



Text for Today:
"And He will be called
Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

**Trusting God in
troubled times**

**Broadwater Baptist
Church**

NEWSHEET

Sunday

10th

January

A very warm welcome to all those who have managed to get here today. "Though.....are like scarlet, they shall be white" Most of us know what the missing words are (the answer is found in Isaiah 1:18) and it is good to know that we have a God who can surprise us with a new beauty and a different view. No doubt many have enjoyed the winter scenery last week and we hope it has not led to too many difficulties or accidents. Please be careful on the ice - including the compact ice in the carpark and the surrounding paths. Thanks are expressed to those who have cleared some paths around our building. Today, the plan had been for Downsbrook School Choir to be present, but various circumstances (including the weather) has meant they have had to postpone their visit and therefore this is going to be a more regular All Age Service.

QUESTION FOR BEGINNING OF SERVICE

According to the dictionary, the definition of an epiphany is:

- 1) An unusually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something
- 2) An intuitive grasp of reality through something (as an event) usually simple and striking
- 3) An illuminating discovery, realization, or disclosure
- 4) A revealing scene or moment

What parts of the early part of Jesus' life are therefore an 'Epiphany' moment?

What songs or carols do we normally associate with an Epiphany theme?

RESPONSE

*W'e're on a starlit journey
of stories from the Book
To find the light which shines for all
It's here we're going to look.*

FOR INFORMATION

Jan 21st is the date of our Church Members' Meeting. At this gathering we will share in prayer and communion together as there are a number of issues to be shared which are more for prayer than discussion.

Despite the snow, the café was open every day last week - thanks to the staff.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We pray for all those who mourn the loss of Dorothy Arter - her funeral is on Friday.

Dorothy was a regular visitor to our church, especially to the Wednesday Group where she will also be missed.

Our sympathies and love are sent to Maureen - her aunt has died which adds to the grief they are both going through since the loss of Richard's father.

COMING SOON

Next Sunday we will celebrate our morning Communion Service and it is hoped that our motto tests will arrive by then.

Two weeks today the churches in Broadwater are celebrating the week for Christian Unity by a pulpit exchange. Gary Neil (the Vicar of neighbouring St. Stephen's) will be here at Broadwater and David will be preaching at Grace Community Church, which meets in St. Andrew's School). In the evening we are all invited along to Chesswood School when Elim are in charge of leading the united service. It is our strength and blessing that the local Broadwater churches share easily together and many of us have deep friends who attend other churches, so let's try and make next Sunday evening is a good time for furthering our unity and fellowship. We meet at 6.30pm for refreshments and the service begins at 7.00pm.

SEBA News is coming!

On Sunday 31 January 2010, every person in a Baptist church in the south east of England will receive, free of charge, a copy of the second *SEBA News* along with a free *Baptist Times* for that week with the compliments of the South Eastern Baptist Association. *SEBA News* is an eight-page newspaper with reports and information about how God is working through Christians in Baptist churches all over the south-east. The first *SEBA News* was an innovative experiment and the idea is now being investigated by a number of other associations.

Sufficient papers for each congregation will be delivered by carrier to every church in time to give away on the Sunday. Do look out for your copy - if you happen not to be in church on 31 January, the next time you are there, don't forget to ask for a copy of *SEBA News*! 10,000 are being printed, so there should be plenty to go round!