

ACTIVE & ALIVE

St Bartholomew's Anglican Church is a singular space on St Barts, but entering our haven is far from a singular experience.

Our Sunday worship, the music, hearing the word of God, and its location on the harbour are all central to those experiences ... as is the Church's outreach online.

Our Church is a house of prayer and, combined with the Brook Lacour Garden, **it is an oasis of deep contemplation** for all people who set foot on the island ... whether on a day visit, a week-long vacation, a month long stay or for those who live here.

The church doors are always open, both literally and spiritually. This philosophy is at the very heart, soul and ethos of the Church. We offer a safe and welcoming sanctuary to all people living on the island and to everyone who visits.

Connecting with our Church strengthens faith, allows for personal healing, and cultivates spirituality. This is the case for those of an Anglican or Episcopal background, as well as all Christian and other traditions, and also includes those who are still searching. **St Bartholomew's provides a place which allows all of us a greater understanding of ourselves and what drives us.**

No matter how one spends time at the Church, all individuals are left with **a resounding, transformative experience of the universal loving Christ** for them to take away. It is this experience that we wish to preserve for generations to come by asking you to make a donation today ... **to create a legacy and safeguard the Church's future - so we can remain active and alive.**

HOW TO GIVE

There are 4 ways to donate:

- (a) online via the **Church website** (for sums up to \$10,000); which can be a one-off donation or monthly - see the QR below
- (b) sending a **check** to **Friends of St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Inc.** at: 106 W River Rd, Rumson, New Jersey 07760
- (c) contacting Ann Green on her email below for **wire instructions**
- (d) a bequest in your will or as part of your **estate planning**

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



The Church Bell Tower reflected in a puddle

Please email any questions to:

- Philip Trangmar, our Parish Administrator:
info.stbartholomews@gmail.com
- or
- Ann Green, Secretary of the Friends:
anncwgreen@gmail.com

We are excited to have you involved in this campaign, and we will be happy to help answer any additional queries that you may have.

**170 Years Young
Endowment
Appeal**



St Bartholomew's Anglican Church



BUILDING A STRONG CHURCH FOR THE FUTURE

The Church, built in 1855, is 170 years young, and we need to ensure we can keep the Church growing for the next 170 years!

With your help, we can build a legacy for the Church and the island.



We would like you to be part of this legacy keeping the Church active & alive ... open to all

From Father Charlie Vere Nicoll

1855 - 2025

170 YEARS YOUNG ...

AND LOOKING TO THE FUTURE!

The Church, on our beloved island of St Barths, has been a beacon of spirituality for so many people over the past 170 years. This has never been more apparent, and more needed, than in the last 25 years or so.

Twenty years ago, Bishop Ted Eastman, Bill Barrett and I launched an appeal to build the Church Centre. It was at this time that we formed our dedicated US charitable trust - **"Friends of St Bartholomew's Anglican Church"**.

Then ten years ago we launched a further appeal for a complete refurbishment of the Church both inside and out – wonderfully and thanks to your support, both these appeals were enormously successful.

As we look to the future, it is clearly of vital importance that **the Church secures its future: both physically and from a ministry standpoint**, so that we can continue to offer the Church's broad brand of spirituality to everyone who enters its doors ... and continue to flourish as has been the case over the past 25 years.

Hence, we are launching an appeal for a substantial increase in our charity's resources by way of increasing & extending **the current Endowment Fund**.

It now stands at just under \$1million, and we would like to see it increase significantly, the income from which would be used over the long term to fund the majority of the Church's annual running costs (running at approximately \$200k pa) plus cover any future expenses for ministry, while at the same time retaining the principal for any future capital expenditure on property.



Having discussed this with a number of our eminent visiting clergy team, (from Bishops to Cathedral Deans and Archdeacons) and a number of our largest benefactors, all of whom have significant experience in church funding, we believe that we should be seeking **to raise \$3 million over the next 3 years**.

We will call this funding:

The 170 Years Young Appeal

And it will be my pleasure to lead the charge for this campaign, which will give the Church access to an Endowment Fund of approximately \$4 million. Whilst I have had the privilege to have been involved here for the past **25 years**, we now need to plan for the future – for both our priestly ministry in all its forms and a secure balance sheet covering all capital expenditure projects, **albeit be reassured that I have no plans to step back!**

The Endowment Fund will continue to be managed by the Directors of the Friends of St Bartholomew's Church, who have done such a good job with their investment returns and assisting in managing the finances of the Church over the past 20 years.

With all Blessings

Father Charlie

Why do we wish to increase our endowment fund?
An endowment is a safety device for our Church's finances. We needed to construct a community centre for the Church twenty years ago and we were able to finance a major portion of the project from our endowment fund. Major refurbishment work on the Church was necessary ten years ago ... and, again, the endowment fund was able to provide the necessary funds. We want to increase our endowment to provide funds for necessary future major maintenance & improvements to the Church and help finance our visiting clergy program, as well as our contracted administration personnel and musicians.

Who will invest the additional funds?

Friends has invested its endowment funds for over 20 years, following a conservative approach that has delivered strong, steady results. Going forward, the Endowment will be invested in a professionally managed portfolio, while remaining under the oversight of Friends to ensure prudent stewardship and long-term sustainability.

Why should I contribute to the Endowment?

So many of us have been touched by our wonderful church – weddings, baptisms, renewals of vows, and of course the inspirational weekly services, both in person and over the internet. Friends have always considered our Church to be its outreach across the entire island community and the Church and its buildings have long provided homes to musical groups, the St Barts Music Festival, as well as the annual Blessing of the Fleet ceremony during the Bucket Regatta. And the beautiful Brook Lacour garden has become an oasis for both visitors to the island

