

OLD MEETING HOUSE COSELEY

JANUARY TO MARCH 2009

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 4th January	11 a.m.	Ephipany Mr.Gavin Lloyd
18th	11 a.m.	TBA
Sunday 1st February	11 a.m.	Mr. Philip Niblock
15 th	11 a.m.	TBA
Sunday 1st March	11 a.m.	Mr. Philip Niblock
22 nd	11 a.m.	Mothering Sunday TBA

NOTE

- a) **Please note that we shall meet on third Sunday in the month, weather permitting, therefore no preachers have been pre-arranged. Ann will step in where necessary**
- b) **As agreed at the congregational meeting the second service in March has been moved to the 22nd (4th Sunday) for a Mothering Sunday service, and a preacher has yet to be arranged**

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 25th February
St. Davids Day 1st March
S. Patricks Day 17th March
British Summer Times Commences 29th March

Advance Dates

Good Friday 10th April
Easter Sunday 12th April
General Assembly Meetings 15th to 18th April

Birmingham District Women's League Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 21st February at Unitarian New Meeting, Ryland Street Birmingham. Rev. Penny Johnson (nee Laws) National President will be our guest. Everyone is very welcome – further details from Ann

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 all 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