

# St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, St Barts



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## Our Weekly News

Dear Friends

This is our twenty-second letter of 2020, sending news from a calm and peaceful St Barts.

There still continues to be a steady flow of people providing a convivial ambiance in the cafés and restaurants, as well as on the beaches. The local fauna seems to be equally enjoying this quieter time of year and there are quite a number of tortoises/land turtles around, as well as goats (especially young kids) plus the occasional iguana on the move.

In keeping with this theme, this week's service starts off with a photo reminder of the animal life on St Barts, accompanied by our version of 'Spirit of the Living God'. The Revd Margot Critchfield, who was with us in February, is conducting our online service this week from her houseboat near Boston. (And remember you can follow along by downloading a pdf of our service booklet). The post-sermon meditation is a new version of a familiar piece, and a good reflection for the current times. We then conclude the service with a new hymn entitled 'Raise a Hallelujah', which includes the lyrics "I'm going to sing, in the middle of the storm, Louder and louder, you're going to hear my praises roar, Up from the ashes, hope will arise ...". (And since the Old Testament Reading is that wonderful redemptive story of Joseph, I have also added at the end of the playlist a short extract from one of my favourite musicals!).

At 10am (EDT/AST) on Sunday, we will hold our usual Zoom Coffee Morning (link below). The subject for discussion is 'any fascinating animals we have seen in their natural settings'. Do think about joining us – you may see some familiar faces there!

Also listed below is information about our Bestseller Book Group (which meets in two weeks on 31<sup>st</sup> August to discuss a modern interpretation of King Lear); plus details about how to make an offering to the Church, our virtual Taizé services (including a new playlist, number 5!), as well as a link to previous updates, and our prayer list.

We remain relatively safe here on St Barts, although like last week (and similar to the rest of the world), we have seen some new cases.

We know that many people are suffering from the effects of this virus; and we are equally conscious of its impact on individuals, families, health care workers and systems, and economies across the world. So we continue to pray for all those who have been, and continue to be, affected.

Please Stay Safe – wash your hands, wear your masks and keep your 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\\_Sunday16Aug](https://bit.ly/StBAC_Sunday16Aug)

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](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](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)

Some more favourite Taizé Chants: [https://bit.ly/StBAC\\_FavouriteTaize5](https://bit.ly/StBAC_FavouriteTaize5)

The Church brings spiritual energy to the island of St Barts, for both residents and visitors alike.

Please help us continue to reach out ...

### Online Offering

You can make a secure donation online using your credit card. You are able to specify your donation to be either a one-off payment or monthly.

[Online Donations](#)

### Sending a check

You can also send checks to:  
Friends of St Bartholomew's Church  
106 West River Road,  
Rumson, NJ 07760

[Church Website](#)



Like a rock - the Church has always been there for us!

### The Revd Margot Critchfield's Final Blessing

Life is short and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk the way with us. So be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you this day and always. Amen.

