29.11)

Yet, it does not end there. Worship leads to self-giving as we offer back to God that which is already his. David was dedicating to God all that was needed to build the temple. His prayer acknowledged that it all belongs to him: “For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. All this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own.” (1 Chronicles 29.14,16)

As David offered back to God what was needed to build the temple, so we offer back to him what we can to build his kingdom. With our diverse church community, we are doing this in countless ways throughout the year, through our work, domestic and social lives. One noticeable way we are doing this together is through our church autumn fair. This is an expression of a free-will offering to our Creator God. Guided by Christina and Sharon, many of us are finding ways of giving generously of our time, energy and creativity into this fair. This venture might have started out as a way to build up our church funds but has become so much more. As it has gathered momentum over the last few months it has become a harvest thanksgiving in itself.

So we offer to God every aspect of our autumn fair – asking him to consecrate it and all of us who will be coming and taking part. We pray for him to bless what we bring to him of creativity and hard work and through these gifts to build his kingdom among us and to make us a blessing to others.

Carolyn

PRAAYER – ENTERING THE DEPTHS OF GOD



Prayer is an invitation to enter into the deep mystery of God but it remains a challenge to most of us. The open door of this ancient monastery in Estonia symbolizes that invitation with the daunting darkness just over the threshold, but the flickering eternal light a bit further on.

St Paul, in his first book to the Christians in Thessalonica, urged them to “pray continually” and more recently Henri Nouwen wrote that prayer is “our first obligation as well as our highest calling.” There are many books, websites and courses in various prayer techniques which can offer us ideas and guidance, but the most important thing is to actually do it! How we do it will largely depend on our personality and our Christian background. Many people will be more than happy to pray out loud in a spontaneous way by themselves or with others. Others may view prayer as an intensely personal experience which is part of their inner and private life. Some may like the rhythm and comfort of traditional liturgies which they can settle into, others prefer very short ‘arrow’ prayers bringing a specific situation before God using their own heartfelt words. For some very wise and devoted souls, prayer is simply resting silently in the presence of God, listening to His beauty and His love.

My personal preference is to use tried and tested prayers which other individuals or groups have formulated and prayed faithfully. I very much value the power of the connection to other Christians, as well as to God, and the way those connections make me part of a bigger story. I may not always use the same prayers: I have some old favourites but also often come across new ones which capture my imagination and draw me towards God. In this article I would like to write about two prayers which inspire me personally, and I hope that they will encourage you to find some of your own.

The first is part of our Anglican Holy Communion liturgy and is known as the Collect for Purity or the Prayer of Preparation.

***Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleans the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

This prayer was originally in Latin and formed part of a priest’s preparation before celebrating Mass. At the time of the Reformation it was translated into English by Thomas Cranmer and included in the Book of Common Prayer. Reformation theology taught that everyone belongs to the ‘priesthood of all believers’ and therefore all came before God equally. In our Common Worship liturgy we all pray this together, recognising collectively the complete knowledge God has of each one of us, and our need for cleansing through the Holy Spirit as we prepare to worship Him. It is a very powerful way to begin public worship but is equally powerful when used privately – it connects us to thousands of years of praying communities and to the hearts of countless individuals praying in many different circumstances. I have prayed this on two occasions when I was undergoing an MRI scan – stuck in a

claustrophobic tunnel with my head in a vice and awful loud noises booming in my ears! Knowing this prayer off by heart and being able to repeat it was reassuring and reminded me that God knew exactly what was happening and would enable me to worship in spite of sometimes difficult circumstances.

The second prayer is one I have found recently in “Daily Prayer,” a book of liturgies for everyday use with a wide range of choice according to the day of the week or the church season. All the psalms are included, with a prayer at the end of each one. The following prayer comes at the end of the middle section of psalm 119 – a very long one!

***Lord Christ,
as we sit at your feet,
teach us your living way;
for you are our Word and Wisdom,
one God with the Father and the Holy
Spirit,
now and for ever. Amen.***

As I pray this I can picture myself sitting at our Lord’s feet – and it reminds me of the picture Luke paints in chapter 11 of his gospel, with Mary sitting at Jesus’ feet listening with rapt attention, while her sister Martha rushes around preparing a meal for the extra guests. Often we are too much like Martha, and need to develop the stillness and focus of Mary for ourselves.

