

OLD MEETING HOUSE, COSELEY
NEWSLETTER – APRIL TO JUNE 2009

O morning that fills our eastern windows and throws fresh light on the riddles of yesterday, fill also our minds with fresh appreciation and new desire. O morning that meets and melts the clouds, lead us into the noon of our accomplishment.

Leonard Mason

SERVICES – 11 am

April 5 th	Gavin Lloyd (Palm Sunday)
19 th	Philip Niblock
May 3 rd	NO SERVICE
17 th	TBA
June 7 th	Philip Niblock
21 st	Ann Hughes (Father's Day)

Birmingham District Women's League held their AGM at the beginning of March when 6 members from the newly formed branch at Kingswood came for the first time. Officers were re-elected for a further year. Rev. Penny Johnson, National WL President was the guest. Autumn Meeting is on Saturday October 17th

Midland Union AGM was held at Coventry on Saturday 21st March. The annual lunch will be at Kingswood Chapel on Saturday 31st October when Rev. Bob Wightman, GA President will be the guest. Further details nearer the time

APRIL by Thomas Hardy

This is the weather the cuckoo likes
And so do I
When showers be tumble the chestnut spike
And nestlings fly;
And the little brown nightingale bills his best
And they sit outside at 'The Travellers Rest'
And maids come forth spring-muslin dress
And citizens dream of the south and west
And so do I

THANKS GIVING IN SPRING, from Women's League Book of Prayers
O God our Father, we thank Thee for giving each a place in this wonderful world. Nature at this season reveals Thee afresh as the Creator of beauty, power and joy. We are filled anew with sense of Thy presence and would render thanks to Thee, and pray that the vision of beauty which we have seen many remain with us for ever. When we are faced with difficulties, when our work seems monotonous, when we lose heart because of our weakness and our failures, may we remember the vision of beauty and joy that is with us now. May we learn to trust Thee more, never forgetting that Thou, who has given us the vision, will also give the power to work for its realization. For everything that helps us on our way we Thank Thee' especially for the friendships that enrich our lives and make us see fresh possibilities of good on one another. May our power of helping one another grow more and more; and may our gathering here today be a means of drawing us closer together and nearer to Thee
Amen

*The following is taken from **50 Tales to Ponder by Derek Smith** – a book Janice often used when taking services and which she has given to me.*

'How the Bamboo Became a Flute.

The Bamboo stood tall and straight....She was a good fifteen feet in height and about two inches thick..... One morning the Owner stopped in front of the Bamboo and said "Bamboo, Bamboo, the time has come for me to cut you down" At this it seemed that Bamboo trembled.....Unless you are taken to the workshop, and there fashioned and shaped, you cannot serve me" Many days later the owner visited the workshop with a young girl. They stopped by Bamboo, all shaped, hollowed out, with holes down the front of her. The owner invited the young girl to pick her up. The young girl did so, and placing one end of the hollowed Bamboo in her mouth, blew breath through her. A beautiful sound came flowing out. The Owner smiled and said to the young girl "That was exquisite. A Bamboo makes a marvellous Flute"!