



**Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Perth
St. Christopher's, City Beach**

Twenty third Sunday after Pentecost - 17 November 20

Wed 20 Nov	10.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Reflections
Fri 22	9.30am	Open House
Sat 23	9.00-2.00pm	Advent Quiet Day
Wed 27	9.30-11.30am	Spirituality/Cathedral
Sat 30		Churchsafe/Murdoch
Fri 6 Dec	9.30-12.00pm	Open House Christmas Lunch
Sat 14 Dec		Churchsafe/Kingsley



Next Week's Rosters 24 November 2019

	7.30am	9.30am
L.A	Bob Laurenson	Nicole Deeny
Welcomers	Joy Campbell Margie Nayler	Inta Adams Bev Cunningham
1st Reading		Bev Cunningham
2nd Reading		Inta Adams
Morning Tea Flowers & Freshen	Pat Scotford Natalie Laurenson	Andrew Scotford Ann Boyer

I went to the zoo last week and saw a baguette in a cage.

The zookeeper told me it was bred in captivity.

May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.
2 Thessalonians 3:16

Prayer of the day: Lord God of all the ages, the One who is, who was, and who is to come: stir up within us a longing for your kingdom, keep our hearts steady in times of trial, and grant us patient endurance until the sun of justice dawns. We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN

Readings: Isaiah 65:17-25, Isaiah 12:2-6 (page 391) 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19
Next Week: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Luke 1:68-79 (page 10), Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

Service Times: Wed 10.00am Sunday 7.30am & 9.30am

The Revd Pat Deeny our Priest-in-Charge is in the parish on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. She is available any time for emergencies and her contact No. is 0497 445 520 and email anglicanparishofcitybeach@gmail.com

The contact number for St. Christopher's during the week is 9385 8393 - please leave a message or contact our Church Wardens, Elaine Embleton 0417 234 741 or Ann Boyer 9385 8972. The Parish Secretary is Joy Campbell 0419 927 237. Cheques for the parish to be made payable to 'ACF: Parish of City Beach'.

Reflection (Luke 21:5-19) - Revd Pat

In the context of Luke, today's Gospel appears near the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem, just prior to the events that will lead to his crucifixion. Jesus' warnings and predictions are ominous but can be read in several ways.

In the second part of the passage Jesus foresees the opposition which his followers will face, and he foretells the kind of dangers that lie ahead. Jesus warns that his followers will face persecution for their beliefs, and even families will be split.

Since we could easily become discouraged after these dire warnings, Jesus then offers reassurance. In the face of opposition and persecution God's wisdom and power will be given to us, Jesus says. In other words, God commits himself to helping us when he calls us to do his work. In our sharing of our testimony to our faith - the Good News, God's Spirit is at work within us. The word of God itself is, indeed, alive and active.

Today's Gospel ends on an up-beat note. When Jesus finally comes in glory, He will welcome into His kingdom all who have stood by him, all who have endured, especially when our faith has been severely tested.

Found. A silver bracelet was found in the church on Sunday morning at the second service. It is yet to be claimed! We have it safely kept in the church office.

Web Page - I am delighted to announce that thanks to the able work of **Stephanie Deeny** our new website for St. Christopher's has been published and is live and active. You can check it out at:

stchristophersanglicanchurchcitybeach.weebly.com

It is still very much a work in progress and will continue to be worked on in the coming weeks.

Advent Preparation Quiet Day (Saturday 23 November 9.00am-2.00pm.) Advent is a liturgical season meant to be lived with deep spiritual anticipation. It is a time of year in which the Church invites us to look forward to spiritual gifts with the same kind of eagerness and delight that children feel towards material gifts. The weeks leading up to Christmas and Epiphany are some of the busiest and most stressful of the year. This day offers an opportunity to take time out and create some silence and stillness to reflect prayerfully and meditate on some good news moments in the Christmas story using scripture and liturgy. Please can you sign the sheet in the entrance hall if you are attending.



Delicious Christmas cakes, mini size gift available to buy or order from Lynne Roberts 0433 946 447. Samples available this Sunday.



Gracy Cherian, Deanne Hill, Esme Smith, Margaret Perry, Michael Powell, Steve Hughes, Dennille Roberts, Margot Thomas, Joshua Elliott, Jenny & Neil, Anita Drew, Paul, and Gary Starkle.

Anointing and prayer for healing is available immediately after communion. Please sit in the chairs on the left of the altar.

The Archbishop has requested that all churches include the **prayer for the bushfire season.**

*We thank you, living God,
for the fire fighters and emergency service workers,
both volunteers and professionals, who risk their own safety
to protect people and property.*

*Bless and protect them as they serve us in times of crisis.
Give them skill and care as they work through fatigue, fear and danger.
To every community now shadowed by the smoke of bushfires,
give a strong spirit, generous neighbours,
and the resources they need to care for one another and for the land.
Refresh us in our faith that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose name we pray. **AMEN***

Christmas at Lake Monger. It is that time of year when the Cambridge Choir gathers together to sing the Christmas carols. Hoping you all can join us on Thursday 19 December at 7.30pm at Lake Monger.

Practices are:

Monday **2 December** and Monday **9 December** at 7pm. at Wembley Downs Uniting Church, 130 Calais Road, Wembley Downs.

Band Practice:

Monday 16 December at 7.30pm Southern Districts Senior Citizens Centre, Willagee.

Many thanks Pamela van der Meulen.

St Bart's Christmas Appeal. There has been such a great response - the boxes are already filling with many generous gifts for men and women, also unisex gifts and toiletries. Please remember the appeal ends on 14 December to allow time for sorting, wrapping etc.

Parkerville's Annual Report is available on the foyer table for anyone to read. The big news is that Basil Hanna has retired. He will be greatly missed as he has achieved amazing results. What a story! From the first days of Sister Kate arriving off the boat with over 30 young children, unannounced and unexpected, to the contents of this report. Read it, then read the book "Sister Kate" available on the bookshelf.

