

CHELTENHAM QUAKER

JULY 2008

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Cheltenham: Sundays at 10:30. Children are always welcome in our Sunday meetings for worship. If during the hour parents feel it is appropriate, they can go with them to the children's room, where they will be joined by one of the children's meeting volunteers. 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.

DIARY

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

June

Th 26 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.
Sa 28 2.00 **Meeting for Worship** at USAF Base, Fairford, outside main gate, until 3.00
Su 29 10.30 **Fifth Sunday Worship**, followed by Shared Lunch.

July

We 2 2.30 **Peace Group** at FMH. All welcome
Th 3 12.30 **First Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch
Th 3 2.30 **Searchers** at Margaret Sheldrick's home. Details below
Su 6 11.30 **Local Meeting**
Mo 7 8.00 **Christians at Work.** "Ordination Training – a work in progress?" Brian Dunlop at the Cottages, Leckhampton Church
Th 10 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour
Sa 12 2.00 **Area Meeting** at Nailsworth FMH
Su 13 7.00 **Circle Dancing**
Th 17 12.30 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch
Th 24 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour
Sa 26 2.00 **Meeting for Worship** at USAF Base, Fairford, outside main gate, until 3.00
Th 31 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch

August

We 6 2.30 **Peace Group** at FMH. All welcome
Th 7 12.30 **First Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch
Su 10 7.00 **Circle Dancing**
Th 14 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.
Th 21 12.30 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour.

Fifth Sunday Worship, Sunday 29th June.

It has been agreed to hold a Shared Lunch after Meeting for Worship, when a collection for the Relief Action Fund will be taken.

John Cross

The Searchers, Thursday 3rd July, 2.30 at Margaret Sheldrick's

The topic this month will be "The parables of Jesus". Please come to share those you find inspiring, or difficult, or incomprehensible.

Keith Oakey

Christians at Work: Monday, 7th July at The Glebe Cottages, Leckhampton Church, 8.00 p.m.

The speaker this month will be Brian Dunlop on "Ordination Training – a work in progress?" Brian is a partner in a firm of attorneys, and was selected for ordination training last year. He has almost completed his first year, and will look briefly at vocation, outline the selection procedure, and discuss the trials and joys of the first year's training.

Roy Crompton

Book Review

I would like to bring to the attention of Friends a book from our Quaker library called "Practicing Peace", a devotional walk through the Quaker tradition (ref. p.22) by Catherine Whitmire.

The sections are short and the quotations from American and British Friends thought provoking and inspirational. Those of us who attending Torrington might find the section on Discernment helpful.

I found the Appendix on Biographical Information on the Primary authors very helpful as I know little of the contribution of American Friends to our Quaker heritage.

The book pays and rewards time and careful thought to provide new insights.

Highly recommended.

Margaret Johnson

Notes from Local Meeting (PM)

Greenbelt Festival: Rowland Carson reported that a Meeting for Worship had been arranged for Saturday 23rd August in addition to the Meeting for Worship already scheduled for Sunday 24th August. Weekend passes will be issued for those attending on both days, and day passes for the rest. Outreach material will be collected, and it was agreed to purchase 100 copies of Advices and Queries. A special issue of The Friend may also be purchased (10 copies for £10).

Humanitarian Aid (Burma and China): In view of the terrible natural disasters in Burma and China it was agreed to forward whatever we hold in the Relief Action Fund to DORS (Development Organisation for Rural Szechuan) which is based in Gloucester.

John Cross