

# CHELTHENHAM QUAKER

## DECEMBER 2009

### 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 MEETING HOUSE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

#### November

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 2.30 **Searchers:** 'Honesty and Integrity'  
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  
Su 13 12.00 **Meeting for Learning:** Aldermaston Blockade, facilitated by Alison Crane  
Th 17 12.30 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch  
Sa 19 2.00 **Meeting for Worship** at USAF Base, Fairford, outside main gate, until 3.00. See note below.  
Su 20 6.00 **Christmas Carols and Mince Pies** in the Meeting House  
Th 24 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.  
Th 31 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.

#### January

Su 3 11.30 **Local Meeting**  
We 6 2.30 **Peace Group** at the Meeting House. All welcome.  
Th 7 12.30 **First Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch  
Su 10 12.00 **Area Meeting** at Gloucester following MfW at 10.30. Packed lunches  
Tu 12 10.30 **Ecumenical Prayer Group** at The White House, Gotherington Lane, Bishops Cleeve.  
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

#### Sale of Books:

Margaret Cooper, our Meeting Librarian, is holding a sale of books after Meeting on **Sunday, 29th November**. In addition to the chance of buying books, we would welcome Friends wishing to dispose of any books bringing them preferably to the Meeting House next Sunday, or of course on the day. John Cross

#### Searchers:

The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 3rd in the Meeting House. Our topic will be 'Honest and Integrity', and our starting point will be QF & P paras. 20.43 to 20.47.

All Friends are welcome to come and help us in our searchings:

Keith Oakey

### **Christians at Work: Monday 7th December at 8.00 at the Cottages, Leckhampton Church**

This month's speaker will be Angela Gilbert on "Vocation, Values and Voluntary Action". Angela has worked for the last 18 years in the voluntary sector, and is currently Services Manager of Cheltenham Voluntary and Community Action. She will be talking about the impact of her Christian faith on her work. Everyone guaranteed a very warm welcome. Roy Crompton

### **Meetings for Worship at Fairford USAF base:**

It has been suggested that the regular monthly MfW at Fairford Base now be laid down, and the last one will take place on Saturday, 19th December. We wish to recognise the faithful witness of those who have kept the MfW for seven years, in all weathers. The special quality of the worship has meant much to the Friends involved. From Area Meeting Minutes

### **Christmas Gathering, Sunday 20th December at 6.00 p.m.**

We look forward to seeing as many as possible at the Meeting House for our annual Carols and Mince Pies. J o h n Cross

### **Thanks from Bill Rowland**

As many of you know I rode from Lands End to John O'Groats in September and decided to try to raise some money to help children with learning difficulties.

I expected to raise about £600, but thanks to the magnificent generosity of you all the grand sum of £2,700 was raised and has been passed on to the Woodlands Special School in Surrey.

Again to all who sponsored me - thank you.

Bill Rowland

### **Alison Crane's Newbury Court Case, Tuesday 8th December 2009. Minibus Travel opportunity.**

In the last newsletter we mentioned the possibility of laying on a minibus for people wishing to support Alison Crane at the court hearing. However, sadly we have not been able to get sufficient people who are able to take up this opportunity, and we anticipate that people wishing to go will do so using shared cars. If you are thinking of doing this, Alison would be happy to liaise about sharing transport.

Dennis Mitchell

### **Notes from LM**

Wilma Carson: We have received a bequest from Wilma's estate of over £2,000 for which we are very grateful. This is in addition to the £1,000 already donated to us by Rowland, and some of the money has already been spent on acquiring kitchen equipment and tables for the Children's Room. We agreed to consider how best to spend the legacy, and will discuss this further at the January LM.

Thursday Meeting for Worship: It was reported the Thursday lunchtime Meetings for Worship, with Bring and Share lunches on the First and Third Thursdays, have recently not been well attended. Apart from others, these Meetings have over many years meant a lot to people who were not able so easily to attend Meetings on Sundays, and Jeremy Steffen had brought this to the attention of Meeting. We will review the situation in the New Year.

Lettings Diary: New System: Rowland Carson has installed a free computer system which enables the Lettings diary to be constructed on-line. It can be accessed directly by any potential hirers on the Cheltenham Quaker website, and Friends are asked to check before arranging our own events. Only Rowland and the Clerk can amend the record, so it is important to ensure that people who want to use our premises let the Clerk/Lettings Officer (Ann Caro) know well in advance, as we are particularly busy at present. We thanked Rowland for his work on this.

Glenfall Day: An Update: Dorothy Colwill reported on developments regarding the Glenfall Day scheduled for 10 April 2010. A small planning group is being set up to discuss what is most appropriate for the day. Friends who would like to be involved are asked to contact Dorothy. The first meeting of the group will be on 2nd December. John Cross