The idea of Jesus as Word and Wisdom leads us into some very deep thinking about God. In the Jewish tradition, God’s Word was understood to be expressed in the Law and the Prophets. As Christian tradition developed from this, Jesus himself – the revelation to both Jews and

Gentiles – was understood as God’s Word. The beautiful Prologue to John’s gospel expresses this in a very profound way: “The Word became flesh and lived among us and we have seen his glory; the glory of a Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

Wisdom has many connotations through different religious and philosophical traditions: deep insight into the workings of the world; human cleverness; an attribute of God; the life-affirming feminine figure of Sophia with a concern for human community and the natural world. In this prayer we can maybe understand Jesus as the culmination and fulfillment of all these ideas, drawing all human experience and thought towards the one God, but also offering a paradoxical model of wisdom through sacrifice and suffering. The prayer reminds us of over two thousand years of thinking and reflection – often struggle too – but that Jesus is still, now, our model and our “living way.”

Take the time to pray in the way that is the best for you, and most true to your heart. Seek that which leads to the depth of your being and draws you into God’s own life. Henri Nouwen writes: “The image that best expresses the intimacy we share with God during prayer is the image of God’s breath. We are like asthmatic people who are cured of their anxiety...We receive a new breath, a new freedom, and a new life. This new life is the divine life of God himself. Prayer, therefore, is God’s breathing in us, which allows us to become part of the intimacy of God’s inner life and be born anew.”

Julia

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Council Notes

The Council held its first meeting after the summer break on 9 September. Following decisions taken at our last meeting in June with regard to our official presence in Divonne, ("La Côte in France") the Council looked at a report submitted by the sub-Group mandated to look into the possibility of forming an Association, and discussed its findings and recommendations on the next steps to be taken. The report set out the differences between two types of Associations which could be created under French law. The goal for us would be to work towards obtaining the status of a religious Association, giving us an official presence in France and thereby also benefit from financial advantages (for example, tax rebates for French residents). Most importantly, we would gain recognition of our existence. There is no official standing in France at the moment. However, Council members did not want to focus on financial and other advantages. First and foremost, we want to function as an officially recognised Church.

Council members discussed the implications of dealing with the administrative and financial aspects of forming a French Association and how this would change the situation with respect to the Swiss La Côte Anglican Church Development Association. Administration and accounting would be more complicated than at present, but members considered that this could be handled and was worthwhile. In view of her specialist knowledge in this area, Council member Susan Werkhoven agreed to join the sub-Group. The Council approved the mandate for the Association Group to move forward with its investigations, and will receive an update at its next meeting in October.

Bishop Geoffrey Rowell will retire this year. By mid-October the Vacancy in See Committee will meet and start the process to appoint a new Bishop for the Diocese in Europe. The Council voted to contribute to the leaving gift which will be presented to the Bishop from chaplaincies in the Diocese. Chaplaincies and individuals are invited to express their views on the style of leadership and other attributes and qualifications, they would like to see in the new Bishop. Council members looked at the four key areas for the Diocesan Profile and listed those qualities they considered important. The community will be asked via the La Côte Weekly Bulletin to give comments concerning what sort of Bishop we need to lead us, and to forward them directly to our Archdeaconry Representatives, Revd. John Newsome and Mary Talbot.

