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Dear Friends

This is our thirteenth update from the island – and for those of us living here, life is swiftly returning to normal.

My wife, Rachel, returning from the UK, has just had had her second Coronavirus test, which was also negative thus allowing us to venture out to enjoy some of the shops and restaurants. Most establishments are fully open and there are no requirements to wear a mask, although many employees do; but you are encouraged to use hand sanitizer. The social distancing is now set at one metre ... but there is little evidence of that in many of the island's thriving bars, which are swiftly regaining their lively, tropical atmosphere.

The big news for the island is the announcement by the Collectivity that, from 22nd June, "family members and residents, home-owners, or simply lovers of our island wishing to spend a few days here ... St Barts welcomes you"! The entry rule requires you to have a negative Covid-19 test 72 hours before arrival, or you can test within 24 hours of your arrival, confining yourself until the result of that test is known; and then a second follow up test is needed if your stay is longer than 7 days. It is not known what the French State thinks about this 'home-made' rule.

Our opening video this week is a short 'infomercial' which will help promote our virtual Sunday Service to a wider audience – we hope you like it. This Sunday we have the Rev'd Barbara Robinson preaching, who has visited St Barts several times, mostly during November. She hails from Ontario, Canada, hence the slight Canadian feel to our service this week, with La Chorale's version of Hallelujah by Canada's favourite songwriter Leonard Cohen and the final song is our favourite: The Blessing ... this time sung by churches across Canada. Remember, as it says in the lyrics: "*He is for You!*" Rev'd Barbara will be online with us for our usual Zoom coffee hour at 10am Sunday (see details below), and it might be fun to share any memories/stories we have about Canada!

We received some very sad news this past week, which was the passing of Lucy Day. Nat and Lucy Day have had a long connection with the island and have been great supporters of our Church. Lucy's positive energy and enthusiasm will be missed greatly. We will dedicate this coming Tuesday's virtual Taizé service to Lucy, and we will also have a special memorial service in the Church at a later date.

Listed below is information on making an offering to the Church, as well as details for our Bestseller Book Group (the next meeting is on Monday June 15th), and our virtual Taizé services; plus a link to previous updates; and our prayer list.

While we still struggle with how best to act with the spectre of the Coronavirus

still over us; we should also think of all those people who are peacefully protesting about the death of George Floyd, and how best to include everyone in our society. We continue to hold in our prayers all of those who are suffering at this difficult time. Let's continue to Stay Safe ...

With blessings  
Philip

PS We are continually updating our mailing list, so if you missed any of our previous emails, there is a link below! Likewise, let me know if you wish to unsubscribe or know anyone who might like to be added.

### **1. Sunday Service**

**Sunday Playlist:** [https://bit.ly/StBAC\\_Sunday14June](https://bit.ly/StBAC_Sunday14June)

### **2. Offering**

***If you would like to make an offering, please send cheques to:***

*Friends of St Bartholomew's Anglican Church*

*106 West River Road*

*Rumson*

*NJ 07760*

***Or use this Website link:*** <https://www.stbartholomewsanglicanchurch.com/donations/>

### **3. Prayer List**

*The Day family*

*Brook Lacour*

*Valerie Trangmar*

*Rosemond Greaux*

*Paul-Lancelot Clequin*

### **4. Coffee Morning Zoom meeting:** Sunday 10am

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

***Via the Zoom App:*** Meeting ID: 9713397133

***Via your telephone*** +1 253 215 8782 (USA) then input the Meeting ID: 9713397133

**5. Bestseller Book Club** - next Zoom discussion is on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm  
***The Children Act by Ian McEwan*** Let me know by email if you would like to join us.

### **6. Past Corona Updates**

***You can visit our website if you wish to read any of our previous updates***

[https://bit.ly/StBAC\\_CoronaUpdates](https://bit.ly/StBAC_CoronaUpdates)

### **7. Taizé services**

***These are also posted on our YouTube Channel. There are several virtual services uploaded as well as composite playlists with our favourite Taizé chants.***

***All our Taizé Services:*** [https://bit.ly/StBAC\\_VirtualTaize](https://bit.ly/StBAC_VirtualTaize)

**Favourite Taizé Chants:** [https://bit.ly/StBAC\\_FavouriteTaize1](https://bit.ly/StBAC_FavouriteTaize1)  
**More favourite Taizé Chants:** [https://bit.ly/StBAC\\_FavouriteTaize2](https://bit.ly/StBAC_FavouriteTaize2)  
**And more favourite Taizé Chants:** [https://bit.ly/StBAC\\_FavouriteTaize3](https://bit.ly/StBAC_FavouriteTaize3)  
**Even more favourite Taizé Chants:** [https://bit.ly/StBAC\\_FavouriteTaize4](https://bit.ly/StBAC_FavouriteTaize4)

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