

Subject: St Bartholomew's Anglican Church – Corona Update #12
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Dear Friends

This is our twelfth update from the island, which means we've been sending out these emails for 3 months! But in all honesty, it doesn't seem like that amount of time. The weeks have passed by pretty quickly, for most people at least, and I do hope time has not dragged for others.

While parts of the world emerge from Corona darkness, this does not mean that we can start to breathe a sigh of relief. Other countries are still suffering their worse virus numbers/deaths; and the worldwide protests, following the senseless death of George Floyd, show we have not yet seen that *paradigm shift* in peace, harmony and togetherness that we have all been praying for.

On island, the news is that flights (via Guadeloupe) are bringing people back (including my wife, Rachel); but no tourists as yet. The immigration regime is that you are tested the day after you arrive, at a 'drive-through' testing station on The Point between the Lab and the Collectivity; and the results are available a couple of hours afterwards (Rachel tested negative). If negative, such new arrivals are allowed to leave home (with masks), but not socialise or go to shops or restaurants, before a second test six days later – sounds harsh, but it's better than the alternative of 14 days strictly house-bound!

The border between the French and Dutch sides of St Martin opened up this week, but there is no definitive news regarding St Martin airport opening for flights, but it looks like the earliest will be 1st July.

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday – when we celebrate God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Our preacher this week is Father Charlie Vere Nicoll. As Father Charlie mentions in his sermon, our Church has always had a special focus on its music ministry, and this is, in large part, thanks to the much-missed Charles Darden. I have therefore included in this week's playlist several videos featuring Charles in action – including our opening hymn, the post-sermon meditation (with Charles leading La Chorale) and finishing with a video homage with one of our favourites ... Thank You Lord. It would be nice to share some of our memories of Charles Darden during our Zoom coffee morning at 10am on Sunday (details below), and Father Charlie will be joining us too.

We are continuing to see significant numbers enjoying the Sunday Service videos (as well as the Taizé playlists). Our YouTube videos have had over 7,000 views and over 400 different viewers clicking on them. Please think about sharing this update, or our playlist, with any friends who might equally enjoy what we are offering.

We also want to say a very big "Thank You" to all those who have responded to our past requests for help with our continued funding. We obviously deeply appreciate that right now almost everyone is experiencing economic hardship as a result of the

ongoing situation. However, as you will realise, because the church services remain online and the island is still not receiving tourists, our income this year will be lower than we expected. We would therefore be grateful for your continued support – perhaps similar to your generous offerings when you worship with us in Church on Sundays. This will help St Bartholomew’s to continue as a place of spiritual nourishment – wherever you are. There is an address below to send cheques or, if easier, a link so that you can donate online using your credit card (with the ability to make a regular monthly offering, if you so wish).

Equally, below are details of our Bestseller Book Group (the next meeting is on Monday, 15th June), as well as our virtual Taizé services; a link to previous updates; and our prayer list.

We continue to hold in our prayers all of those who are suffering at this difficult time. We also give thanks to those who are putting their own well-being at risk to help others. Let’s continue to Stay Safe ...

Blessings,
Philip

PS We are always 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

Trinity Sunday Playlist: https://bit.ly/StBAC_TrinitySunday

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/>

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3. Prayer List

Brook Lacour

Lucy Day

Nat Day

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 discussion is on Monday, 15th June at 6pm
The Children Act by Ian McEwan

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 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

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