

La Côte Anglican Church

SUMMER BULLETIN

Reflection and prayer from Julia

Many of us will be offering hospitality to others over this summer holiday period. Perhaps to family and friends, perhaps to people we do not know very well. St Paul wrote to the Christian community in Rome: 'I commend to you our sister, Phoebe, a servant of the church in Cenchrea. I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been a great help to many people, including me.'

Recently I read the following reflection on hospitality, which may help us take a broader and more spiritual view of it:

Hospitality, rather than being something you achieve, is something you enter. It is an adventure that takes you where you never dreamed of going. It is not something you do, as much as it is someone you become. You try and fail. You try again. You make room for one person at a time, you give one chance at a time, and each of these choices of the heart stretches your ability to receive others. This is how to grow more hospitable – by welcoming one person when the opportunity is given to you.

Prayer

Lord, You ask me, 'Will you love this one for Me?'

I answer, 'Yes, Lord, this one I will love for You.'

(Adapted from 'Celtic Daily Prayer, book 2)

SUNDAY 3 July – TRINITY 6

16:00 Gingins, Holy Communion

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Sharing our story of faith

In Gingins at our Sunday worship in July, (except for the 10th July – when we welcome Isabella Clarke through baptism), we will be following a mini series of reflections and sermons that explore the reasons for and the means of sharing our Christian faith.

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Please click [here](#) for services throughout the summer.

Come and join us

SATURDAY 2 JULY

18:00-22:00 church garden in Divonne, LA CÔTE MUSICAL GARDEN PARTY!! (flyer)

Charity fundraiser in aid of Médecins sans Frontières www.msf.org and Favela Phoenix in Rio www.favelaphoenix.org

Please bring a salad or dessert to share and let Susan know what food contributions you are bringing (email below).

Soft drinks (preferably not fizzy) are needed, so please contact Georges (email below) if you can bring juice, bottled water, etc. Please have bottles as cold as possible and leave them in the fridge in the kitchen of the church hall.

Please contact the following coordinators with offers to contribute/ help:

Food – hot dogs, satay, BBQ, potluck salads and quiches – Susan [[email](#)] and Ronald [[email](#)]

Drinks – beer, wine, soft drinks, water – Georges [[email](#)]

Set up – tables and chairs, garden tents/gazebos – John [[email](#)] and Barbara [[email](#)]. Jenny West and Alain and Sylvia Dick are on this team too.

Musical programme and set up – David Cooke [[email](#)], Calen [[email](#)] and Nigel [[email](#)]

Alison and Austin Ball are coordinating clear up. Please contact them if you can volunteer. [[email](#)]

Save the Date

A Day on Discipleship with Rt Revd John Pritchard

Saturday 8 October 2016 in Nyon

Full details will be out with a flyer in August – but in the meantime this is a chance to put this date in your diary.

The Rt Revd John Pritchard is a retired Bishop of Oxford and author of many well-known, practical books on aspects of Christian faith that we have used at La Côte over the years — particularly the *Intercessions Handbooks*, *How to Pray* and *How to Explain your Faith*. Bishop John brings our Christianity down-to-earth in an engaging way, with creativity, fun and gentleness, giving us hope and encouragement for our own discipleship journey.

Asylum Seekers

The Vestiaire for the young men needs to be replenished with t-shirts, jeans, sports shoes and summer jackets, as well as the usual backpacks, belts, wallets, etc. If you have any questions, Anne Dyer [[email](#)].

More [Information and requests](#) concerning our work with asylum seekers