

Weekly Services & Groups



Family Eucharist Sundays 9am – 10am

Holy Communion combining traditional and modern worship, filled with music & prayer



Bestseller Book Club Monday 12th Feb 6pm - 7pm

Discussing *The Shadow of the Lions* by Christopher Swann; a literary thriller



Spirituality Group Wednesdays 11am – 12noon

A discussion group, where each week a chapter from a book is read & discussed



Ash Wednesday Service: 12noon Ashes to Go: 9am – 5.30pm

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, with the imposition of the ashes of last year's palms



Meditation Group Thursdays 7pm – 8pm

A bilingual meditation group, focusing on peace and serenity - newcomers welcome



Morning Prayer Fridays 8.30am – 9am

A spiritual way to start the morning, with time for your own private prayers



The Way of the Cross Fridays 12 noon – 12.30pm (during Lent)

Come and follow Christ's journey depicted on the Church's 14 Stations of the Cross

AA Group: Open Meetings in the Church Centre in English on Tuesdays & Fridays at 6pm. For more information call: 0690 41 98 95 or 0690 54 17 99.

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St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

#stbarthstrong The Sunday before Lent 11th February 2018

Dear Friends,

Today our focus is on the amazing recovery that the island has seen since last September, when Hurricane Irma hit the island. Following Irma, St Barts had three great resources available: the government & the island businesses, the people, and the island itself. The combination of these three is what helped achieved an almost 'miraculous' speed of recovery.

First, the island government and utilities did an incredible job in getting aid to the people, right from the start; and then fixing electricity and water supplies, not to mention providing free wifi/3G.

Second, was the spirit of the local community - where the very next day people devoted their time to helping clear the roads and helping each other to prepare for what we could scarcely believe could be another one – Jose – and then closely followed by the possibility of Maria! This spirit has continued, and it is definitely what helps to make St Barts so unique.

Thirdly, the island flora was dealt a severe blow as Irma bought a deluge of salt rain which 'burnt' the hillsides brown; as well as devastating winds which chopped trees in half and left no traces of green anywhere. As we escaped the near-miss of Maria just two weeks later, we started to see green shoots; which have now, some three months later, developed into a return of the island to its verdant tropical best.

Of course, there is a fourth resource ... and that's the island stalwarts: the home-owners and regular visitors who make up a large part of our congregation. Thank you for coming back and helping the island to recover.

With blessings,
Philip

Today's Hymns

Processional: Amazing Grace #27

Gradual: Give Me Joy in my Heart #153

Post Communion: #299; Father We Love You #126

Recessional: Praise Him #421

Second letter to the Corinthians – Ch 9

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Deuxieme lettre aux Corinthiens – Ch 9

Sachez-le, celui qui sème peu moissonnera peu et celui qui sème abondamment moissonnera abondamment. Que chacun donne comme il l'a décidé dans son cœur, sans regret ni contrainte, car Dieu aime celui qui donne avec joie. Dieu peut vous combler de toutes ses grâces afin que vous possédiez toujours à tout point de vue de quoi satisfaire à tous vos besoins et que vous ayez encore en abondance pour toute œuvre bonne, comme il est écrit: *Il a distribué ses bienfaits, il a donné aux pauvres; sa justice subsiste à toujours.*

Que celui qui fournit de la semence au semeur et du pain pour sa nourriture vous fournisse et vous multiplie la semence, et qu'il augmente les fruits de votre justice.

Ainsi vous serez enrichis à tout point de vue pour toutes sortes d'actes de générosité qui, par notre intermédiaire, feront monter des prières de reconnaissance vers Dieu. En effet, le service de cette collecte ne pourvoit pas seulement aux besoins des saints, il fait aussi abonder les prières de reconnaissance envers Dieu.

A travers l'expérience qu'ils font de ce service, ils célèbrent la gloire de Dieu à cause de l'obéissance dont vous faites preuve dans votre adhésion à l'Évangile de Christ et de votre générosité dans la solidarité avec eux et avec tous. Et ils prient pour vous parce qu'ils ont une vive affection pour vous, à cause de la grâce surabondante que Dieu vous a faite.

Que Dieu soit remercié pour son don incomparable!

The Gospel according to Mark – Ch 9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

2018 Worshippers Fund:

We are an entirely self-funded Church and we are therefore dependent on the generosity and regular giving of our congregation – both resident and visitors alike.

As we did last year, we are asking our regular worshippers to consider making a contribution towards our annual expenses of the Church, which we expect will be higher in 2018 than in previous years given the extra burden following Hurricane Irma. We are suggesting a donation of \$250 per worshipper or \$500 per family to help us. In 2017 the Worshippers Fund raised over \$20,000.

We thank all of our generous contributors, without whom we would not be able to offer our spiritual ministry and outreach to residents and visitors alike.

There are three ways to donate:

1. Send a check to the Friends (envelopes are available in the Church and the address is listed below)
2. Online via the Church website (see back page)
3. Directly to the Church (please see or contact Philip for details).

Methods 1 and 2 are donations to our US 501(3)c, which are tax deductible for US citizens.

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