

OLD MEETING HOUSE COSELEY

JANUARY TO MARCH 2008

Welcome from God, O glad New Year,
Thy paths all yet untrod,
But prophecy and promise all –
O Glad New Year of God.
Another year to follow hard
Where better souls have trod,
Another year of Life's delight
Another year of God
(J.W. Chadwick)

Sunday 6 th January	11 a.m.	Ephipany Mr.Gavin Lloyd
20 th	11 a.m.	Miss Ann Hughes
Sunday 3 rd February	11 a.m.	Mr. Sandy Ellis
17 th	11 a.m.	Miss Ann Hughes
Sunday 2 nd March	11 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Miss Janice Ashley
16 th	11 a.m.	Palm Sunday Mrs. Sue Woolley

NOTE

Ann would like the service on 20th January to contain hymns, readings, music of the congregations choice. Would you therefore please let her know your favourite hymns, pieces of writing (passages from the bible; poems etc) and any special pieces of music on Sunday 6th January.

THE GATE OF THE YEAR

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year,
'Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown',
And he replied
'Go out into the darkness
and put your hand into the hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light,
And safer than a known way'
M.L. Hoskins

OTHER DATES

Epiphany 6th January
Ash Wednesday 6th February
St. Davids Day 1st March
S. Patricks Day 17th March
Good Friday)
First Day of Spring) 21st March
Easter Sunday 23rd March
GA Meetings 26th to 29th March
British Summer Times Commences 30th March

A snowdrop by Muriel Hilton

A snowdrop! What a lovely thing
To speak the joy of coming Spring;
Look how its pointed petals hide
A softly glowing lamp inside.

A little lamp - so small a light
To pierce the depth of winter's night,
To bid the spectr'd fears depart ...
I catch its gleam, I warm my heart!

God Bless Your Year by Constance Parker Graham

God bless you with a heart that's light,
A road to travel that's fair and bright,
Beautiful moments meant to share,
Laughter to lessen any care,
Work that brings great pride to you,
A world of faith to see you through,
And anywhere you chance to be
Good fortune for your company,
Friends to keep, and love to stay...
And joy, life's sweet joy, all that way!

O Almighty God, within Whose hands are all our days, we come to Thee at the beginning of this new year, seeking Thy guidance and Thy Blessing. As in the dark days of winter we are cheered by thoughts of spring, so amid selfishness and distrust we would remember al the beauty and loving kindness which gladden men's lives. Help us to face the unknown future with steadfast courage and undimmed hope, so that each in our small way, we shall help to create a world where righteousness and love prevail. Amen