

# WEEKLY NEWS

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2009

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**As a Church, we want to bring people to know Jesus, and into membership of His family; to develop, encourage and motivate them to worship God and to serve Him in the Church and the community**

## **THIS MORNING:** John 1: 14    Christmas: When God became a human

Christmas time is when we encourage people not to forget 'the reason for the season.' It's when we encourage folk to remember the birth of Jesus Christ. I asked a class full of children recently why we celebrate Christmas - to be met with a volley of hands shooting straight up. The first few answers were not quite what I expected! They were honest though. One wee boy said, 'Well I celebrate Christmas because I get lots of presents!' and he did look happy with himself. Most though will respond as expected saying, 'We celebrate Christmas since that is when Jesus was born.'

Yet I wonder if we all lose, or have lost, something of the wonder of Christmas; something of the wonder and amazement that the birth of Jesus Christ should actually bring. The angels burst the barriers between the spiritual and the earthly, praising God and giving Him glory. And they also burst into Joseph's dream declaring:

"Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and they shall call his name Immanuel - God with us."

## **Evening:** Romans 13: 8-14

### **Loving another means fulfilling the law**

Jesus fulfilled the law perfectly. We are being transformed into His image, becoming like Him. Does that mean then that we must fulfill the law perfectly as well then? Well yes, and yet not exactly as you might think - come and learn.

## **DNA - 'Christmas Special'**

This will be an informal, open time and a good opportunity to get to know people. Please bring a plate of nibbles/food to share. You might like to invite friends & family who wouldn't normally come to the DNA group.



## **For your prayers:**

- # Joyce Last (Liz Hitchcock's Mum) who had major circulatory surgery on her leg on Friday at Addenbrooke's hospital. Also remember Jack and all the family at this time - please pray that they may feel the Lord's help and enabling in a special way.
- # That the Christmas leaflets will encourage folk from the villages to join us for our Carol services
- # The January Alpha Course and for opportunities to invite people to come
- # Continue to pray for guidance and wisdom with regards to a Pastoral worker



**We remember Wendy, Martin, Jessica & Thomas Davey who are in New Zealand, pictured here on top of the mountain near their home. We wish them a Happy Christmas and pray that they will have a good time even though far away from family and friends. May God bless you! From all your friends at BRBC xx**

**Christmas Quiz at Rougham Sports Hall:** This was organised by Rougham DNA, with the help of the Hessett Group. It was a real pleasure to have a good number of folk join us who would not normally come to church. The questions were tough and there was no lack of competitive spirit. Thanks again to Sam for his work as Quiz Master. Our thanks also to Ray Eley for his excellent talk about the REAL meaning of Christmas. Well done Beth for co-ordinating the nibbles & refreshments.



**Challenge Text:** "Go into the world. Go everywhere and announce the Message of God's good news to one and all."



**Mission under the Microscope**

As we move into December, just a reminder to take a look at the Mission Notice Board where, amongst other things, you will find the Bury Town Pastors rota for December and the latest Newsletter from Linda and Harold Rushbrook. Due to Linda's ongoing poor health, part of the work in Romania has been taken on (at least for the foreseeable future) by Lee Saville, who heads up an existing Christian Charity in Romania called Networks. Please continue to pray for Linda and Harold at this difficult time.

By way of support this month, we are returning to two projects that have been close to our hearts this year. These are the Rivers of Life Ministries in Borneo and 'Caring for Life'. Offerings for these missions will be taken up at our Carol Services on Sunday 20 December with additional funds being added from the Church Mission Account.

Thank you for your support for the work of 'mission' throughout the year. Robert Read – Mission Secretary

For those of you who have 'sponsored children' in Borneo, you may send Christmas presents to the following address: Ronny & Kay Heyboer

child's name  
P.O. Box 3203  
Kuching 93762  
Malaysia



**Carols by Candlelight**  
**20<sup>th</sup> December 7pm**



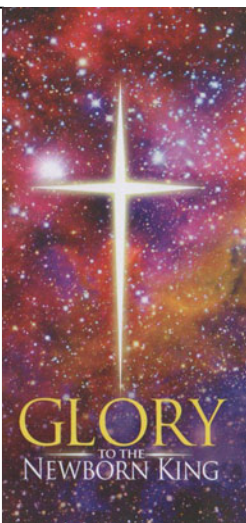
There will be a light supper to follow the service - please see the list on the Notice Board for offers of food etc. Thank you!

**HELP NEEDED.....We**

have a number of Christmas Invitation leaflets that need to be delivered in the village of Bradfield St George.

Please speak to Ray or Rachel if you can help with this. It would be good to get them delivered this week.

As in the past, we have joined with the Parish Churches of Rougham, Beyton & Hessett to send out combined invitations to all of the Christmas Services in our area.



**There is a large Christmas Card on the Notice Board for us ALL to sign – to wish each other a Happy Christmas and to save money on separate cards.**

**Association Prayer Request - Beccles Baptist Church**

1. That our Open-Air Outreach in Beccles town centre on the 12th December and the distribution of invites to our Carol Service, give opportunities to talk to people about the Gospel

2. That the Lord may give us strength and direction in our Youth Work, and show us ways of reaching the young people of Beccles

3. Give thanks to God for the provision of a manse and pray that he continues to bless our new pastor, Derek Johnston, in his ministry

**THIS WEEK'S DIARY**

**Today 6<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00am Prayer time for all  
10.45am & 6.30pm Pastor Kenny  
8pm Beetons Lodge

Preachers out: Jonathan at Stowmarket am & pm

**Monday**

7.30pm Deacons' Meeting  
8pm OASIS Bible Study

**Tuesday**

9.45am Busy Bees  
7.30pm DNA

**Thursday**

12.45pm Christmas Fellowship Lunch  
7.30/8.00pm BIG ISSUES in a small room

**Friday**

6.30pm Junior FOY – Christmas Party  
6.30pm Inter FOY  
8.00pm Seniors  
Deb on Town Pastors

**Next Sunday – 13 December**

10.45am & 6.30pm Pastor Kenny  
Communion to follow evening service

Stewards: am Dave D & Ian  
pm David B & Stuart

**Forward Notice:** There will be Church Members' Meeting after the Prayer Meeting on **Tuesday 15 December**, concerning the 'Pastoral-worker role'