As is the case at each meeting, the Council looked at the state of the church's finances (up to the end of August 2013). A key point was the improved position noticed in the last few months. The situation was looking stark at the last AGM, but a pick-up had continued from the end of April. The anticipated budget had been refined in each monthly statement and at this point, it looked likely that there would be a break-even at the end of the year. This was a notable improvement, mainly due to improved pledges. We are now predicting a larger figure for year-end income than expected. However, members noted that the actual figure for collections at the end of August stood at about two thirds of total budgeted amount for the year, indicating that people may have switched their method of giving from collections to pledges. However, the Church depends mostly on a small number of high pledges, which put us in a vulnerable position. Receipts from the Spring Fair will hopefully give us a healthy boost to income. The Chaplain acknowledged the engagement of Philippe Chambeyron, our Treasurer for many years in continuing with this work until a successor is found. The finance sub-group had been looking at various options and this question will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Val Geschonke,

Secretary to the Chaplaincy Council

Our Church finances - the story so far

I have been asked to write this update on behalf of our Church Council and the finance committee. Firstly, and most importantly, the main message is to clarify that we are completely self-funded. We are church community who run our worship and mission without any safety net whatsoever below us. A common misconception is that the Anglican Church somewhere, somehow contributes towards our running costs.

During our AGM in April, we made a presentation, explaining the ways in which La Côte Anglican Church was funded, how we spent funds raised, and the trend in recent years, and what was at the time a pretty stark forecast for 2013. Those present at the AGM requested regular updates. The good news is now, that thanks largely to some new pledgers who responded to the call and also to the faithful existing, loyal pledgers, we are currently predicting a year in which we will just about cover our basic costs and obligations. This is good news indeed for this year, and a relief. However, it is a concern which confronts us every year.

In view of this, we ask that each of us reflect on what we can reasonably afford to give and then to do so (whether by a pledge, collection or by any means desired). Our Church Council, our clergy, and our various very active action groups have plenty of ideas for expanding what our church can achieve; and with more resources, some of these aspirations will perhaps be achieved. Of course, we fully recognise that giving financially is not the only way people contribute. Many in our midst devote unseen hours of effort to the work of the Church, and for this, we should all be extremely grateful.

Geoff

Geoff Senogles is member of the Finance sub-committee

Interview with La Côte Youth Leader, Éamon Parkes



with Him each day:

Hi, I am the youth leader here at La Côte Anglican Church for both Divonne and Gingins. My wife and I came from Ireland to Geneva two years ago after I had finished my studies in Applied Theology in Dublin. I was introduced to Carolyn and Julia through Calen Gayle, Youth Pastor at Crossroads Church Ferney, who told me that La Côte was looking for a part-time youth leader. My goal for the young people is taken from the Epistle to the Colossians v. IX & X, for them to know Jesus personally, His will, His ways and to walk

“ ... that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.”

I firmly believe that only God can do this job, I am really just there to facilitate! I seek to stimulate discussion during each session by using the book: ‘Youth Emmaus 2 - Big issues

and Holy Space". The chapters and activities in this book are a means of bringing challenging Bible topics like holiness, faithfulness and the fear of the Lord, to the youth discussion table. Alongside Scripture, I also feel it important to talk about issues such as social media, identity, and peer pressure since these are influences youth face in today's post-modern world.

Beyond the Sunday meetings, I hope to join a number of youth camp trips during the year: in the local region and beyond. Certainly the SAS camping trip to Rolle earlier in the year was a great success, with three teams trying to capture the flag and also the group picture competition. This year, I hope to make the games even more imaginative.

One thing close to my heart that I would like to see happen at La Côte is more involvement in the youth work from the wider church community. I'm not talking about seeking more youth-work volunteers, for La Côte has a great number of amazing volunteers already. I wish in some way to 'bridge the gap' that exists between parents and youth when it comes to faith. This, I believe, is vital to the spiritual development of youth in their faith and their walk with God.

"For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers..." (1 Cor 4:15)

Beyond youth services, I ask myself: can more be done? I wonder if faith is discussed at home. Do families pray together, and if so, what does it look like? Can the Church community help, or is it a private matter? These are the questions I believe need to be considered, not just by the youth team but also by the church community.

Yours in Christ, *Éamon*

LA CÔTE NEWS

AUTUMN FAIR, 28 September 2013

*Are you going to La Côte Autumn Fair?
Pumpkin soup and afternoon tea
You'll find there's lots you want to buy there
Something for the whole familieeeeeee*



"COME TO THE AUTUMN FAIR!" say Organisers Sharon Senogles and Christina Majakari, who have been the "brains" behind this event and whose enthusiasm has been the driving force for this community building project. Peta Tracey interviewed the intrepid duo about what will be La Côte's biggest event of the year.

