

*We invite you to join us. . .
in thanking God for His extravagant gifts to us,
and in thinking about how we can give something
of ourselves back to Him*

PENTECOST AND GIFT DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday 15th May 2016

*10am Service for all
the family in the
Temple de Crassier*

Everyone welcome



A time to receive and a time to give

As Eastertide leads up to Pentecost we especially focus on celebrating God's love and mercy shown most fully in the Easter event. Jesus' life, death and resurrection reconcile us with God, bringing forgiveness and renewal. So it's particularly apt to be preparing for a Gift Day on Pentecost Sunday.

This preparation offers us an opportunity to think and pray about our stewardship of all that we have been given in terms of our time, resources and money and how it applies to giving to God's mission. An aspect of this relates to our La Côte Church and how our giving supports its ministry and mission.

As you may know from the AGM, we have a carefully drawn up budget to meet the costs of ministry and mission at La Côte. Now as a church community we invite everyone involved in any way in our church to take joint responsibility to ensure we can sustain our church life financially, along with the indispensable gifts of time, energy, and talents that so many of you offer.

What is a "gift day"?

Our Gift Day is an opportunity, upon personal reflection, to offer a gift in addition to our regular giving or pledging. This year our Gift Day replaces the wonderful yet demanding Autumn Fair event we have held for the last three years where we typically raise 10'000 to 15,000 CHF that goes a long way to contribute to the general running costs of our church life and presence in this region of La Côte and the Pays de Gex.

What matters most is that after prayerful consideration, we give what we can from the heart. As Paul says in 2corinthians 9 v 7 *"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."* Our gift to God is firstly in response to God's gift of love to us. It is also, on a more practical note, a way of supporting the ongoing mission and witness of God's people through our church community as we do not rely on nor receive financial help from other sources.

The essentials at a glance.....

- **A Gift Day is an opportunity to give something extra**
- The Bible urges us to be generous with all we have and to give from the heart
- **Nine days of prayer: on the days prior to the service we will send out daily requests to pray for different areas of our mission and ministry**
- You decide how to offer your gift:
 1. ***through envelopes which we will be giving out at our services on 8th, 15th and 22nd May. OR – you can prepare your own envelope to bring, entitled “La Côte Church Gift Day, God’s gifts to us and our response.”***
 2. ***you can send a donation online – with bank details:
Bank : UBS Nyon 1260
The IBAN is CH42 0022 8228 5504 9740 H
Beneficiary: La Côte Anglican Church Development Association. Please mention that it is for the Gift Day.***
 3. ***committing to raising a fixed sum through a service done – for example washing a car, a night of baby-sitting, a music lesson – and then donating the money to the Gift Day.***
 4. ***you may like to take this opportunity to increase your regular giving.***



***Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is
yours.***

***All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.***