

Parish of St Christopher's City Beach

PEW SHEET



A very warm welcome to St Christopher's. You are invited to stay for morning tea after the 9am & 9.30am services.

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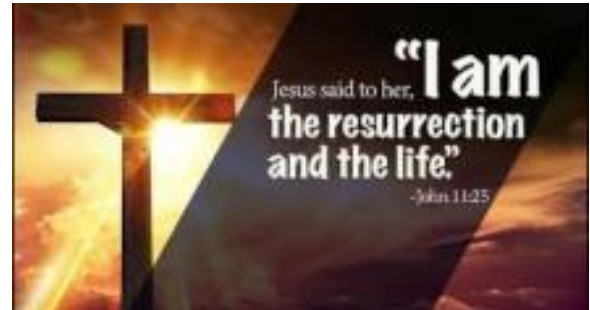
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Cheques for the parish to be made payable to: **'ACF: Parish of City Beach'**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

24 March 2023



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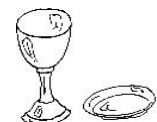
'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord; 'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. John 4.14

Collect

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and one another: call forth our penitence and acts of love, and strengthen us to face our mortality, so that we may look with confidence for your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



SERVICE TIMES AT ST CHRISTOPHERS



SUNDAY EUCHARIST SERVICE 7.30 & 9.30am

COMBINED EUCHARIST SERVICE: **First Sunday of the Month** 9.00am

MIDWEEK EUCHARIST SERVICE: Wednesday 10.00am

Please visit our website: stchristophersanglicanchurchcitybeach.weebly.com
for sermons, liturgical & prayer resources & other links

Ngala kaaditj Nyoongar moort keyen kaadak nidja boodja.

We acknowledge the Nyoongar people as the original custodians of this land.



Reflection – Fifth Sunday in Lent: John 11.1-45

As we approach Holy Week, we see Jesus come closer to the climax of his life and mission. As he comes near to Jerusalem, the setting for the final drama of his life, the threats of his enemies increase by the day. They are rallying their forces to get rid of him once for all. Jesus now approaches the home of Martha and Mary, and their brother Lazarus who has died, in Bethany, just outside Jerusalem. Jesus himself is overcome with grief at the death of a close friend. The words indicate the intensity of his feelings: “in great distress”; “a sigh that came straight from the heart”; “Jesus wept”; and “still sighing”.

Just before giving life back to Lazarus, Jesus prays to his Father. Jesus is no mere wonderworker. He is simply doing the work of God his Father, the Creator, Source and Giver of all life. Jesus makes a unique statement: “I am the resurrection and the life”. To consider him just as the fullness of life is not enough – he is also the resurrection. Being with him means not only sharing in his life, but also in his resurrection. All who believe in these two aspects of Jesus experience his love and power in life and death.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ Our parish community: The Parish Council, Lay Pastoral Ministers, Liturgical Assistants, Revd. Pat, and all who serve in the varying ministries of our parish.
- ❖ The Anglican Church: Abp Canterbury Justin Welby; Primate Abp Geoffrey Smith, Abp Kay Goldsworthy AO; Assistant Bishop Kate Wilmot.
- ❖ All who are in need, sick or grieving: Revd. Joyce, Colin, Karyn, David, Chum, Michaela, Cliff, John, Margie, Jeff, Theo.
- ❖ For Nicole and Graeme as they prepare to be married on April 8.
- ❖ Our World: Ukraine, Turkey & Syria, the Middle East

If you wish for a name to be added or removed from the prayer list please speak to Revd. Pat



ROSTERS FOR SUNDAY 2 APRIL 2023

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| Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-18; Philippians 2.5-11; Matthew 27.11-54 | |
| | 9.00am |
| LPM/LA | Elaine Embleton |
| WELCOMERS | Don Stewart & Pam Hann |
| FIRST READING | Lynn Lightfoot |
| SECOND READING | Don Stewart |
| MORNING TEA | Natalie Laurenson |
| FRESHEN & FLOWERS | No flowers in Lent |
| IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DO YOUR DUTIES PLEASE SWAP AND ADVISE REVD. PAT | |

ANOINTING and PRAYER for healing is available immediately after Holy Communion. Please sit in the chair next to the votive candle. Alternatively, speak to Revd. Pat



Reflection – Palm Sunday

Jesus' entry into the city begins on a huge wave of optimism, joy and hope. The people line the streets; they wave palms, they put their cloaks and garments on the ground, and they shout out his name. This was an ancient Roman tradition used to welcome soldiers and armies home after their

success in battle. The crowd welcome Jesus in a similar way as they shout out, *Hosanna, Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord*. Yet, how quickly the crowd changed and turned on Jesus. The same people who were happy to welcome him with shouts of joy, will soon begin to shout, 'Crucify him, Crucify him.' Jesus is even betrayed and denied by his closet friends. The rest of them run and desert him. He is left alone.

