

St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, St Barts



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Our Weekly News

Dear Friends

This is the Church's twentieth newsletter of 2020, which makes five months in total and so quite a milestone! And it's been a rather eventful week on the island too ...

It was revealed during the last week that we have two new cases of Covid-19 on the island - the first was someone returning from French Guyana (French Guyana still has a high incidence of Covid-19), and the second was a resident whose infection seems to have been contracted while on Dutch St Martin. So the virus is around, just like across the rest of the world! We are thus once again reminded of the need to take precautions seriously – which can be no bad thing, as people on the island seemed to be getting a bit lax.

The number of cases has also increased this past week on both sides of St Martin; and France has restricted the Dutch-French border crossing to those travelling for medical or professional reasons or in transit to the airport.

At the same time, we had the threat of a storm hitting the island, which doesn't usually happen before September. Nonetheless, experience has taught us to be cautious, so we all closed our hurricane shutters in readiness for bad weather. Fortunately, when it got to St Barts it was only a Tropical Wave (which

is the precursor of a hurricane, without the circulatory motion that increases the wind factor); but it brought 24 hours of heavy rain, wind and some big waves. It did not merit a name at that time; but, sadly, it has since gained strength as well as the title 'Isaias' – and we send our prayers to those in The Bahamas and Florida, and all others in its path.

This week we have Father Steve Huber celebrating our virtual service with us once again; this time from his home in Palm Springs. And don't forget, you can follow along by downloading the pdf of our Service Booklet – there is link below and in the YouTube video description.

Our music this week starts off with one of our favourites – *Be Still and Know that I am God* – with a video entering the Church (albeit still with a few shutters closed!). For our post sermon meditation, we have a beautiful piece that featured in a concert at the Church a few years ago, and was performed by Ombeline Collin (violin) and Alexandre Luquet (guitar) accompanying Caitlin Alexander's beautiful voice (many will remember Caitlin's husband, Sebastien, who often played his wooden flutes for us in Church). And our closing song is a popular number, which was often sung by La Chorale, *O Happy Day*; but as I don't have a recording of them singing, I have included a video of another choir – it's such a joyful tune.

At 10am on Sunday, we will hold our usual Zoom Coffee Morning (details below). The subject for discussion, inspired by this week's musical selection, is to recall any poignant music or concert that we may have heard in our Church over the years.

Also listed below is information about our next Bestseller Book Group, details about how to make an offering to the Church, our virtual Taizé services, plus a link to previous updates, and our prayer list.

We are only too aware how difficult it is for everyone to cope with this virus and the effects it is having on us, our friends and families, our health care workers and health systems, as well businesses and economies everywhere. So we continue to pray for all those who have been, and continue to be, affected.

Stay Safe – let's continue to wash our hands, to wear our masks and keep our distance!

Blessings

Philip

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

Links

1. Sunday Service

Sunday Playlist: https://bit.ly/StBAC_Sunday2August

Our Service Booklet (as a pdf): <https://bit.ly/StBACservicebook>

2. Offerings to the Church

See details/links below

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 on Zoom every three/four weeks. Our next meeting is on **Monday 3rd August** when we will be discussing **The Dutch House by Ann Patchett**.

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, as well as composite playlists with some of our favourite Taizé chants.

Our own virtual 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

The Church brings spiritual nourishment to the island of St Barts - residents and visitors alike.

Please help us continue to grow ...

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