

Subject: St Bartholomew's Anglican Church – Corona Update #14
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Dear Friends

This is our fourteenth Corona virus update from the island, and this week notably marks St Barts reopening to visitors from this coming Monday – three and a half months after lockdown began! This means that hotels and villas, shops and restaurants will be welcoming tourists once again.

Alas, the joy of the island returning to normality is tinged with sadness due to the recent passing of Marius Stakelborough at the grand age of 97. Marius, who opened Le Select Bar over 70 years ago, was not only a local legend (especially to all those who spent time at Le Select), but through his kindness, his smile and his genuine humility he had a reputation which crossed all frontiers – he had many, many friends throughout the United States and Canada, as well as France and Sweden, and around the Caribbean.

As we are feeling a little nostalgic, our service this week starts with one of our favourite hymns, *Morning Has Broken*, showing a montage of a few of the historic buildings around Gustavia, some of which are no longer with us. Our sermon this week is preached by Father Charlie Vere Nicoll, and it is both powerful and thought provoking. It is followed by *Ave Maria* sung by Laurent Clequin, with a repeat of our homage to the healthcare workers who continue to put their lives at risk during the ongoing Corona crisis. And it is an important reminder that it is not over yet; particularly in Brazil, as well as other places where the infection numbers are unfortunately increasing.

After the Prayers and the Eucharist, we have a video put together by Ed Gudenas (a good friend of Marius) and local musician, Soley. This video was created to show the island opening up and is aptly entitled *St Barth Feels Good*. It also captures some great moments with Marius and his friends.

Our final video in this week's playlist allows us to think more about the current global movement for racial equality, which Father Charlie refers to in his sermon – it is the speech that Dr Martin Luther King gave from the Lincoln Memorial in 1963, including those famous words "*I have a dream*".

At 10am on Sunday we will hold our usual Zoom Coffee Morning (details below) and it might be nice to reminisce about times spent at Le Select or with Marius.

Also listed below is how to make an offering to the Church, as well as information about our next Bestseller Book Group (the next meeting is on Monday July 6th), and our virtual Taizé services; plus a link to previous updates, and our prayer list.

While the world continues to come out of lockdown, we pray for all those who have been affected. We also pray for the peaceful protests regarding the recent

unlawful deaths and for equality in our society. And let's continue to Stay Safe.

Blessings
Philip

PS A very happy Father's Day to all Fathers!

PPS 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_Sunday21June

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

The Stakelborough 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 - an informal discussion group which meets every three weeks or so.

Monday 6th July - The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes: a saga set in the mountains of Kentucky during the Post-Depression era. Please 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

7. Taizé services

These are also posted on our YouTube Channel.

There are several virtual services uploaded (including the most recent one from last Tuesday), as well as composite playlists with some of our favourite Taizé chants.

All our Taizé Services: https://bit.ly/StBAC_VirtualTaize

Favourite Taizé Chants: https://bit.ly/StBAC_FavouriteTaize1

More favourite Taizé Chants: https://bit.ly/StBAC_FavouriteTaize2

And more favourite Taizé Chants: https://bit.ly/StBAC_FavouriteTaize3

Even more favourite Taizé Chants: https://bit.ly/StBAC_FavouriteTaize4

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