"There's something for everyone - lots of good quality things for sale at reasonable prices and wonderful tombola prizes! There are lots of unusual stalls, in addition to the classic ones: old-fashioned sweets, a Harry Potter stall, youth accessories. Plus you will love the way it's decorated: a lot of care is going into the presentation. It will be like a shop window. We have been given lots of brand-new items, as well as the original hand-made gifts we've been

making in our Craft Workshops. Plus the flower & plant stall, scented soaps and candles, and hand-painted cards. And you can always pick up real bargains on the second-hand books, bric-à-brac, children's clothes, sports & toy stalls, jewellery and bags.

A huge choice of food will be on offer: barbecue, 'strip cheese' (that's raclette!), jacket potatoes, pumpkin soup, cheese & wine - it's well worth stopping by for lunch! There will also be refreshments during the day: coffee or tea and home-made scones and cakes, plus fun things for the children, like a popcorn machine and donut stall. And if you haven't time to stop and eat on the spot, buy a delicious home-made cake or cup cake to take home with you!

There are lots of games and fun things to do, run by our youngsters for children and teenagers - face painting for the little ones, a lucky dip, chocolate wheel, the Harry Potter stall and youth accessories. And the grown-ups get their chance to win too, on the tombola, bottle stall and guessing weights of cakes and pumpkins! Make sure you're there at 12.00 to watch the line dancers in action, and then again at 14.00 for a tap dancing display!"

THIRD CRAFT WORKSHOP

Decorating bookmarks, candles, candle holders, jewellery boxes, or painting pots, sewing, making lunch, serving wine ... There was something for every one of the 26 willing helpers at the Traceys' home on a beautiful Saturday morning, on August 31 under the brilliant direction of Christina and Sharon, our Autumn Fair organisers, who brought an amazing collection of materials to produce beautiful items to be sold at the Fair on Saturday Sept. 28. Now we need you and your friends to come and buy them!

Peta



LA CÔTE BLOKES' DINNER



The La Côte Blokes Dinner continues to attract a nice group for discussion and dinner on the 3rd Thursday of each month. In June, more than 20 of us met at Chris Potter's home and had an interesting discussion about the relationship between science and faith led by Richard Hawking, a physicist at CERN and member of La Côte. As a follow-on activity for the July event a group of ten was able to tour the CERN CMS detector facility in Cessy with Church Warden Austin Ball who is the technical director. The facility and the

work that is done there are both impressive. We would like to thank Richard and Austin and encourage anyone who has interest in attending a future LCBDD to contact David Cooke (davidcooke.ch@gmail.com) for more information.

Dwight

Jeûne Fédéral Ecumenical Service at Bonmont, 15 Sept. 2013

A 'jeûne' is a fast and days of fasting and penance in Switzerland go back to the late Middle Ages. They were used in times of battle, epidemics, famine or as thanksgiving (e.g. in being spared from war). The first national 'jeûne' was held in 1796, when there was a threat of revolution in the country. In 1832, it was decreed by the government to be a 'day of thanksgiving, penance and prayer for the entire Swiss Confederation' and fixed on the third Sunday in September (followed in some cantons by a public holiday on the Monday), except for Geneva, which keeps the day on the Thursday following the first Sunday in September.

Ever since we have held our English-speaking services in Gingins, we have been invited to participate in an ecumenical, trilingual service on this day, with our Swiss host parish and other local parishes, including the Swiss German and Roman Catholic churches. Originally held in Gingins, it was soon moved to the beautiful Abbaye de Bonmont once it had been renovated. Several planning meetings are held beforehand, at which Carolyn and Arline & Robert Simon have represented La Côte in recent years. We share the rôles within the service and have taken a turn several times at providing the apéritif afterwards, often outside in the sunshine.



