

## **PRAYER TOPICS**

**TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2009**

- Pray that a ceasefire may soon be negotiated in Gaza and that the violence and unnecessary loss of life may halted
- Continue to pray for those troubled and violent parts of the world; Tibet, Darfur, Afghanistan, Iraq, the Middle East, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Egypt, the Gaza Strip, the Congo and Zimbabwe
- Pray for the Parish of Litchborough
- Pray everyone returning to school this week, children, teachers and administrative staff
- Pray for all those who are inadequately housed and are cold during this icy spell
- Pray for all those who have to travel during this cold spell, that they may be safe and sensible
- Pray for all those planning the Joint Benefice PCC
- The healing of the sick, in body, mind or spirit. We pray especially for Bishop Ian and his family

### **Collect for the Epiphany**

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Thought**

During this coming year may we too, like the Magi, bring our gifts and lay them at the feet of Christ; what are those gifts? Ourselves with all our concerns, weaknesses and faults. Although we may find this extraordinary, God will not only accept these gifts but is longing to receive them.

### **The Lord's Prayer**