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Dear Friends

This is our seventeenth 2020 newsletter, and things are hotting up ... literally – it really feels like Summer down here; and with a few tourists scattered around plus warm seas, it is just like any other July. However, there are still a few noticeable differences: a few more shops assistants have gone back to wearing masks and there are less ‘bisous’ amongst friends; albeit some still persist, but many say “Non merci” and proffer an elbow instead!

We remain incredibly fortunate that there have been no new cases of Covid-19 reported. In fact, the Collectivity went on record this week to refute the rumours flying around that there have been 3 or 6 or 14 cases on the island, from Texas or Brazil or wherever – **all untrue!**

The latest news from St Martin is that they might start allowing flights from the United States in August, but I guess that is still a moving target. And for those arriving on St Barts, it is now compulsory to have proof of a recent negative PCR Covid test before arriving, rather than the previous rules, when you could have one after you arrive – which I must say sounds a much better idea!

This week we had the sad news that dear Gaby Charneau passed away. Gaby, along with her family, set up the Hotel Le Village St Barts on the hillside in St Jean some 40 plus years ago. Gaby was a long-time churchgoer at the Anglican Church, and many will remember her wearing her brightly coloured outfits and hats. Her funeral took place in the Church on Saturday, with family and friends present and Father Charlie Vere Nicoll presiding. The post sermon mediation video this week has the wonderful voice of Laurent Clequin singing Ave Maria with a few memories of Le Village and Gaby.

Our online service this week will be the last Eucharistic service celebrated in the Church by Father Charlie. The good news is that we will continue to have a virtual Eucharistic service posted online each week – led by one of our visiting clergy team and recorded from their own church/abode, but with weekly additions from inside our Church to maintain the island connection. Along with my update letters as well!

This week our sermon is preached by the Revd Margot Critchfield, who was here with us in February. She is currently living on her houseboat on Boston's South Shore, which has unfortunately only a poor Wi-Fi connection – so recording her sermon proved a bit tricky. I therefore added into the video a few paintings on the subject of the parable in this week's gospel, including one by Van Gogh.

At 10am on Sunday we will hold our usual Zoom Coffee Morning (details below)

and Revd Margot hopes to join us online. The subject for our discussion (inspired by her sermon) is our favourite garden and our favourite gardening tips!

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 this Monday, July 13th); and there are also details about our virtual Taizé services – with a new one added this past week – plus a link to previous updates, and our prayer list.

As the world is still coping with this virus, we continue to pray for all those who are and continue to be affected. And let's all continue to Stay Safe!

With blessings  
Philip

### **1. Sunday Service**

**Sunday Playlist:** [https://bit.ly/StBAC\\_Sunday12July](https://bit.ly/StBAC_Sunday12July)

### **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**

*Larry O'Donnell*

*Brook Lacour*

*Rosemond Greaux*

*Paul-Lancelot Clequin*

*The family of Lucy Day*

*The family of Marius Stakelborough*

*The family of Valerie Trangmar*

*The family of Gaby Charneau*

### **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/four weeks. Please note the change of date: **Monday 13th July** – The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes: a saga set in the Appalachians 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](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 some of our favourite Taizé chants.*

**All our Taizé Services (including the latest one from last Tuesday):**

[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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