

PARISH OF ST CHRISTOPHER'S CITY BEACH
PEW SHEET



Welcome to St Christopher's

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

First Sunday of Advent

29 November 2020



Sentence

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. (Isaiah 2.3a)

Collect

Faithful God, whose promises stand unshaken through all generations: renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our Judge and Saviour, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lectionary Readings for 6 December

Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:1-6, Mark 1:1-18



CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

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

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

MIDWEEK HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE: Wednesday at 10:00 AM

Please visit our website: stchristophersanglicanchurchcitybeach.weebly.com for our weekly recorded Sunday Holy Communion Service, 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 from Sacred Space on today's Lectionary Readings

(Isaiah 63:16-17;64:1.3-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37)

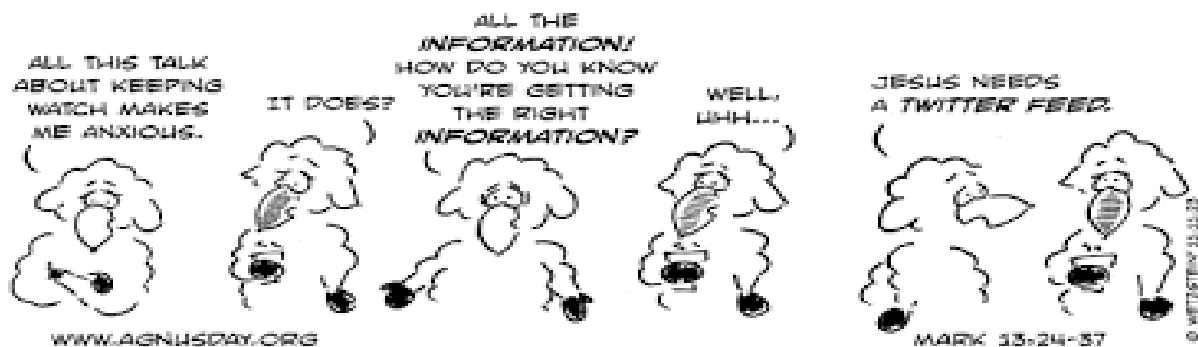
Today's lectionary readings speak of three comings of Jesus. The first coming is the one we will celebrate at Christmas, the coming of the Son of God as a human being, born of Mary in a stable at Bethlehem. It is this coming that the First Reading from Isaiah looks forward to with anticipation.

But the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem was an event in the past, a historical event. There is the coming of Jesus each and every day into our lives. This is an ongoing presence which reflects the ongoing presence of our Creator since the first moments our universe took its beginnings. He comes in every person, in every experience, in every happening. Let us not be so busy looking back at the Christmas event that we fail to be aware of his presence here and now.

The third coming, is when Jesus, at the end of time, will come to take all creation to himself. So the Gospel today reminds us of the need to be ready, to be alert, to be awake, not asleep. We keep in touch with our God through lives of prayer. We keep in touch with those around us by each day doing our best to live lives of love, of compassion, of forgiveness, of honesty and integrity. If we live constantly in this way, we will be ready for Christ whenever and however he comes.

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 Kate and Jeremy.
- ❖ Those in need or sick: Dennille, Joshua, Jenni, Hendy, Mike, Setsuko, Sarah, Denise, Guia, Bethany, Robyn, Margaret
- ❖ This week: For those deacons who are to be ordained priest in the diocese of Perth on 30 November.



CHURCHLANDS YOUTHCARE COUNCIL

Donations from St Christopher's in lieu of support for fund raising activities now total \$790. This generosity is greatly appreciated - Thankyou

ROSTER FOR 6 DECEMBER 2020

	09:00AM
LPM/LA	Bob Laurenson
WELCOMERS	Lynne & Mike Roberts
1 st READING	Lynne Roberts
2 nd READING	Mike Roberts
MORNING TEA	Ann Boyer & Rita Rock
FRESHEN/FLOWERS	Natalie Laurenson & Ann Boyer

DIARY DATES

Sunday 29 November	Carol Service, St Paul's Wembley Downs 7PM
Wednesday 2 December	Holy Communion Service 10AM followed by reflections
Sunday 6 December	Combined Holy Communion Service 9AM
Sunday 6 December	Crosslinks Service Parish of Floreat 5:30PM
Thursday 17 December	Connect Luncheon Group 11AM – 1PM

COVID – 19 SAFETY PLAN FOR CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Please stay Covert alert - no time for complacenc❗

- ❖ Please **DO NOT** come to church if you are unwell
- ❖ Please use hand sanitiser on entry to the building
- ❖ Please maintain safe social distancing as required
- ❖ Please adhere to marked seating arrangements
- ❖ No general physical contact or at sign of peace
- ❖ Please use offertory plate at back of church
- ❖ Holy Communion will be distributed in bread form only
- ❖ Please follow guidelines for morning tea as directed



St Christopher's City Beach

Carol Service: Sunday 20 December 6PM

Family Service: Thursday 24 December 5PM

Christmas Day: Holy Communion 8:30AM

PLEASE NOTE

**ONE SUNDAY SERVICE ONLY DURING THE
MONTH OF JANUARY AT 08:30AM**

GIVING/ OFFERTORY DIRECT DEBIT FORMS/ ENVELOPES

Direct debit forms are available in the foyer and on our webpage. Your continued giving and donations to St Christopher's and its ministry is greatly appreciated

THANK YOU!



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2020

The Anglicare WA Christmas Appeal is an annual fundraising initiative that helps to provide back-to-school supplies for over 10,000 children. This year, we are asking St Christopher's Parishioner's to donate new items from the list below:

BACKPACK	TEXTAS	COLOURED PENCILS
LUNCH BOXES	ERASERS	ARTLINE MARKERS BLACK
DRINK BOTTLES	OIL PASTELS	HIGHLIGHTER MARKERS
EXERCISE BOOKS A4	HB PENCILS	CRAYONS CRAYOLA TWISTABLES
HEADPHONES	2B PENCILS	SCRAPBOOKS MEGASAURUS
PENCIL CASES	BLUE PENS	DISPLAY BOOKS A4 POCKET REFILLABLE
GLUE STICKS	RED PENS	PENCIL SHARPENERS
GIFT VOUCHER	SCISSORS	RULERS 300mm

**Please place all donated items in the collection box in the foyer.
Thank you for your generosity.**



The modern-day tradition of the Advent wreath originates in Germany. The story goes that in 1839, Johann Hinrich Wichern a pastor in Germany, built a wreath out of an old cartwheel to help the children in his mission school count the days until Christmas. He added small candles to be lit every weekday and Saturday during Advent, and on Sundays, a large white candle was lit. German immigrants then brought the tradition with them to America in the 20th century. The evergreens used in today's wreaths represent everlasting life; holly leaves and berries represent the crown of thorns and blood; and pinecones symbolize the resurrection. The first candle represents hope, and the prophets of the Old Testament; the second candle represents faith, and Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem; the third candle signifies joy, and the shepherds; and the fourth represents peace and the angels, with their message of Peace on Earth, and good will to all men.

16 Days in WA to Stop Violence Against Women

Visit communities.wa.gov.au/16daysinwa for more information.

BUSH CHURCH AID COLLECTS STAMPS

Bush Church Aid has collected stamps for many years. Stamps can be left at the WA BCA Office which is located at St Alban's in Highgate. The WA BCA Office is open between 10am and 2pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
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** Congratulations! **

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