

CHELTENHAM QUAKER

MAY 2007

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

- Cheltenham:** Sundays at 10:30. At present there is no regular Children's Meeting, but facilities for children can usually be made available on request. Fifth Sunday shared lunch. Thursdays, 12:30 to 1:00 Meeting for Worship, followed on First and Third Thursdays (3rd and 17th) by shared lunch.
- Tewkesbury:** Fourth Sunday, please 'phone Diana Tovey to find out the time and place, as it varies.

All welcome.

DIARY

(All of these meetings at the FMH unless otherwise stated)

April

- We 25 2.30 **Peace Group** at FMH. All welcome
Th 26 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.
Sa 28 2.00 **Meeting for Worship** at USAF Base, Fairford, outside the main gate, until 3.00
Su 29 11.30 **Preparative Meeting**, followed by Shared Lunch

May

- Th 3 12.30 **First Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch
Sa 5 11.00 **Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust Open Day** at 2, Withyholt Park, Charlton Kings
Th 10 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.
Su 13 12.00 **Monthly Meeting** at the Forest of Dean.
Su 13 7.00 **Circle Dancing** (to 9.00)
Mo 14 8.00 **Christians at Work:** "In tune with heaven – a church organist reflects." John Wright, at The Cottages, Leckhampton.
Th 17 12.30 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch.
Sa 19 9.30 **Spiritual Adventure Day**, at Barns Centre, Toddington until 5.00
We 23 2.30 **Peace Group** at FMH. All welcome
Th 24 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.
Sa 26 2.00 **Meeting for Worship** at USAF Base, Fairford, outside the main gate, until 3.00
Th 31 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.

June

- Su 3 11.30 **Preparative Meeting**
Mo 4 8.00 **Christians at Work:** Rev. Paul Wilkinson, at the Cottages, Leckhampton Church
Th 7 12.30 **First Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch
Th 7 6.30 **Monthly Meeting** at Painswick
Su 10 7.00 **Circle Dancing** (to 9.00)
Th 14 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.
Th 21 12.30 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch

Preparative Meeting

Please note that PM this month will be held on **29th April**, rather than 6th May as usual. As it is the Fifth Sunday, it will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch
John Cross

Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust Open Day, Saturday 5th May

On Saturday, 5th May there will be an Open Day in aid of H.A.R.T. from 11 am to 5 pm at 2 Withyholt Park, Charlton Kings. There will be a sale of cards, cakes etc., and a chance to see David Gibson's and other people's art work. Refreshments. Admission £1.00.
Tony Browne

Christians at Work: Monday, 14th May, at the Cottages, Leckhampton Church

The speaker this month will be John Wright on "In tune with Heaven – the paradox of Elgar and Vaughan Williams". John has been involved with church music for many years. He has taught in a number of schools and as a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists has given many recitals. His talk will be an examination of how spirituality can be found in some of the greatest classical music, and will concentrate on two composers from this part of the country – Elgar and Vaughan Williams.
Roy Crompton

Spiritual Adventure Day, Saturday, 19th May, 9.30 to 5.00

Details of this event at the Barns Centre, Toddington, were given in the April Cheltenham Quaker. If you wish to book, please do so as soon as possible. Further details and answers to any queries can be got from Maureen Steffen or Jo Teakle.

NOTES FROM PM

Presentation of Accounts:

Philip Paull presented the Cheltenham PM accounts for the year ended 31st March 2006, and these were accepted. We thanked Philip for all his hard work on our behalf.

Meeting House Keys:

It was reported that the records of who holds keys to the Meeting House were currently somewhat inaccurate, and it was decided to ask anyone who has a key which they no longer use to return it to Ian Brighton.

Peace Group Proposal:

Peace Group had brought forward a proposal that Cheltenham PM support the QPSW project "Building Peace in Post Yugoslav countries." It was agreed that ways in which we might take part in this would be brought to a subsequent PM.

