

## OLD MEETING HOUSE, COSELEY

### NEWSLETTER - JULY TO DECEMBER 2012

Divine spirit of life and love,  
Help us to overcome our fears about people  
who are different from us

July	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gavin Lloyd – Church Anniversary
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Sandy Ellis
August	5 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Harrison
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Haughton
September	2 <sup>nd</sup>	TBA
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Service

#### Sunday 2nd September

Members need to discuss this service amongst themselves, as to whether we 'give' Helen the Sunday off as it is her birthday weekend!!  
Also Ann and Ken will be away.

#### Unitarian Women's League

The National Banner is housed at Coseley until the GA Meeting in Nottingham next April, when Ann will hand it over to the President Elect, who is Joan McFarlane of Manchester District.

Ann has visited Scottish District, Kingswood Branch, and taken morning service at Coventry.

After the 'summer' holidays, she and Ken will be visiting Mansfield Branch, Sheffield District and SE Wales District in October. She also has several visits arranged for the new year (February and March)

Birmingham District – Autumn Meeting is on Saturday 13th October at Unitarian New Meeting, Birmingham commencing at 11 a.m., with coffee and ending at around 2.30 p.m., with a short service conducted by the District President, Pam Rose of Oldbury/Dudley

All ladies are invited to be with us on this date.

The years of all of us are short, our lives precarious;  
our days and nights go hurrying on,  
and there is scarcely time to do the little that we might,  
Yet we find time for bitterness, for petty treason and evasion.  
What can we do to stretch our hearts enough to lose their littleness?  
Here we are - all of us upon this planet - bound together in a common destiny;  
living our lives between the briefness of the daylight and the dark.  
Kindred in this - each lighted by the same precarious, flickering flame of life -  
how does it happen that we are not kindred in all things else?  
How strange and foolish are these walls of separation that divide us!  
(A. Powell Davies)

Many years ago Philip Spencer (late of West Bromwich) wrote

*A church is made of people, not bricks. It is wherever those people are, at any given time; at work or at home, or gathered together in public witness of their faith.*

#### A PRAYER FOR SUMMER

O thou from whom cometh all the gladness and brightness of life; we praise thee for the riches of thy bounty which thou pourest out in the days of summer. Thou fillest the heavens with radiance, and causeth the earth to rejoice in the abundance of thy gifts. Thou preparest the coming harvest; and thou makest our hearts glad with the wonder of thy creation. For all the greatness and glory of Nature we bless thee, and we would join with grateful hearts in the song of praise which all the earth raises to thee. Amen

(Unitarian Orders of Worship)

