

OLD MEETING HOUSE COSELEY

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2013

OCTOBER, by Joan Wilkinson (NUF)

Stay awhile – Be still.
Settle into the silence of autumnal beauty
Listen to the leaf gently falling onto the damp, green grass.
Watch the water softly happing at the bank's edge.
Be grateful for all the beauty of this fleeting life
Glimpsed, but for a moment, in the stillness
Of your divine love.

SERVICES

October 6 th	Jeffrey Bowes
20 th	Gavin Lloyd
November 3 rd	NO SERVICE
10 TH	Gavin Lloyd – Remembrance Sunday <i>Please arrive for service to start At 10.45 a.m.</i>
17 th	TBA
December 1 st	Sandy Ellis
15 th	Philip Niblock

FLOWERS OF AUTUMN, by Kathleen Partridge

This is the season of view that are golden,
Of trees that are burnished and leaves edged with gilt,
Sunflowers, dahlias, yellow and shining.
And hedges where splashes of varnish are split.
This is the season of red-gold and spun gold.
Of rosy-gold creeper and coppery fern,
Of wealth in the byways and gleams in the meadow,
Of old-gold and pale-gold wherever we turn.

AUTUMN ROBIN (John Clare 1793-1864)

Sweet little bird in russet coat
The livery of the closing year
I love thy lonely plaintive note
And tiny whispering song to hear
While on the stile or garden seat
I sit to watch the falling leaves
Thy songs thy little joys repeat
My loneliness relieves

PRAYER FOR REMEMBRANCE by Peter Teets

Remember Them
They have lived their lives in service.
They have left their loved ones.
They have secured our freedom.
They have been hated and despised
They have lost lives in service
They have been left fragile and broken
They have maintained our peace.
They have been cheered and honoured.
They are our brothers and sisters.
They are our sons and daughters.
They are our mothers and fathers.
They are not forgotten
They are remembered

Amen

TREE OF LIGHT by Alice Rawling taken from 'From the Heart'

And Light was there
into darkness rising mingling
with the sound of soaring choirs
and scent of pines from the December Tree

And Light was there
as the tree, tall reaching,
bloomed with a sudden glory,
white blossoms filled with light.

And Light was there
as to people quietly waiting,
the Light was carried
sharing each to each their pain and hope

And Light was there
a thousand holding candles,
flower flames spiralling upwards
high into the sighing air
lifting our hearts in joy and love ...

Ann and Ken are going on a cruise around Classical Turkey and Greece
From 18th October to 16th November, and so will not be in church for
Remembrance Sunday Service. Service will be held on board, as it is
every Sunday when at sea. The Captain will put a wreath of poppies
over the bow of the ship at 11 a.m., on Monday 11th November whilst
sailing from Valetta in Malta to Gibraltar – most appropriate.

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At the moment it is anticipated that one Service only will be held in
January and February. Mothering Sunday is 30th March (5th Sunday)

Again Ann and Ken will be away from 2nd January to 6th February,
cruising around The Caribbean