

Dear Friends

This is the second corona virus update from St Bartholomew's Anglican Church.

Following on from last week, the island shutdown has evolved with the regulations becoming stricter relating to work, and particularly exercise ... now only allowed once a day and staying within 1km of home, plus swimming in the sea is forbidden. The overall effect of this has been a reduction in cars on the road/people out and about – which can only be a good thing. The Gendarme are now increasing their stops and checks on valid reasons for not staying at home.

The island has not been spared the extraordinary reach of the virus – we have been notified that are three recent cases including an island doctor and a worker at Marche U! This means that the need for reducing contact with others has become a real necessity. And for all of us, no matter where we are ... wash, wash, wash those hands every time you move in or out of your home or wherever (NB 20 seconds is longer than you think – try humming your national anthem or, as Father Charlie does, reciting the Lord's Prayer).

On the positive side, the supermarkets and boulangeries remain open and well stocked. And I noticed a ship in the port yesterday unloading containers, which is encouraging for island supplies.

We are continuing to upload videos for our Sunday and Taizé services and the meditation group. The new video for the 5th Sunday of Lent celebrated by Father Charlie Vere Nicol is now available on our YouTube Channel. The link below is to a 'Playlist' for the whole Service – which includes four separate videos which make up the full service, plus some photographs of the church post Father Charlie's sermon and other musical interludes so you can have the feeling of being present for our usual service – including the local rooster! (There is also a link to a pdf of our Sunday Service Book below and under the videos so you can follow along).

Like last week, I will be online on Sunday morning for a virtual Zoom fellowship – this time starting at 10am (island time) ... a little later than last week to give you more time to watch the service/have your breakfast! Please do think of joining us, even if you're not feeling isolated, as others may! And I would welcome a quick hello from any member of our congregation in order to know that these emails aren't just being delivered into cyberspace! The Zoom link is the same as last week – our meeting number is, as always, 9713397133 (and is listed below).

Please note that in order to facilitate the sending of these emails – starting next week we will use the email program Mailchimp. This may mean the email goes into your junkmail box so please add this email address to favourites – that way you will be able to keep up-to-date with news from Saint Barts.

We send our prayers to all those suffering from the harsh effects of this virus – bodily, economically and spiritually. We wish everybody well and please do your utmost to stay safe.

Warm regards

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PS If you did not receive the previous email Corona Virus update #1, this is probably because I have spent much of today updating our mailing list for our recent visitors. Please ask me if you would like me to send you a copy. Alternatively, if you don't wish to receive these emails, that's also fine ... just let me know.

**1. YouTube Channel: St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, St Barts
Sunday 29th Playlist:**

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWdNcMp3Ri0UxY4Y_Lk9JzVnqKiNZ8eWd

2. Service Booklet pdf <https://bit.ly/StBACservicebook>

3. Saint Barts Anglican Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: St Barts Church – Post Service Fellowship

Time: Mar 29, 2020 10:00 AM EDT/St_Barthelemy

How to Join the Zoom Meeting ...

Via the internet: <https://zoom.us/j/9713397133>

Via the Zoom App: Meeting ID: 97133 97133

Via your telephone : Dial by your location

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