

## OLD MEEETING HOUSE COSELEY

### JANUARY TO MARCH 2010

#### 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

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Ann Hughes – New Year Service
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Gavin Lloyd
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Sandy Ellis
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Ann Hughes – Mother's Day

#### **NOTE**

As is usual we shall meet only on the first Sunday in January and February,  
Even then, weather permitting.

In March the service has been moved from third Sunday to second Sunday to  
accommodate Mothers Day.

We hope that everyone will be able to attend the above services.

#### **BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March at Unitarian New Meeting,  
Ryland Street, Birmingham, from 11.30 a.m., onwards. Mrs. Mary Wightman of  
Dundee (National President) will be with us. Further details from Ann.

#### **DONATION**

We are extremely grateful to MUA for the donation received to enable us to undertake  
work in the Chapel and School Room. The under side of the balcony in the church has  
been repaired, and the vestry has now been plastered. Further work will be undertaken  
in the near future.

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!

NEW YEAR by Robert T. Weston

(taken by Rejoice Together a book of prayers, meditations  
edited by Helen Pickett)

A year is gone.  
It makes not when it began  
For it has ended now.  
There were other years,  
And some began with a birthday  
And some with a death;  
Some with one day of the month and some with another.  
Some began with a song and others with a lament,  
But today I start another year, whatever the month or season;  
It is what lies before me that concerns me now.  
There will be decision and tasks;  
There will be drudgery, achievement, and defeat;  
There will be joy and grief.  
All the raw stuff of experience  
Waiting for me to shape, to fashion as I will,  
And it will never become just what I planned.  
However it may appear to others  
I can turn it to knowledge and wisdom  
Or folly.  
If it be hard, I can make of it strength:  
It may become bone, sinew and steel  
Or ashes and waste  
Someone might say 'It all depends on what the year may bring'  
But what I make of it depends on me.

CELEBRATION

We are delighted that there is to be a wedding at Coseley Chapel in September, when  
Ann will marry Ken Harrison from Swanscombe in Kent.

Our best wishes are sent to them both.

Helen and Congregational Members