

La Côte Anglican Church

Weekly Bulletin

Reflection and prayer for week of 10 to 17 September from Carolyn

This Sunday, our Lutheran brothers and sisters will gather in Geneva from 12 Lutheran churches throughout Switzerland to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The theme of the joint service is "Bound to be free", referring to Luther's interest on the paradoxical nature of the Christian who "is the most free lord of all, and subject to none" but also "the most dutiful servant of all, and subject to everyone."

Here is a prayer that will be used in the service which captures this paradox of "being bound to be free", and points to the exciting potential of such freedom, gathered round the Word.

***Bound to be free,
the Christian's destiny,
nothing less than liberty,
we are gathered by the Word,
that opens our eyes to see
the Foreigner, bounding towards us, to bind up our wounds,
the Stranger, noticing our needs and kindly offering us a lift,
the Unknown One, providing unexpected hospitality,
releasing us from slaveries, subtle and crude,
with the truth that shows the way to life,
nothing less than liberty,
our gracious destiny,
bound to be free,
in the love of the Blessed Trinity
one God, now and forever.
Amen.***

We look forward to welcoming Revd Kristín Þórunn Tómasdóttir, an Icelandic Lutheran Pastor now living in Geneva, who will be preaching for us in Gingins, touching on the themes of the Reformation in connection with our readings for the day.

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER – Trinity 13

10:00 Divonne, Service of the Word

16:00 Gingins, Holy Communion

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER – Trinity 14

10:00 Bonmont Ecumenical Celebration for the “Jeûne Fédéral”

16:00 Gingins, Holy Communion

Next week

TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

09:15–10:30 chez J&P Tracey, Coinsins, [Prayer Group](#)

Please contact Peta if you would like to join us or have prayer requests (in confidence).
[\[email\]](#)

THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

18:30-21:30 Catholic Church, Nyon, [Thursday Space](#)

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

BARN DANCE

Tickets now on sale from Liz Bramley after church services or reserve with her by
[email](#) or tel. 079 413 41 58. [Flyer](#)

COMING UP ELSEWHERE

23 SEPTEMBER

La creation ça se fête! – A Rocha Suisse – at the Arboretum in Aubonne

As we embark on CREATION TIME in our church calendar, this is an opportunity for us to celebrate the natural beauty of our world and to engage with how to care more for it. A day for all ages. Please see here for more details: <http://switzerland.arocha.org/fr/10ans/>

[Information and requests](#) concerning our 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 [\[email\]](#).

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If you know of anyone who could help with accommodation for our asylum-seeking community - please go to link above for more details.

Odd jobs need doing this autumn?

If you would like help with odd jobs - for example, gardening, moving furniture, paint work – do get in touch with Cassie Whetham [\[email\]](#) 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

<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.