PARISH OF ST CHRISTOPHER'S CITY BEACH PEW SHEET



Welcome to St Christopher's

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Beach'

Second Sunday of Advent 6 December 2020



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.

Lectionary Readings for 13 December Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Song of Mary, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28, John 1:6-8, 19-28



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 kaadítjí Nyoongar moort keyen kaadak nídja boodja. We acknowledge the Nyoongar people as the original custodians of this land

Reflection from Sacred Space on today's Lectionary Readings

(Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8)

We continue our preparations for the coming of Jesus. That is, his coming among us as a new-born baby in Bethlehem. Today's Gospel tells us to prepare for that coming, that remembering, that celebrating. It does so by speaking about John the Baptist preparing people to welcome the coming of Jesus as he begins his public life, his mission.

John was clearly a man of God and the people admired and trusted him as a person of holiness and integrity. He taught them, bluntly made them aware of their sinfulness and called on them to "Repent". "Repent" here does not mean just being sorry for the past. It is a call for them to do much more than that, to change their ways. To "repent" in the Gospel involves a radical transformation in our way of living. It means a conversion, a real turning around, a re-directing of one's whole life.

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?



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, Colin, Sally & family
- This week: To stop violence against women.

COVID - 19 SAFETY PLAN FOR CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Please stay Covert alert - no time for complacency!

As from Saturday 5 December 2020 places of worship are required to maintain a mandatory contact register. **EVERY PERSON** who enters St Christopher's church at **ANY TIME** will be required to register their contact details in the register provided.

- ❖ Please DO NOT come to church if you are unwell
- Please use hand sanitiser on entry to the building
- Please maintain safe social distancing



ROSTER FOR 13 DECEMBER 2020

	07:30ам	09:30 ам
LPM/LA	Ann Boyer	Sarah Masterton
WELCOMERS	J Campbell & M Nayler	D Stewart & B Cunningham
1 st READING	Joy Campbell	Don Stewart
2 nd READING	Margie Nayler	Bev Cunningham
MORNING TEA		Melanie Elliott & Neil Burrell
FRESHEN/FLOWERS	Melanie Elliott & Neil Burrell	

DIARY DATES

Sunday 6 December	Crosslinks Service. St Nicholas Floreat. 5.30рм	
Wednesday 9 December	Holy Communion Service 10AM followed by reflections	
Thursday 17 December	Connect Luncheon Group 11AM – 1PM	
Sunday 20 December	Christmas Carol Service 6рм	
Thursday 24 December	Christmas Family Crib Service 5PM	



St Christopher's City Beach

Carol Service: Sunday 20 December 6PM

Family Service: Thursday 24 December 5PM

Christmas Day: Holy Communion 8:30AM

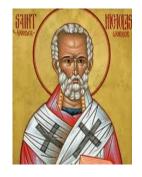
PLEASE NOTE

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!



St Nicholas Day 6th December

Contrary to popular belief, St Nick hasn't always resided in the North Pole. In fact, the real St. Nicholas hailed from Greece, way back in the 3rd century (around 280 A.D.). He was bishop of Myra, a small Roman town that would today exist in modern Turkey.

The original St Nick was a fierce and loyal individual who spent years in prison for his defence of church doctrines. During the Great Persecution of 303, whilst bibles were being burnt and priests were

forced to renounce Christianity or face execution, Nicholas stood up for his faith and protected those around him. It is because of these acts, and of the many miracles he was associated with, that his fame lived on long after his death on December 6th, in the mid fourth century. Today, he is the protector of many different types of people, including orphans, sailors and prisoners.



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 SHARPNERS
GIFT VOUCHER	SCISSORS	RULERS 300mm

Please place all donated items in the collection box in the foyer.

Thank you for your generosity.





John the Baptist does his 'best' at being a SNAKE CHARMER? Mt 4:7... NOT!

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy
Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your
voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look
forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in
so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the
light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

ROSES

Volunteers required to go on roster for dead heading the roses. One person per week during summer season. Sign up form in the foyer.

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. rob.healy@bushchurchaid.com.au 0428 288 473



and blessings to Norma who celebrates her 90th birthday on Saturday and to all who celebrate a birthday or anniversary this coming week!