

St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, St Barts



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Our Weekly News

Dear Friends,

This is our twenty-first newsletter of 2020, and I do think that summer has definitely 'broken out' on St Barts. This means clear blue seas and skies complementing our golden yellow beaches and green hillsides.

This equally means the return of tourists in search of our island's famed beauty. Being the month of August, many of these visitors are from mainland France, who come to enjoy their annual holiday. And at the same time we have tourists from other destinations visiting as well; so with no storms on the horizon, both visitors and residents alike can make the most of all that the island has to offer ... as St Barts regains some of its vibrancy.

Such descriptions of the island are not intended to make you green with envy, but are simply to reassure you that your beautiful island is showing its renowned resilience, and patiently awaiting your return. And with our relatively low Corona Virus numbers (just two new isolated cases added this week), we do continue to feel blessed, albeit while still taking precautions.

In keeping with this summer theme, this week's service starts off with a selection of recent photographs of our stunning beaches, accompanied by the

church's version of 'Morning Has Broken'. The Revd Jon Dephouse, who was with us in January, is preaching and conducting our service this week. Father Jon is booked to return here in November, when we hope to resume services in the church (in addition to an online offering!). The post-sermon meditation is a tune that Michael and Ombeline have previously played on Sunday in Church, but this one is the original! The final blessing given at the end of the service is one Father Jon delivered when he was here in person – and many people asked me about it, so it is set out at the bottom of this email. We then conclude our musical offering with a lively piece, entitled 'God, I look to You', with the lyrics *"I will love You, Lord my strength, I will love You, Lord my shield, I will love You, Lord my rock."*

At 10am on Sunday, we will hold our usual Zoom Coffee Morning (details below). The subject for discussion is 'Memorable beaches that you have visited around the world', if it is possible to compete with those here on St Barts?

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

While we remain relatively safe here on St Barts, we know that many people are still suffering from the effects of this virus; and we are equally conscious of its impact on businesses and economies across the world. So we continue to pray for all those who have been, and continue to be, affected.

Do Stay Safe – wash hands, wear masks and keep your distance!

With 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_Sunday9August

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 31st August** when we will be discussing **Dunbar by Edward St Aubyn** (a modern retelling of Shakespeare's King Lear).

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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*Friends of St Bartholomew's Church
106 West River Road,
Rumson, NJ 07760*

[Church Website](#)



Yellow, Green and Blue - tranquility surrounds our Church

Father Jon Dephouse's Final Blessing

(as spoken by The Very Rev. Brian Baker as his 'gift' at the Burning Man Festival)

*The world now is too dangerous, and too beautiful,
For anything but love.*

Love is a blessing.

*May your eyes be so blessed that you see God in everyone,
Your lips - so you speak nothing but the truth,
Your ears - so that you hear the cry of the poor.*

*May your hands be so blessed that everything you touch becomes a
sacrament,
Your feet - so that you run to those who need you.*

*And may your heart be so opened, and so set on fire,
That your love, Your love,
Changes everything.
Amen.*



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