



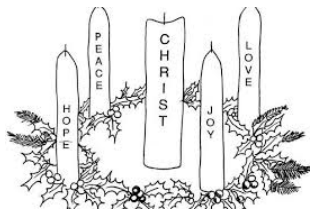
Wed 4 Dec	10.00/10.30am	Holy Communion Cancelled
Fri 6	9.30-12.00pm	Open House Christmas Lunch
Sun 8-14		St. Bart's Appeal
Sat 14		Churchsafe/Kingsley
Sun 15	7.00pm	St. Paul's Carols
Thurs 19	7.30pm	Lake Monger
Sun 22	5.30pm	Carol Service
Tues 24	5.00pm	Crib/Children's Service
Wed 25	8.30am	Christmas Day

Next Week's Rosters 8 December 2019

	7.30am	9.30am
L.A	Joy Campbell	Sarah Masterton
Welcomers	Jocelyn Munt Lyn King	Don Stewart Bev Cunningham
1st Reading		Don Stewart
2nd Reading		Bev Cunningham
Morning Tea	Ann Boyer	Rita Rock
Flowers & Freshen	Jocelyn Munt	Lyn King

"A Christmas Carol" is the heartwarming take of how rich people must be supernaturally terrorised into sharing.

Popping into my local pharmacy, I asked the assistant where the baby wipes were. "On the bottom shelf" she replied. Silly me, of course they were!



**Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Perth
St. Christopher's, City Beach
First Sunday of Advent — 1 December 2019**



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*

Prayer of the day: 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

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122; Romans 13:9-14, Matthew 24:36-44
Next Week: Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7,18-21; Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

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 Advent 1 Year A (*Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:37-44*)

Today, the first Sunday of Advent, the Church begins a new liturgical year. It is time given to us to begin afresh with new energy and resolution on our journey to fullness of life with our God.

In the context of Advent and in preparation for Christmas, today's readings reveal the enormous fact of the incarnation of the Son of God, of the coming of God among men. This coming was promised in the Old Testament and served to prepare Israel and all peoples for the good news of Emmanuel, God with us. It is about God's presence, a coming fulfilled in Jesus and it is about a future coming, the Second Coming, whose date is a mystery concealed in the wisdom of God.

Advent begins with a call to vigilance, to "be awake", to be open to God's words and instructions, to check out our perspective on life and to prepare our hearts, minds and bodies for the ultimate, everlasting union with God.

Advent calls us to climb God's mountain established for all people and learn to walk in God's footsteps so that all instruments of war will be turned into instruments of life and growth. Advent calls us to change behaviours that radiate darkness into those that produce light. Advent calls us to be aware of how God is working in our lives and in the lives of others each day. Advent calls us to be prepared - not just for Christmas, and relatives and social gatherings - but for the coming of God deeper into our lives.

Holy Communion and Reflections are cancelled this coming week, but will resume as normal on 11 December at 10.00am.

St. Christopher's Christmas Service Times

December 22: Carol Service 5.30pm
December 24: Christmas Eve Crib/Children's Service 5.00pm
December 25: Christmas Day 8.30am

Community Carol Service - The Wanneroo Civic Choir of 50 voices under their new Musical Director Mr. Tauí Pinker, will lead the singing at the Traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols based on the service held each year at Kings College in Cambridge. The venue is **St. Paul's Anglican Church**, 57 Brompton Road, City Beach and it will take place on **Sunday 15 December 2019 at 7pm**. Father Jack Thomson has asked local churches to provide two readers, **they are still required**. If you are interested please speak to Revd Pat.

Our new Website Address - stchristophersanglicanchurchcitybeach.weebly.com



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.

My Funeral Wishes Form - Copies of this form are available in the entrance hall. If you have any questions please speak to Rev Pat.

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.

Delicious **Christmas Cakes** - large and mini-size for gifts, available to buy or order from Lynne Roberts 0433 946 447.

St Bart's Christmas Appeal. Next Sunday 8 December will be the last and best day for final donations, as the closing date is the following Saturday. We have had a great response - thank you!

The Advent Wreath was traditionally a practice of the Lutheran Church that has spread to many other Christian Churches. The wreath itself of evergreen branches is symbolising eternal life. We normally represent Hope the 1st week, then Peace, then Joy with a pink candle, then Love, with the central white Christ Candle to be lit on Christmas Day.

A variation of this theme is to think of the Prophet's Candle for Hope, the Bethlehem Candle symbolising Faith, the Shepherd's Candle for Joy and the Angel's Candle symbolising Peace.



Welcome to St. Christopher's Church. There are toys, books and activities for children at the rear of the church. Please feel welcome, we hope you will stay for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat after the 9.30am service.