As we celebrate Palm Sunday and begin our journey through Holy Week, where am I in the unfolding drama. Who and where we are in the crowd. Am I one of the crowd shouting out his name? Am I like Judas in any way? When have I betrayed others or Jesus? When like Peter, have I denied knowing Jesus? Am I like Pilate when I judge and condemn others? This is a week to pray and then decide what kind of followers of Christ we are and are going to be.

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ROSTER FOR EASTER DAY 9 APRIL 2023

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| Lectionary Readings: Acts 10.34-43; Colossians 3.1-4; Matthew 28.1-10 | |
| 9.00am | |
| LPM/LA | Ann Boyer |
| WELCOMERS | Joy Campbell |
| FIRST READING | Joy Campbell |
| SECOND READING | Judith Davis |
| MORNING TEA | Elaine Embleton |
| FRESHEN & FLOWERS | Ann Boyer |
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Diary Dates

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| Monday 27 March | Toddler Jam 9.30am |
| Tuesday 28 March | Ocean Gardens Holy Communion 10am |
| Wednesday 29 March | Mid-Week Eucharist 10am |
| Wednesday 29 March | Lenten Study 6.30-7.30pm preceded by BBQ at 5.30pm BYO meat |
| Sunday 2 April | Palm Sunday Service 9am followed by the internment of the ashes of Nancy Lillian George |
| Monday 3 April | Taizé Service 6.30pm |
| Tuesday 4 April | Chrism Eucharist St George's Cathedral 12pm |
| Wednesday 5 April | Mid-Week Eucharist 10am |
| Maundy Thursday 6 April | Eucharist & Foot washing Service 6.30pm |
| Good Friday 7 April | Commemoration of the Lord's Passion & Death 9am |

Health Work & Safety in the parish is the responsibility of all, and we encourage everyone to promptly report all unsafe matters you see within the church building or grounds. This can be done by filling out the form attached to the WHS Noticeboard or notifying either Bob Laurenson 9341 5914 or David Munt 9385 9323. Please check out the Health and safety noticeboard in the hall regularly for important information including 'emergency evacuation' procedures.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICE TIMES 2023

MONDAY 3 APRIL: TAIZE Service 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL: Mid-week Eucharist 10.00am

MAUNDY THURSDAY 6 APRIL: Commemoration of Last Supper 6.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY 7 APRIL Commemoration of the Lord's Passion & Death 9.00am

EASTER SUNDAY 9 April Holy Eucharist 9.00am

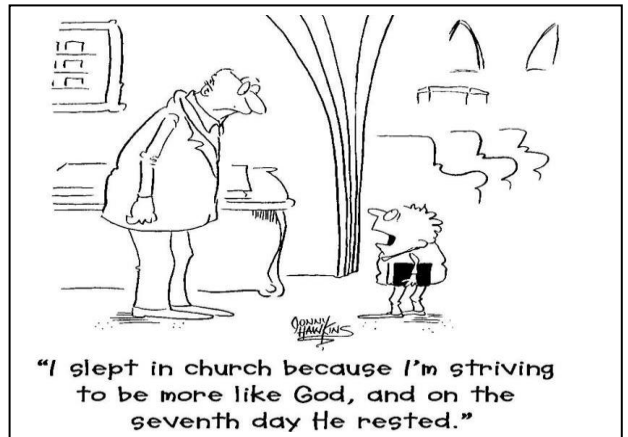
Annual Leave

Reverend Pat will be on Annual Leave from **Saturday 8 April** to **Saturday 22 April 2023**. For urgent pastoral matters please contact the church wardens: Ann Boyer & Elaine Embleton. The Reverend Dr. Raewynne Whitley (Warden of Wollaston Theological College) will preside at the Easter Day Service and The Reverend Ros Fairless on the Second Sunday of Easter (16 April). Please note that there is only **ONE** service at 9am on both these dates.



Weekly
Offering

We are not taking up a collection during the service. You will find the offertory plate at the back of the church at the orship area. Direct debit forms are also available in the foyer and on our website. Thank you for your contribution to the work and mission of the church which is very gratefully received.



PARISH COUNCIL

The parish council is the authoritative administrative body of a parish. The Council shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of our faith community, promoting the Church's mission to live and communicate the love, values and teaching of Christ in our world.

Every parish **must** have a council comprising of the Rector; two or three wardens and not fewer than four councillors. A number of current long serving councillors have indicated that they will be stepping down from their role at our Annual meeting in June 2023. This should be of concern to each and every one of us. New councillors are needed going forward. I ask that in the coming weeks you prayerfully consider committing to the parish Council for the year 2023/24 whether you are an old hand or new to the idea. Please feel free to speak to current parish councillors or myself for further information or questions - Revd. Pat



Congratulations and blessings to Theo and all who celebrate a birthday or anniversary in the coming fortnight!