

# Parish of St Christopher's City Beach

## PEW SHEET



Whether you are new to our congregation or visiting - welcome! We hope that you find worship here at St Christopher's a blessing and our parish family friendly and helpful. Please join us after the 9am and 9.30am service for refreshments and conversation.

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

*Second Sunday of Advent*  
*10 December 2023*



### **Sentence**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. For the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.

Luke 3.4; Isaiah 40.5a

### **Collect**

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **SERVICE TIMES AT ST CHRISTOPHERS**

SUNDAY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE 7.30 & 9.30am

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

MIDWEEK HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE: Wednesday 10.00am

TAIZE SERVICE: Second Monday of the month 6.30pm

Please visit our website: [stchristophersanglicanchurchcitybeach.weebly.com](http://stchristophersanglicanchurchcitybeach.weebly.com) for sermons, liturgical & prayer resources & other links

**DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY THERE WILL BE ONE SUNDAY SERVICE ONLY AT 8.30am**

Ngala kaaditj Nyoongar moort keyen kaadak nidja boodja.

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



### GOSPEL REFLECTION: Mark 1.1-8

Today's Gospel tells us to prepare for the coming of Jesus. It does so by speaking about John the Baptist preparing people to welcome the coming of Jesus as his public life and mission begin. John was clearly a man of God, and the people admired and trusted him as a person of holiness and integrity. He called on them to "repent". To "repent" in the Gospel involves a radical transformation in our way of living. There are two things we can learn here which are relevant to our Christmas preparation. First, we ourselves need to prepare for the coming of Jesus. Let us reflect then at this time on what changes we should make in our own lives, not just now but in the year that is to come. What kind of person would I like to be? What kind of person should I be? What kind of person could I be? What kind of person do I think God would like me to be?

Second, John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus to come into our lives. That is also our role as Christians. It is only through what we say and do that others can come to know and experience the love of Jesus. What better present could I give to another person?

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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, Assistant Bishops elect: The Venerable David Bassett and The Reverend Hans Christiansen.
- ❖ *All who are in need, sick or grieving:* Revd. Joyce, Colin, Karyn, Cliff, Milton, Norma, Lucha, Claire, Shirl-Ann, David Tyrell-Clark,
- ❖ *Our World:* The Israel-Palestine conflict, Ukraine, Sudan, Myanmar, Hong Kong.

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



### Diary Dates

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| Sunday 10 December               | Crosslink's Christmas service with Archbishop Kay 5.30pm            |
|                                  | Ecumenical Christmas Service St John's Lutheran Church Perth 5.30pm |
|                                  | St Paul's Christmas Carol Service 6.30pm                            |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December | Advent Taizé service 6.30pm   |
| Wednesday 13 December            | Holy Communion 10am; Reflection Group 10.30am                       |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December | St Christopher's Christmas Carol Service 5.30pm                     |
| Tuesday 19 December              | Christmas Service Ocean Gardens 10.30am                             |
| Sunday 24 December               | Holy Communion Service 7.30 & 9.30am; Crib Service 5pm              |
| Monday 25 December               | Christmas Day Eucharist 8.30am                                      |



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

**SAFE MINISTRY & WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY** are two areas of significant importance to the work of a parish in contributing to the safety and wellbeing of parish communities. The Diocese is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all its members and leaders, and especially its children. Any person who undertakes a volunteer role in the church is required to complete safe ministry training online. Reverend Pat is responsible for overseeing this process.

Health Work & Safety 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 Bob Laurenson 9341 5914. Please check out the Health and safety noticeboard in the hall regularly for important information including 'emergency evacuation' procedures and a Code of Conduct for 'Being Church' together.

### CHRISTMAS READERS NEEDED

Reverend Pat is seeking readers for our Carol Service and additional Christmas services. Please sign the list in the foyer or speak to Reverend Pat if you would like to read. This open to everyone, not only those on the readers roster!

## Safe Ministry

Safe Ministry Services wish to thank all the volunteers who play a vital role in our parishes.

We thank you for your commitment to ensuring we have safe environments for those who attend and participate in our Diocese.

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What if today, we were just grateful for everything?

### ASCENSION CONNECTION CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Thank you to all who gave so generously to this appeal. The Reverend Peregrin Campbell-Osgood will collect the donated goods on Monday 11 December.

## Christmas tree prayers

Write on the tag the names of people or situations that you want to pray for



## TAIZE ADVENT SERVICE

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm



*Time to Celebrate!*

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



St Christopher's Anglican Church  
Templetonia Crescent  
City Beach

**Taizé Advent Prayer Service**

Monday 11 December 6.30pm

**Christmas Carol Service** (followed by refreshments )

Sunday 17 December 5.30pm

**Christmas Eve Family Crib Service**

Sunday 24 December 5pm

**Christmas Day Holy Communion Service**

Monday 25 December 8.30am

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**All are welcome!**



