

# CHELTENHAM QUAKER

## NOVEMBER 2009

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### 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 (5th and 19th) by shared lunch.

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### DIARY (ALL OF THESE MEETINGS AT THE MEETING HOUSE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

#### October

Fr 23 7.30 **CRUSE Birthday concert in Gloucester Cathedral**, with St. Cecilia Singers  
Sa 24 2.00 **Meeting for Worship** at USAF Base, Fairford, outside main gate, until 3.00  
Su 25 12.00 **Meeting for Learning**. Starting a Healing Group.  
Th 29 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.

#### November

Su 1 11.30 **Local Meeting**  
Mo 2 8.00 **Christians at Work:** Revd. Dr. Nigel Scotland on "The challenge of new religious movements" at the Cottages, Leckhampton Church  
We 4 2.30 **Peace Group** at the Meeting House. All welcome  
Th 5 12.30 **First Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch  
Th 5 2.30 **Searchers** at the Meeting House. Details below  
Su 8 12.00 **Area Meeting** at Cirencester. (Meeting for Worship at 10.30. Packed lunch)  
Th 12 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour  
Su 15 12.00 **Meeting for Learning**, "Jargon Busting".  
Th 19 12.30 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch  
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

#### December

We 2 2.30 **Peace Group** at the Meeting House. All welcome.  
Th 3 12.30 **First Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch  
Mo 7 8.00 **Christians at Work** at the Cottages, Leckhampton Church. Angela Gilbert on "Vocation, Values and Voluntary Action."  
Th 10 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour  
Th 17 12.30 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch

**November Collection for Quaker Charities:** International Alert

## **Christians at Work: Monday 2nd November at 8.00 at the Cottages, Leckhampton Church**

The speaker this month will be the Rev. Dr. Nigel Scotland on "The challenges of new religious movements." Nigel has worked and studied in the USA and Canada, and was Field Chair in Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Gloucestershire. He has had a number of books published, including "A Pocket Guide to Sects and New Religions." We are very fortunate to welcome Nigel to explore a subject as challenging as new religious movements - which the group has never previously addressed. All warmly welcome, as always.

Roy Crompton

## **Searchers**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, Nov. 5th at 2.30 pm, in the Meeting House. Our topic will be whatever arises from study of paras 26.30 to 26.41 under the "Reflections" heading in QF&P.

All Friends are very welcome, even if you just want to try us out.

Keith Oakey

## **Newbury Court Case, Tuesday 8th December 2009. Minibus Travel opportunity.**

Four individuals from Gloucestershire, including a member of Cheltenham Friends Meeting, *Alison Crane*, are due to appear at Newbury Magistrate's Court to answer charges relating to their obstruction of the highway. During this summer they protested at the Aldermaston Nuclear Weapons site regarding preparations towards renovation of the UK's TRIDENT nuclear missile programme. They will be defending their actions at a hearing scheduled for 8th December.

Anyone who would like to travel to Newbury on that day with a view to attending the hearing (assuming space in the court-room allows) can do so by reserving a minibus seat through Dennis Mitchell, [gypsy-pigeon@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gypsy-pigeon@yahoo.co.uk), or by 'phone (01242 234456). The charge is £15, payable in advance in order to be guaranteed a seat on the 25-seater "*Executive-style*" minibus. If the minibus is full to capacity, or nearly so, there will be a £5 refund/person.

The coach is due to leave Cheltenham Bus Station at 7 am and return by 7 pm. It may pick up elsewhere en route. Further details about timing, pick-up points etc. will be published in the December issue of the Cheltenham Quaker.

Dennis Mitchell

## **Ecumenical Prayer Group**

The **Ecumenical Prayer Group** has met for a number of years with a mixture of Anglicans, Catholics, and Quakers reading and sharing insights in a prayerful manner. We would welcome some new members interested in joining us, when we start a new cycle of meetings from Tuesday 12th January 2010.

It will be based on reading *Henry Nouwen's book called "REACHING OUT"*. It is described as a classic work of Spirituality full of insight into contemporary situations. We will share our insights prayerfully.

We start on 12th January. We will then meet normally on the second Tuesday of each month from 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 for about 10 months at The White House, Gotherington Lane, Bishop's Cleeve. Tel: Jacek Weyers on 678283

Jacek Weyers

## **Notes from LM**

Nominations Committee: Nominations Committee brought forward the name of Ian Brighton to serve as an Elder for the remainder of the Triennium, and his name will be taken forward to AM.

Christmas arrangements: The Meeting House has been booked for the evening of Sunday, 20th December, so that we can have our carols and mince pies on Sunday rather than Saturday evening to facilitate both attendance and parking. Christmas Day falls on a Friday this year, and any Friends wishing to take part in a Meeting for Worship for that day will be asked to sign up on a list to be placed on the notice board. Julie Stubbs has agreed to open up the Meeting House if this is required.

Sumatra and Samoa: Following the recent disaster in Sumatra and Samoa, we agreed to send the balance of the Meeting's Relief Action Fund to the Disaster Emergency Committee.

John Cross