## 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'.

# The Epiphany of our Lord 2 January 2022



#### Sentence

They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and worshipped him. (Matthew 2.11)

#### Collect

Everlasting God, who brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising: fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, 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**



#### PLEASE NOTE THROUGHOUT JANUARY 2022 OUR SERVICE TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE at 08.30am

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE: Wednesday at 10.00am

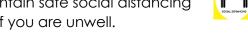
Please visit our website: <u>stchristophersanglicanchurchcitybeach.weebly.com</u> for sermons, liturgical & prayer resources & other links

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

#### COVID – 19 SafeWA

Under **CURRENT** restrictions ANYONE entering St Christopher's church at ANY TIME is required to wear a face mask and 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.







The Epiphany story is colourful, dramatic, and full of mystery. The people are familiar to us: the wise men – astrologers? from the east, far away, Herod, the cruel tyrant, Mary, and her child – who is he really? Also familiar are the star that intrigued the wise men and guided them to Bethlehem, and the gifts that these strangers brought: gold, frankincense, and myrrh – what do these symbolise?

We are invited to become part of this story. Perhaps we can accompany the wise men and ask to share in the manifestation (epiphany) that they experienced in Bethlehem. Their journey, like our own lives, involved highs and lows, times of insight and doubt, a dream calling them forward (star) and the deception of worldly values (Herod). But at the end they were enlightened in the presence of the child Jesus and "they knelt down and paid him homage". Will we do likewise? www.sacredspace.ie

#### **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
- All in need, sick or grieve: Lyn King, Les, Revd. Joyce, Colin, David, Dan, Karyn, Mert, Shirl Anne, Hannah, Ken, and the family of Paula Watson who died this week.
- This week: For the world around us as we enter into a New Year.

#### LECTIONARY READINGS & ROSTER FOR SUNDAY 9 JANUARY 2022

LECTIONARY READINGS:	Isaiah 43.1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8. 14-17; Luke 3.15-22
	08.30am
LPM/LA	Joy Campbell
WELCOMERS	Deborah Haynes & Ann Boyer
FIRST READING	Ann Boyer
SECOND READING	Deborah Haynes
MORNING TEA	Rita Rock & Melanie Elliott
FRESHEN/FLOWERS	Deborah Haynes & Helen Feutrill



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.

### REFLECTION ON FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – THE BAPTISM OF JESUS (LUKE 3.15-22) 9 January 2022



Over the ages the people of God had been waiting for the one who was to come. They sensed that right now was the eve of the great Saviour's dawn. And their anticipation was not disappointed. At the baptism of Jesus the Father in heaven's voice was heard – and Jesus' own Spirit appeared too, ready to be poured out into the hearts of all who approached for purification. A new force was at large in the world, changing our heart and filling our spirit with the life of heaven.

Today is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our own baptism. It is not something which only happened a long time - it is the beginning of a lifelong journey. It is the beginning of a process of growing into the Body of Christ as its members.

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#### LECTIONARY READINGS & ROSTER SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 16 JANUARY 2022

LECTIONARY READINGS: Isaiah 62.1-5; Psalm 36.5-10; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11		
	08.30 <sub>AM</sub>	
LPM/LA	Elaine Embleton	
WELCOMERS	Lynne & Mike Roberts	
FIRST READING	Lynne Roberts	
SECOND READING	Mike Roberts	
MORNING TEA	Ann Boyer	
FRESHEN/FLOWERS	Joy Campbell & Margie Nayler	

#### **UPCOMING DIARY DATES (Subject to COVID Restrictions)**

Wednesday 5, 12, 19 & 26 January	Mid-Week Holy Communion at 10.00am. NO REFLECTION GROUP
Monday 14 February	Taizé Prayer Service 6.30pm
Sunday 20 February	Formation Student welcomed at 9.30am Holy Communion Service
Sunday 20 February	Crosslinks Service Anglican Parish of Floreat 5.30pm
Monday 21 February	LPM/LA Training & Meeting 1.30pm
Monday 21 February	Parish Council Meeting 4pm
Sunday 27 February	St Christopher's Songs of Praise Service 6pm



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 foyer or on our website.

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

#### **NEW YEAR GREETINGS**

May God's love keep you and yours happy and healthy in this new year. May God live in your heart always – Revd.'s Pat & Dave, and Nicole

#### SUPERVISED THEOLOGICAL FIELD EDUCATION

I am pleased to announce that following a request from Wollaston Theological College we are to have Bill Leadbetter on STFE placement at City Beach in 2022. Parish placement offers the Candidate in Formation important ministry opportunities and strengthens leadership capacities in faithful service to Christ and his Church. We look forward to welcoming Bill who will commence his placement with us on Sunday 20 February 2022.

#### **HEALTH & SAFETY**

"The WA Government recently passed the new Work Health and Safety Act 2020. In preparation for this, Diocesan Council and Diocesan Trustees have jointly approved an update to Policy 2 – Work Health and Safety. For clergy and parishes it will mean identifying hazards, and assessing and dealing with these hazards. As members of the Parish Council, David Munt and Bob Laurenson have combined to oversee the implementation of this policy at St Christopher's and have already completed the required Parish Inspection Check List. While steps have already been taken to address some of the identified hazards this will be an ongoing process.

There is a requirement to have at least one nominated First Aid officer at every service. As a matter of priority, First Aid training through Amana Living in early 2022 is being made available to interested parish members. Please speak to Bob or David for further information.

Health & Safety in the parish is the responsibility of everyone, and we encourage you all to report promptly all unsafe matters you see within the church or grounds to Bob or David.



Toddler Jam is an action packed, music infused fun social time for parents/ grandparents/ carers and children under five years run by local churches. Toddler Jam groups run once a week during the school terms, and lasts for approximately an hour and a half.

Toddler Jam will commence at St Christopher's in February 2022 and will be held on a Monday morning from 9.30-11am. However, at least 2-3 volunteers are urgently needed per session to assist with registrations and prepare morning tea. This will be on a rostered basis rather than a weekly commitment. If you are interested or would like more information please speak to Reverend Pat.



#### A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame

So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God And live forever to praise Your glorious name. Amen



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