Proposals for Upgrading the Children's Room:

It was reported that Elders are proposing to upgrade the Children's Room in order to make it more attractive, and it was agreed that they should liaise with the Premises Committee and report back to PM.
John Cross

MEETING HOUSE HEARING AID SYSTEM

Getting the best from the hearing-aid system

To benefit from the system in the Meeting Room, you must remove any hearing aid you normally wear, and use the headset. Unlike magnetic loop systems, ours uses infra-red light transmission and so will not work with the "T" position provided on some hearing-aids. The system has to be a compromise to suit as many people as possible, and may not perform any better than your own aid. Yours has been carefully tailored for your own needs, and if it is a modern digital type, will probably give better results than the room system. You may wish to experiment before deciding which is more satisfactory for you. If you remove your own aid, remember to switch it off, as it can produce an annoying whistle when not properly fitted to your ear.

There are several parts to the hearing-aid system: the headsets with their batteries; the battery charger by the headset rack near the room door; and the transmitter, high up in the corner of the room. All contribute to the working of the system.

Users of the hearing-aid system should remember the following points:

- Make sure the headset you pick up has a battery fitted (tab protruding from the bottom).
- Make sure the transmitter up in the corner is showing green lights to prove it's on.
- Wear the headset with the yellow volume control knob and clear lens facing outwards.
- Do not cover the lens, especially when adjusting the volume.
- If you take the headset off your ears, always turn it off (to avoid annoying whistles).
- Reception will be best when you sit facing the transmitter.

Doorkeepers should remember the following points:

Headsets won't work without batteries - unplug them from the charger and fit one to each headset.

Hang one headset on the picture beside the rack to show how it should be worn.

The transmitter must be on for the system to work - turn it on at the mains switch and make sure it is showing green lights.

When putting away the headsets, remove each battery and plug it into one of the upper sockets on the charger.

The bottom socket on the charger is for battery testing (green light shows a charged battery) but does not provide any charge, so never leave a battery in this position.

The switch on the charger should not normally need to be operated as it should be left in the trickle charge position; but if the red light is on (showing full charge), operate the switch to extinguish the red light. If the unit is left on full charge continuously, it will damage the expensive batteries (they cost over £25 each to replace).

Those who are inspired to offer vocal ministry should remember the following points:

Try to raise your voice above a normal conversational level.

Even if your voice is naturally soft, speaking slowly and distinctly will make your words more accessible to all.

Tilt your head slightly upwards rather than downwards when speaking; this will make your voice clearer for everyone and also direct it better towards the hearing-aid microphone above the central light fitting.

Rowland Carson

Door Keeping, Flowers and Teas to End of August

	Doorkeeping	Flowers	Teas
May 6	John Cross	Margaret Johnson	Gillian Bailey
13	Keith Oakey	Ramola Jane	Dorothy Colwill
20	Maralyn Jamieson	Rosemary Hoggett	Jo Joy
27	Wilma Carson	Betty Willis	Rowland Carson
June 3	Bill Rowland	Eleanor Pratt	Harold Reeves
10	Julie Stubbs	Janet Weyers	Nan Dower
17	Jane Brighton	Margaret Sheldrick	Ian Brighton
24	Jo Teakle	Christine O'Neil	Iris Terrell
July 1	Joy Heaven	Richard Lacock	Bill Madams
8	Jack and	Margaret Danes	Tessa Cooknell
15	Elaine Boulter	Maureen and	Jeremy Steffen
22	Brenda Judge	Lydia Sutcliffe	Jacob & Phillippa Zadeh
29	June Drummond	Cathy Rolls	Gabriel Parlour
Aug 5	Dennis Mitchell	Philip Paull	Tim Howarth
12	Margaret and	David Cooper	Margaret Roe
19	Carol Scarboro	Ann Caro	Gillian Bailey
26	Keith Oakey	Margaret Johnson	Nan Dower