

Please Pray: For parish renewal and the development of the Mission Plan; Parish Council; Lay Pastoral Ministers; Liturgical Assistants; Readers, Reverend Pat



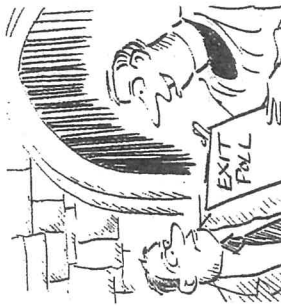
Anglican Church: AbpCanterbury Justin Welby; Primate Abp Philip Freier; Abp Kay Goldsworthy AO; Assistant Bishops Kate Wilmot and Jeremy James.

Those in need, sick or grieving: Michael, Inta, Lesley, Isobel, Sue, Mary, Dennille, Joshua, Gary, Jennie, Jane and the Caldwell family

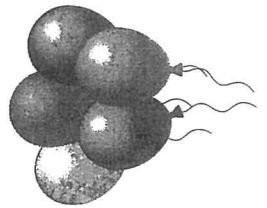
This Week: Kairos Outside Prison Ministry

Feb. 14 commemorates the martyrdom of Saint Valentine in the third century. Some legends say Valentine was a bishop in Terni, Italy, who healed the sick, including the blind daughter of a prison guard whom he met while in jail for practicing Christianity in a pagan world. Some say he was sentenced to death because he tried to convert Emperor Claudius to Christianity. The feast day's earliest associations with love and fertility may have been inherited from the pagan festival of Lupercalia, which was celebrated by the ancient Romans between Feb. 13 and Feb. 15. It's thought that Pope Gelasius I established the feast of Saint Valentine in the fifth century to "Christianise" the festival. It came to be celebrated as a day of romance from about the 14th century.

Congratulations to all who celebrate a birthday or anniversary this coming week!



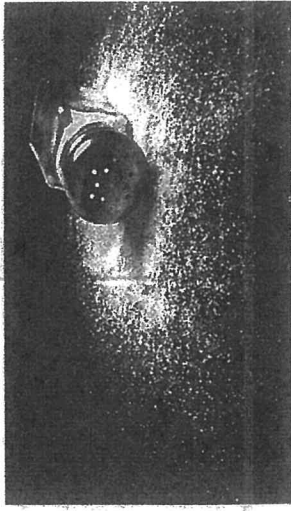
"But, apart from the pews, the sermon, the hymns, the coffee and, 'all that praying', you'd come again?"



PARISH OF ST CHRISTOPHER'S CITY BEACH

Anglican Church
Diocese of Perth

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
9 February 2020



Welcome

to St Christopher's!

You are welcome to receive Holy Communion or a blessing with us.

Please stay for refreshments after the 9.30 am service

There are toys and books for children at the rear of the church

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'ACF: Parish of City Beach'

Sentence

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:15)

Collect (Prayer of the Day)

Faithful God, you have appointed us as your witnesses, to be a light that shines in the world: let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 5:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-11
Matthew 5:13-20; Psalm 112

Next week:

Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37

Service Times (Holy Communion)

Sunday: 7.30 am and 9.30am

First Sunday of month: 9am

Wednesday: 10am

Reflection group meets Wednesday 10.30am during term time.

Reflection on today's lectionary readings (Rev'd Pat)

Having just shared the Beatitudes with the disciples, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to tell his disciples—and us!—what it truly means to follow him. You are “the salt of the earth” and “the light of the world” he says.

Of course, the way in which we view salt and light today is decidedly different from those of centuries ago. In fact, we scarcely give a second thought to our use of salt and light, other than perhaps to worry about too much salt in our diets, and the amount of light energy we use!

In Jesus's day, however, salt and light were both critical elements to making life more liveable, more full, more complete. Salt was known as vital commodity, a substance essential for life. It was necessary to preserve food, and it was one of few seasonings used to make food flavourful. Precious fuels were used to create light. It would never be lit to be hidden under a bushel, for the cost and preciousness of light was too great. Light gave warmth, gave security, allowed for life indoors and after sunset.

Interestingly the similarity between salt and light is that both of them exist for other things or other people, not for themselves. Salt is used to bring out the taste of something else, while the usefulness of light is in what it illuminates. Just as first-century culture placed a very high value on salt and light, Jesus tells his disciples that they are valuable and necessary to the Kingdom of God.

As followers of Christ, we are all are commissioned by God to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We are the means by which God flavours and illuminates life and the world. We are to season and transform the environment around us in such a way that it reveals God in this world. We are to help people better see God's life in theirs. We are to enlighten the dark places of the world. Every time we offer forgiveness, seek reconciliation, or act with compassion we sprinkle salt. Every time we speak a word of hope, work for justice, or do for another what we would have them do of us our light pushes back the darkness. That light is the presence and love of Christ.

To live as salt of the earth and light of the world is the life God desires us to have. It is who we are and how we are to be. That's why Jesus is so adamant that we not lose our saltiness and we not hide our light. Be salt of the earth. Let your light shine!



Anointing and prayer for healing is available immediately after Communion Please sit in the chairs on the left-hand side of the altar

ROSTER NEXT SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2020

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Year A

	7.30AM	9.30AM
LA	Bob Laurenson	Sarah Masterton
Welcomers	Pru Cowan	Don Stewart & Bev Cunningham
1 st Reading		Don Stewart
2 nd Reading		Bev Cunningham
Morning Tea	Pat & Andrew Scottford	
Freshen & Flowers	Joy Campbell & Margie Nayler	



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Reflection Group	Wednesday 12 February 10.30am
Parish Council Meeting	Wednesday 19 February 12.30pm
Ash Wednesday Service	Wednesday 26 February 10am & 6.30pm
World Day of Prayer	Friday 6 March 10am. All Saints Uniting, Berkeley Crescent, Floreat. Pray for Zimbabwe All are welcome!
Please forward items for the Pew Sheet to Rev'd. Pat by end of Thursday	



“The important thing is not to think much but to love much; and so do that which best stirs you to love.”

— Teresa of Avila

Ngala Kaaditi, Noongar moort keyen kaadak nidja boodja

We acknowledge the Noongar people as the original custodians of this land