This year the sun did not shine, but the Abbaye was well filled with parishioners from Nyon and the surrounding villages. As a way of getting to know each other, each parish introduced itself by describing a joyful aspect of their community - and a challenging one. John Tracey spoke for La Côte about the financial challenge of being an entirely self-supporting church and about the joy of working together as a community for the upcoming Autumn Fair on

28 September. Sharon was on hand to hold up the poster and distribute flyers after the service - she gave away 200+, so we're hoping they'll all come along!

The acoustics of the Abbaye lend themselves to music and our service was greatly enhanced by the Liederkranz choir, directed by Michel Huber and accompanied by his wife Pat.

One of the larger parishes kindly hosts lunch in a local 'salle communale'. This year we were invited by the Nyon parish to Eysins, where 150 of us were treated to soup and the traditional plum tart. For the first time, the entire new contingent of students at the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey attended the service and lunch and we were privileged to sit with several of them at lunchtime - from Syria, Nigeria, Hungary, Ukraine and Myanmar. We all agreed we must keep in touch and Margaret Owen will be bringing some of them to our Harvest service on Sunday 22 Sept. Please do offer your services if you are able to give them a lift on another Sunday.

Peta

LA CÔTE SPONSORED CHARITY FUN RUN



Twenty-five enthusiastic participants, plus supporters and marshals gathered on a sunny morning on 1 September in the shade of the Parours Vita, Trélex, to run round the trail once, twice and sometimes even three times to raise money for the STEJ charity in Togo. Originally the funds were going to the sponsored children in Narasaraopet, S. India, but unfortunately the charity has recently had to close down due to problems at the Centre for Disabled Children, which we have been supporting for many years at Gingsins Sunday Club.

Many thanks to Tania Ahlstrom for organising a really fun morning and providing refreshments and prizes. The Potter family did not live up to their name and raced their way to three places in the finalists! We know that Aimée will be delighted that the total raised was CHF873, which will pay for 11 bicycles for children in Togo to get to school. The winners were 1) Constance Potter, 2) Lovisa Ahlstrom, 3) Alexander Potter, 4) Margot Potter.

Peta

Please send contributions or comments to the La Côte Newsletter at:
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BAPTISMS

AIDEN & MAEVA

On a gloriously sunny day on Sunday 11 August, Aiden Mark Jean-Noel Barnaud and Maeva Anna Audrey Skinner were baptised together at Divonne, during a service prepared by Revd. Julia Chambeyron, together with their parents. The Service was full of light, love and each parent, godparent, their families and the congregation took to heart the solemnity of the moment and its meaning. Both families are bilingual and passages in French and English were included as well as two well known nursery songs. Everyone joined in, including Aiden and Maeva. Maeva's grandfather, Revd. Ray Skinner baptised his granddaughter to add to the family feeling.

Prayers were based on the beautiful poem below, by Dorothy Law Nolte. We would like to share this with you, remembering that we witnessed Maeva and Aiden receiving the sign of the Cross and pledged to support their journey of faith. We pray for children everywhere. Those of us involved with children as parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, godparents, teachers, Sunday Club leaders and family friends share responsibility for them.

IF A CHILD....

If a child lives with criticism,
They learn to condemn.
If a child lives with hostility,
They learn to fight.
If a child lives with ridicule,
They learn to be shy.
If a child lives with shame,
They learn to feel guilty.
If a child lives with tolerance,
They learn to be patient.
If a child lives with encouragement,
They learn confidence.
If a child lives with praise,
They learn to appreciate.
If a child lives with fairness,
They learn justice.
If a child lives with security,
They learn to have faith.
If a child lives with approval,
They learn to like himself.
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
They learn to find love in the world.



Christine

Catherine Minton Reaffirms her of Baptismal Vows at Gings 1 September 2013





Cake and Catchup Group - Gingins. See the Bulletin for details of meetings.

FAREWELL TO WRS

World Radio Switzerland had its last emission as a public service broadcaster at 7 p.m. on 30 August 2013. Long-time newsreader Jackie Campo devoted the last minute of airtime to the news that the station had finally come to an end, after five years and ten months as part of the Swiss Broadcasting Corporation. At least, that's what I believe she said. It was hard to tell, over the shouting and cheering from the crowd who had come to see us off. They cheered, I hope, in recognition of the hard work and dedication the WRS team had put into making the station what it had become. It was a gratifying moment.

