

OLD MEETING HOUSE, COSELEY
NEWSLETTER JANUARY TO MARCH 2013

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 January	6 th	NO SERVICE
	20 th	Philip Niblock
Sunday February	3 rd	NO SERVICE
	17 th	Rev. Jeffrey Bowes
Sunday March	3 rd	NO SERVICE
	10 th	Mothering Sunday Mrs. Barbara Russell
	17 th	Sandy Ellis

As usual we shall meet only once a month in January and February to take account of any inclement weather we may suffer.

We have moved the first Sunday in March to 2nd Sunday in order to have a Mothering' Sunday service, when we shall welcome Barbara Russell from Dudley
Easter Sunday falls on 31st March this year (5th Sunday)

Birmingham | District Women's League

The AGM of the District WL will be held on Saturday 2nd March at Birmingham New Meeting commencing with lunch (bring you own) and bring and buy stall at 12 noon followed by a service conducted by the National President, Ann Harrison at 1.45 p.m., and the Business Meeting will commence at 2.15 p.m., and finish by 3.30 p.m.
All are welcome

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

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

O God our Father, we thank Thee at this time for the freshly opening year, and all the promise of the springtime. While the face of Nature speaks of Thy miracles of growth and beauty, and the message of our faith renews our hope of a life that is stronger than death, help us to hold fast to our deepest joy of all – the knowledge that even here and now we may enter into the eternal life which is found in communion with Thee. Draw our human spirits closer to Thy great Spirit of Life and love, and keep us in Thy peace for evermore.

Amen

Ann and Ken send their very best wishes to everyone at Coseley and to all their friends in the Midlands for a very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year – they will be away until 10th January, celebrating both Christmas and the incoming New Year in the Caribbean..