PARISH OF ST CHRISTOPHER'S CITY BEACH PEW SHEET



A warm welcome to St Christopher's.

All are invited to morning tea after the 9am
& 9.30am services.

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Cheques for the parish to be made

payable to: 'ACF: Parish of City Beach'.

First Sunday of Advent 28 November 2021



Sentence

Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near.

(Luke 21.28)

Collect

Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may go out joyfully to greet him; and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever; 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 CHRISTOPHER'S



SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE at 07:30 & 09:30AM

COMBINED HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE: First Sunday of the Month at 09:00AM

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE: Wednesday at 10:00AM

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

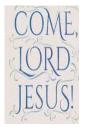
Ngala kaaditj Nyoongar moort keyen kaadak nidja boodja. We acknowledge the Nyoongar people as the original custodians of this land.

COVID - 19 SafeWA

ANYONE entering St Christopher's church at **ANY TIME** is required to register their attendance either by use of the SafeWA App or by completing the manual register provided.

Please use **hand sanitiser** provided and maintain **safe social distancing**Please **DO NOT** come to church if you are unwell.





Reflection on today's gospel reading (Luke 21.25-38)

Advent is a season of hope and expectation. We are invited to prepare joyfully for the coming of Christ. He comes in history (his conception and birth), in mystery (through the Eucharist), and in majesty (at the Last Day). In the first weeks of Advent the stress is on this third coming in majesty. Hence today's gospel.

Jesus is using traditional Jewish symbolism to describe what will happen when God's final judgment occurs. He says that people "will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud." The cloud is a symbol for God's presence. Jesus' message bursts with hope and confidence because, unlike those who have reason to fear his coming, Jesus' followers will be able to hold their heads high because their liberation is at hand.

How do the three comings of Christ impinge on my life? Do I want to deepen my awareness of them as I move through Advent? How firm is my hope?

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:



- Our parish community: those who are feeling isolated and anxious. The Parish Council, Lay Pastoral Ministers, Liturgical Assistants, Readers and Revd. Pat.
- The Anglican Church: Abp Canterbury Justin Welby; Primate Abp Geoffrey Smith, Abp Kay Goldsworthy AO, Assistant Bishops Jeremy and Kate.
- All in need, sick or grieve: Revd. Joyce, Colin, David, Warwick, Karyn, Mert, Sally, Alan, Katherine, James, Nicolette, Shirl Anne, Hannah, Ken.
- This week for: The Reverend Justine Coverdale, Rowena McMicking, and Belinda Newman as they are ordained to priesthood on Tuesday 30 November.

LECTIONARY READINGS & ROSTER FOR SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER 2021

LECTIONARY READINGS	Malachi 3.1-14; Song of Zechariah; Philippians 1.1-11; Luke 3.1-6	
	09.00am	
LPM/LA	Joy Campbell	
WELCOMERS	Judith Davis & Dick Shepherd	
IST READING	Nicole Deeny	
SECOND READING	Judith Davis	
MORNING TEA	Ann Boyer	
FRESHEN / FLOWERS	Jocelyn Munt & Lyn King	

LECTIONARY READINGS & ROSTER FOR SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 202

LECTIONARY READINGS: Zephaniah 3.14 -20; A Song of Isaiah; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18			
	07.30am	09.30am	
LPM/LA	Ann Boyer	Nicole Deeny	
WELCOMERS	J Munt & L King	D Stewart & B Cunningham	
FIRST READING	Jocelyn Munt	Don Stewart	
SECOND READING	Lyn King	Bev Cunningham	
MORNING TEA		Isobel Jones	
FRESHEN / FLOWERS	Melanie Elliot		

DIARY DATES (Subject to COVID Restrictions)

Today 28 November	WA Churches Carol Service 3pm Wesley Uniting Church Perth
Wednesday 1 & 8 December	Mid-week Holy Communion Service 10.00am followed by Reflection Group
Sunday 5 December	St Christopher's monthly combined Holy Communion Service 9am
Sunday 5 December	Crosslinks Christmas Holy Communion service followed by shared supper. St Nicholas' Anglican Church, Floreat Park 5.30pm
Sunday 5 December	Lake Monger Christmas Carols 6.15-7pm
Monday 13 December	Parish Council Meeting 4pm
Monday 13 December	Advent Taizé Service 6.30pm



Under current COVID Health & Safety regulations we are not taking up a collection. during the service. You will find the offertory plate at the back of the church at the entry to the worship area. Alternatively, you could consider giving by direct debit. Forms are available in the fover or on our website.

Your continued donations to the church and its ministry and mission are very much appreciated.



REFLECTION ON SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (5 DECEMBER 2021)

The Gospel positions John the Baptist in the history of his time, sign-posting the date of God's intervention in human history. It was not a one-off intervention; it continues through everyone who works to prepare the way of the Lord.

John quotes the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight." John, the cousin of Jesus is a challenging figure. He, the messenger of God is the 'sharpened arrow' whose words pierce to the heart's core. Some people listened to his uncompromising message and changed the direction of their lives. But others resisted.

Lord, this Advent, give me a welcoming heart. Let me be open to the messengers of your word, especially to those whom at first glance I might resist, for they are your prophets today urging me to change my way of thinking and living.



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

2021 ANGLICARE WA SCHOOLSCHRISTMAS APPEAL

Every year Anglicare WA works with around 10,000 children across the state. Our frontline staff tell us that one of the things that families often struggle to afford when going through hard times is back to school supplies.

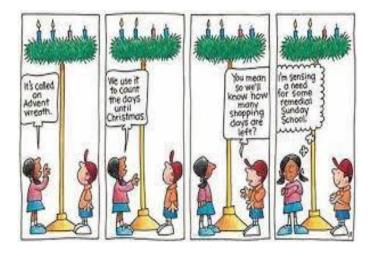
Not being able to send your child to school with the correct school supplies impacts not only their education but their confidence and dignity too. During this Christmas season we want to make sure as many of those children receive the back-to-school supplies they need, ready for the 2022 school year.

St Christopher's Parish Council is pleased to support this appeal once again as part of our Christmas mission for 2021.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2021 Celebrating Jesus' Birth at St Christopher's

Taizé Advent Service Monday 13 December 6.30pm Christmas Carol Service Sunday 19 December 6pm Christmas Eve Family Crib Service Saturday 24 December 5pm Christmas Day Holy Communion Sunday 25 December 8.30am Boxing Day Holy Communion Sunday 26 December 8.30am



At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart?

Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern.

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Lake Monger Christmas carols.

Sunday 5th December 6.15-7 pm Singers wanted. No special uniform required. Please contact Pamela at pamelavdmeulen@gmail.com if you are interested.



Congratulations and blessings to all who celebrate an anniversary or birthday in the coming fortnight.