The news that our station would close down at the end of August came to us in April and the intervening months were complicated. Some staff left early to pursue new careers. Some people were demoralized; others worked extremely hard and were determined that we should remain professional to the end. In retrospect, there was little time to reflect on what we had contributed to the lives of our listeners over the last five and a half years. Since then, I've had more time to look back. Lord Reith, founder of the BBC, famously summarized the role of public service broadcasting as this: to educate, to inform and to entertain. We tried our hardest to live up to that ambition. Switzerland is a culturally and politically nuanced place and I'm sure that many people learned at least something about those subtleties from our coverage.



For me, the best bits were the shows like "Kids in Mind" and the "Connectors", led by Catherine Nelson-Pollard, the latter pulled together with La Côte's own Peta Tracey as a regular contributor, where we tapped not just into the facts around a given issue but were able to impart some real understanding, bringing us all together. There were other elements to WRS, which I hope also added to the experience of our living here: fostering a sense of community in so-called International Geneva and bringing together Swiss and expat. cultures.

The fact that 40% of our listeners were naturalized or native Swiss would indicate that we achieved this part of our mission.

"Breaking down barriers and building a sense of belonging". This seems like a fine epitaph for World Radio Switzerland. Following its closure, a privately owned commercial station, also called WRS, has started up, and will leave the FM spectrum at the end of September.

Warwick

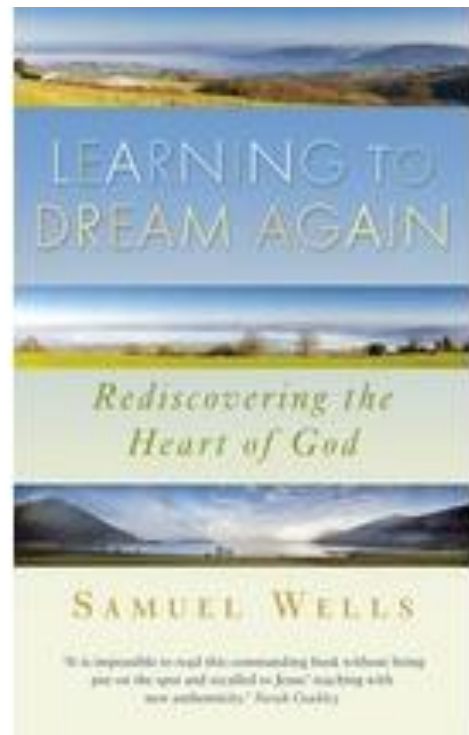
Pete (Warwick) Forster worked for WRS since its inception in 2007 and for the last year to August 2013, he was Editor and a stand in Presenter.

BOOK SUGGESTION

If you are looking for an inspirational and accessible book about living our Christian faith – here is a great one ! Full of moving insights, true stories and anecdotes, Biblical reflection and current Christian wisdom, this will reach the parts other books can't reach!

Samuel Wells is a contemporary theologian, Anglican priest and family man. Formerly Dean of the Chapel and Research Professor of Christian Ethics at Duke University, North Carolina, Wells is currently Vicar of St Martin in the Fields, London, and Visiting Professor of Christian Ethics at King's College, London.

Julia



LA COTE ACTIVITIES

SAS

Ted Talbot first started SAS in 2001. It stands for Special Activities 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 (see below).

The summer is finished and we have prepared an exciting schedule of SAS activities between now and Christmas.

