



Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Perth
St. Christopher's, City Beach
First Sunday of Advent — 2 December 2018

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| Mon 3 Dec | 7.00pm | Choir Practice/W.D. Uniting |
| Wed 5 | 10.30am | Reflections - Advent:peace |
| Fri 7 | 9.30am-12pm | O.H. Christmas Lunch |
| Mon 10 | 7.30pm | Choir/Willagee |
| Thurs 13 | 4-8pm | Carols/Lake Monger |
| Fri 14 | 9.30am | Open House Final Day |
| Sun 16 | 9.00am | Combined Family Service/H.C. |
| | 5.00pm | Family Carol Service |
| Tues 25 | 8.00am | Christmas Family/H.C. |



Next Week's Rosters - 9 December 2018

| | 7.30am | 9.30am |
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| LA | Roy Hodgson | Ann Powell |
| Welcomers | Jocelyn Munt Lyn King | Lynne Roberts Mike Roberts |
| 1st Reading | | Mike Roberts |
| 2nd Reading | | Lynne Roberts |
| Morning Tea | Inta Adams, Rita Rock, | Ann Boyer |
| Flowers & Freshen | Norma Rundle | Milton Rundle |

Carol singing in the park across from the Church. Come prepared to sin.

Pot luck supper, 5pm - prayer and medication to follow.

Joel Benson and Kylie Carter were married November 24 in the Church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Sentence: Stand up and raise your heads; your redemption is drawing near. Luke 21:28

Prayer of the day: Eternal God, you have taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may go out joyfully to greet him; and, with all your saints, may worship you for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-38

Next Week: Malachi 3:1-14, Song of Zechariah APBA page 10, Philipians 1:1-11, Luke 3:1-6

Service Times: Wed 10.30am Reflections - Advent Study: Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am

The Revd Pat Deeny our Priest-in-Charge is in the parish on Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday. She is available any time for emergencies and her contact No. is 0497 445 520 and email patdeeny@aol.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, Ann Boyer 9385 8972 or Roy Hodgson 0413 305 305. The Parish Secretary is Joy Campbell 0419 927 237. Cheques for the parish to be made payable to 'ACF: Parish of City Beach'

Website: www.stchristopherscitybeach.org

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

Advent is a season of waiting and preparation for the coming of Jesus, the promised and longed for Messiah. As we light the first purple candle of Advent we are reminded that we are a people of hope.

An important role of the OT prophets like Jeremiah was to help the people imagine a different future. They were not trying to raise false hopes but rather to refocus the people's attention back to God and his promises. Faced with the reality of exile and of cities overrun by invading armies, this was often no easy task.

In our gospel passage Luke presents a very different take on the coming of Jesus than we normally consider during Advent, that is, the second coming of Jesus. Here, Jesus claims that he will return suddenly but very openly, with everyone aware of the event. Every person will stand before him to receive redemption or judgement. This message was aimed at showing who was ultimately in charge of history, rather than with the purpose of inducing anxiety or fear. The way to prepare for this glorious event is to be alert and prayerful, living faithfully and not being distracted by the worries of life.

Advent therefore invites us not just to remember the birth of Jesus but also to look forward with hope to his return. Reverend Pat.

Please note and put in your diaries our Christmas Services

Sunday 16 December 9am Combined Family Holy Communion

Sunday 16 December 5pm Family Carol Service followed by refreshments

Tues 25 December 8am (Christmas Day) Combined Family/Holy Communion.

Jan 2019 - 6, 13, 20 and 27: 9am Combined Family/Holy Communion

Pamela van der Meulen of Cambridge Chaplaincy Group has sent out a plea, asking and encouraging us to join in the community choir singing carols at Lake Monger on Thursday 13 December. There is one more practice at the Wembley Downs Uniting Church at 7pm tomorrow (130 Calais Road) and a practice with the Willagee Band at Willagee on 10 Dec at 7.30pm. Remember you only need to turn up on the night, wearing a white top and black bottoms!



Revd Pat, Michael Powell, Dennille Roberts, Kath Grey, Margot Thomas and Anita Drew.

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

Reflections during Advent will be considering in turn the four great themes of Advent - **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.**

Handel's Messiah will be performed by the Perth Symphonic Chorus on Saturday 22 December at 7.30pm at Perth Concert Hall. Discount 10% - see foyer for details.

We only have two weeks until **16 December** - the last Sunday before the deadline of the 20th for **St. Barts' Christmas Appeal.** Your gifts of food or presents for men, women or children are all very much appreciated and important, as so many more people are struggling, which is even sadder at this time of the year.

Open House are celebrating with **Christmas Lunch** at the Herdsman Hotel this Friday 7 December at 12pm. after our usual morning activities, and our year will conclude the next Friday 14 December.

Herewith the amounts banked from collections for the month of November.

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| Envelopes | \$ 2,395.00 |
| Open Plate | 1,077.60 |
| Sundry Donations | 65.00 |
| Direct Debits (should amount to) | <u>1,435.00</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$ 4,972.60</u> |

Thank you to all who so reliably and generously maintain St. Christopher's, City Beach financially. **Judith Davis**

The world needs less heat and more light. It needs less of the heat of anger, revenge, retaliation and more of the light of ideas, faith, courage, aspiration, joy, love and hope. Wilfred Peterson

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. **Isaiah 40:31**

