



**Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Perth**  
**St. Christopher's, City Beach**  
**Second Sunday of Advent — 9 December 2018**

Mon 10 Dec	7.30pm	Choir/Willagee
Wed 12	10.30am	Advent Reflections/Joy
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
Sun 23	7.30am	Family Holy Communion
	9.30am	Family Holy Communion
<b>Tues 25</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Christmas Family/H.C.</b>



*Next Week's Rosters - 16 December 2018*

**9.00am**

LA	Bob Laurenson
Welcomers	Judith Davis Dick Shepherd
1st Reading	Lynn Lightfoot
2nd Reading	Judith Davis
Morning Tea	Elaine Embleton Natalie Laurenson
Flowers & Freshen	Melanie Elliott Neil Burrell

When the old man reached his hundredth birthday, the local radio station sent a reporter to interview him. Asked the secret of his longevity, the elderly fellow said he never argued with anyone. The reporter was not convinced. "Surely there must be more to it than that?" he insisted. "Well", nodded the old man, "I suppose you're right"

**Sentence:** By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1:78-79

**Prayer of the day:** God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin: keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, 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: Malachi 3:1-14, Song of Zechariah APBA page 10, Philippians 1:1-11, Luke 3:1-6**  
*Next Week: Zephaniah 3:14-20, Song of Isaiah APBA page 391, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18*  
**Service Times: Wed 10.30am, Sunday (combined) 9.00am**

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](mailto: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](http://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.

*Today, the second Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of peace.*

*In the canticle of Zechariah, which this morning replaces a psalm, John's father sings to his baby son; 'By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.'*

*In today's Gospel we hear John's preaching of the coming of the Lord which is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. In a word, Jesus offers us peace, but we have to be willing to take the step to rid ourselves of all that gets in the way of that peace.*

*Peace is not just God's gift to us. It is also our calling. We are called to be peacemakers. One of the ways in which we follow Christ is by making peace wherever and whenever we can. Blessed are the peacemakers, Jesus said, for they will be called children of God. Reverend Pat.*

Please note: **Next Sunday 16 December** - there will be one **combined Family Holy Communion Service at 9.00am**  
also  
at **5.00pm** there will be a **Family Carol Service**, followed by refreshments.

**Please note and put in your diaries our Christmas Services**

Sunday 23 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent - 7.30am and 9.30am

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

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

Reflections during Advent have been considering the four great themes, Hope and Peace, next will be Joy (pink candle) and Love completes the Season.



Revd Pat, Michael Powell, Dennille Roberts, Kath Grey, Margot Thomas, Joshua, Michael 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.**

**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.



Next Sunday 16 December is also the last Sunday of the **St. Bart's Christmas Appeal**. There has been a very generous response so far, which is very much appreciated. **Dick Shepherd**, who is such a stalwart helper all year, has kindly offered to deliver it all to St. Bart's.

Advent - Peace

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other. *Mother Teresa*

When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace. *Jimi Hendrix*

Lord, we know that it is not your will that we should be anxious, but often we are. We worry about so many things. Help us to leave our worries with you because we know that you care for us. Give us your peace, dear Lord.

As a few people are acknowledging the odd birthday or anniversary, we will print the alternate superior words to the 'Happy Birthday song' every week. All together now!

**"May the dear Lord bless you  
Shower his grace upon you May he guide you for ever  
Happy birthday/anniversary to you."**