

Weekly Services & Groups



Family Eucharist *NB: new service time* Sundays 9.30am – 10.30am

A joyful music-filled service, combining traditional and modern worship – all denominations and spiritual seekers are welcome



Taizé Service Tuesdays 7pm – 7.30pm

30 minutes of prayerful music & silence in the tranquil candlelit setting of the Church, with chants based on the Taizé Community in France



Meditation Group Wednesdays 7pm – 8pm

A meditation group in English & French, focusing on inner peace and serenity – newcomers welcome and no prior experience necessary



St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church

First Sunday of Advent 3rd December 2023

Dear Friends,

*"Cast away the works of darkness ...
and put on the armour of light."*

Advent is the period leading up to Christmas and is comparable to the penitential season of Lent before the joys of Easter.

Perhaps we can all pray during this period ... to reflect on the past year and try to 'cast away' our and the world's darkness - and ask God for help to shine a light for us and across our world and bring true joy and peace into everyone's lives this Christmas.



**PHOTO
Festival**
St Barth 2023

One of the entries in this year's St Barts Photographic Festival

This week we have the Revd Cathy H George with us. It is her first visit to St Barts, and she is here with her husband, Michael. Please do show them a warm island welcome.

Do note also the concerts in the Church next weekend – Friday at 8pm and Sunday at 6pm will be La Chorale; with a Children's concert on Saturday night at 4pm with St Bart'Harmony.

With blessings,
Father Charlie & Philip

We need your support ...

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

There are 2 ways to donate:

Send a check to The Friends

or online



Donations to the Friends, our US 501(3)c, are tax efficient for US citizens.

AA Meetings:

Open Meetings in English take place in the Church Centre (to the left of the Church):

Monday: 8.30-9.30am
Tuesday: 6.30-7.30pm
Wednesday: 8.30-9.30am
Friday: 6.30-7.30pm

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Music Director: Ombeline Collin

Sunday Pianist: Michael Parisot

Guest Musician: Charlene Becuwe & Blanche Marquier

First Letter to The Corinthians – Chapter 1

My Brother and sisters:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind;

just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you;

so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Gospel according to Mark – Chapter 13

Jesus said to his disciples:

"In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory.

"Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

"So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

"Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

"Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

"It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

"Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.

"And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Processional: Amazing Grace #27

Gradual: O Come, O Come Emmanuel #358

Communion: Break Bread #299, Seek Ye First #442

Recessional: Standing in the Need of Prayer #256

Thought for the Week

An Advent Poem by Mary Oliver

Dear Lord, I have swept and I have washed but
still nothing is as shining as it should be
for you. Under the sink, for example, is an
uproar of mice – it is the season of their
many children. What shall I do?

And under the eaves
and through the walls the squirrels
have gnawed their ragged entrances – but it the season
when they need shelter, so what shall I do?

And the raccoon limps into the kitchen
and opens the cupboard
while the dog snores, the cat holds the pillow;
what shall I do? Beautiful is the new snow falling
in the yard and the fox who is staring boldly
up the path, to the door.

And I still believe you will
come, Lord; you will, when I speak to the fox,
the sparrow, the lost dog, the shivering sea-goose, know
that I am really speaking to you whenever I say,
as I do all morning and afternoon: Come in, Come in.

The Reverend Cathy H George is the former Associate Dean and Director of Formation, as well as a lecturer in Homiletics, at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. As Director of Formation, she was closely involved in the training aspects of seminarians, and the practical aspects of ministry and discipleship. And for those of us who might be unsure, Homiletics is the art of preaching and writing sermons! Before that appointment, she studied for her doctorate in Transformative Leadership at Boston University. Revd Cathy was the rector for 12 years at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Lincoln, MA, as well as rector in the Dorchester Partnership of Episcopal Churches in Boston.