PROGRAMME

- 4 October **10 BOWLING** - against the adults - Gland
- 1 November **HALLOWEEN** - Who is behind the mask?
- 15 November **MAKEOVER** - Mums & Daughters versus Dads & Sons
- 6 December **ADVENT** - lanterns and the like

SAS CAMPING WEEKEND – ROLLE 21-23 JUNE 2013



Friday Evening. Tents - large and small, ancient and modern, started popping up at the lovely Rolle camp site on the shores of the lake. It was hot and sunny and there were a dozen of us ready to have a weekend filled with fun, food and faith related discussion. After Jackie had fed us it was Eamon's turn to turn our thoughts to who we really are or pretend to be. Amazingly we all got some sleep and Saturday morning began with a swim led by Vincent the invincible!! The water was freeeeeeezing! After breakfast it was off to discover and photograph some of the weirdest

and never to be believed sights in Rolle followed by a 'game' ??? OR an excuse to run madly round the grounds of Rolle Chateau. Then Pedalo time! There were mighty water fights straining leg muscles and even the invasion of an uninhabited enemy island. Lunch and thenonto the water as two speedboats helped us try to water-ski or wakeboard – or simply make us fall off the 'donut' !! It was hot and sunny and super fun!

In the evening a brilliantly organized, disorganized BarBQ with lots of family members along to enjoy the fun and a few challenging thoughts as well. We all slept well and after the chilly morning swim led by a rather less invincible Vincent, it was breakfast and food for thought with David Inglesfield. Next were games organized by a blind and deaf dubiously fair referee called Ted – but the best team won of course! Sadly, noon on Sunday announced the packing of tents and the end of another fun filled SAS camping weekend.

Ted

MUSICAL DROP-IN

On the first Sunday of the month chez Ted Talbot, 28 chemin de la Combe, Nyon. Cold buffet provided, cover charge CHF 7. For a map and further information, contact Ted Talbot,

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Coming up:

6 October: **Aja Lynne, vocalist & Julie Tomkins-Wagner, pianist**, Show tunes, Standards and other "join-in and sing numbers"

3 November: **Kirsty Griffiths and friends** Another magical evening of classical superlatives

1 December **Jazzy Christmas**, featuring your favourite jazz musicians



June Drop In at Ted's - Jazz with a Dram
Featuring your favorite jazz musicians *Tom David Hermann Alexandre* Assisted by *Deborah Stewart – whiskey ambassador*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Thursday 3 October - 6 pm - 7 pm

Temple de Gingins

All pets and Animal Lovers Welcome!

Come and join us for a service of Blessing to give thanks for the animals and to celebrate their lives and how they enrich ours. We hope you will come along with your pet, a photo of an animal you love or even one of an endangered species in the wild. All animals must be on a leash or in a secure pen for the safety of other animals. The service will be held inside the church. There will be refreshments (for humans and animals) afterwards and information concerning animal care and welfare will be available.

If you would like to join us, contact our Chaplain, Carolyn (see back page for details).

QUIZ NIGHT

Quiz Night will be held on 16 November at the Salle Alinghi in Coinsins. All proceeds will be given to the La Côte Afghanistan Project with Christian Aid. Our own David Bramley will be a Quizmaster. Tickets available from the beginning of October.

The Newsletter Editor thanks all those who contributed articles to this issue and especially Liz Bramley and Peta Tracey for providing the majority of the photos. Deadline for the next issue: 15 November 2013.

MISSION STATEMENT

**WE ARE A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY COMMITTED TO GROWING
IN LOVE FOR GOD AND FOR OUR NEIGHBOUR**

LA CÔTE ANGLICAN CHURCH

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LA CÔTE SERVICES

Date	Divonne 10 a.m.	Gingins (services are held at 4 p.m., unless otherwise indicated)
*Thursday 3 October		Animal blessing Service at 18.00 (See separate notice on website)
6 October Trinity 19 St. Francis		Holy Communion with focus on St. Francis
13 October Trinity 20	Morning Worship	Evening Prayer
20 October Trinity 21		Holy Communion
27 October Trinity 22 Bible Sunday	Holy Communion	All age worship
3 November All Souls		Holy Communion with Remembrance of Loved ones
10 November Remembrance **Temple de Nyon		La Côte Joint Service with Divonne Holy Communion and Sunday Club for Children in the Temple de Nyon
17 November 2nd before Advent		Holy Communion
24 November Christ the King	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer
1 December Advent 1		Holy Communion

* day other than Sunday ** change of location

Any changes to this schedule will be indicated in the La Côte Weekly Bulletin