

OLD MEETING HOUSE, COSELEY

NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2010

EXPECTATIONS

Don't expect too much from life
For there lies disappointment
Accept what comes, sustain your hopes
Each day has some enjoyment.
If you have friends to love and care
Then you are surely blessed
For then whatever life may hold
You've one thing that is best.

Sunday 26th will now be Harvest, conducted by Mrs. Barbara Russell.

PLEASE NOTE there will no service on 19th September

October 3rd Alison Thursfield
17th Sue Woolley

November 7th Sandy Ellis
14th Philip Niblock
Remembrance Sunday
(Please note change of date)

December 5th Ann Harrison
Carols
19th No service

As in previous years we shall meet only once a month, on the First Sunday in December, January and February, and weather permitting will return to two Sundays in March.

REMINDER

Birmingham District Women's League will meet on Saturday 23rd October from 10.345 a.m., at Birmingham New Birmingham. Service will be conducted by the District President, Mrs. Pam Rose. All are welcome. Further details from Ann

MUA Lunch is being held on 30th October – full details from Helen.

WEDDING

A reminder that Ann Hughes and Ken Harrison are getting married on Saturday 18th September at 3 p.m, service conducted by Rev. Penny Johnson. Everyone is very welcome.



The developers have been very helpful recently by removing trees in the graveyard, and new fencing will soon be erected. Hopefully we will see new fencing along the boundary of White House Street to match.

I have requested the use of the parking area on the new development adjacent to the chapel and this is being considered by the developer's client.

Improvements continue in the chapel with the plastering and repainting. This is all due to be completed well in time for September.

We continue to be grateful to Lawrence who keeps the graveyard tidy on a very regular basis.

Looking ahead, you will notice that our Harvest service has been moved to Sunday 26th September and will be conducted by Mrs. Barbara Russell. Our carol service on Sunday 5th December will be lead by Ann.

Helen J. Emery

A bumper crop of hips and haws, fruit of the Wild Rose and Hawthorn tree, is still taken by many to be a sign that a harsh winter will surely follow. The logic is that this is nature's way of providing extra rations for the wild birds who will depend upon them for food in the coming months.

One feature of October's weather that most people remember is the Great Storm of 1987. On 15th and 16th October fierce storms cut a swathe of destruction across southern England and East Anglia. Hundreds of boats were smashed at their moorings, thousands of roads were blocked by debris, millions of trees were felled, and some eighteen people lost their lives as a result of the storm.

Lord of the bounteous autumn,
When vineyards yield their store,
And golden sheaves, new-gathered,
Pass to the garner door;
Grant now a full fruition
To every seed of truth,
Which fell, with blessed mission,
Upon our souls in youth!

by D. Agate

(from Hymns of Faith and Freedom number 451)



REMEMBRANCE by Sydney Knight

Eternal God

in whose ways lie the destiny of all people

We remember before thee

the heroism of men and the fortitude of women
in times of trial:

Those who endured with valour
and suffered in patience;

Those who gave all that they had or hoped to be
in anticipation of a better world.

And we remember the folly and the errors,
the unhallowed ambitions
of nations and their leaders
which so wastefully committed the ordinary and the brave.

Fill again the hearts and wills of all people of this globe
with love and loyalty to each other and to thee.

Give harmony to the councils of nations
and of all concerned with international goodwill;

Give unit of purpose to all who work for peace.

Make all men and women to see and live for
universal understanding and friendship;
and help us all to establish over all the earth
thy kingdom of righteousness and love

Amen



Elwyn Brooks White, an American journalist and humorous writer, once wrote 'To perceive Christmas through its wrappings becomes more difficult with every year'. Very few of us would disagree with that statement. We can hardly see the religious or spiritual aspect of Christmas for the huge marketing hype that befalls us around October or even September every year.

My message to you is 'keep it simple'. Give simply, love openly and welcome the love of others into your heart. May you all have a peaceful and happy Christmas

Cold December brings the sleet,
Cheerful fire and Christmas treat.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO EVERYONE AT OLD MEETING HOUSE, COSELEY