

CHELTENHAM QUAKER

AUGUST 2010

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.

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

July

Su 18 12.00 **Meeting for Learning:** Meetings for Worship for Business, facilitated by Ann Caro
Th 22 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour
Th 29 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.

August

Th 5 12.30 **First Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch
Tu 10 10.30 **Ecumenical Prayer Group** at the White House, Gotherington Lane, Bishops Cleeve
Th 12 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour
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 6.00 **Summer Tea** at the Meeting House. Details below.

September

Th 2 12.30 **First Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch
Th 2 2.30 **Peace Group** at Eleanor Pratt's. All welcome
Su 5 11.30 **Local Meeting**
Mo 6 8.00 **Christians at Work:** Douglas Willoughby on "Care that liberates" (Sue Ryder care) at the Cottages, Leckhampton Church
Th 9 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour
Tu 14 10.30 **Ecumenical Prayer Group** at the White House, Gotherington Lane, Bishops Cleeve
Th 16 12.30 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch
Sa 18 2.00 **Area Meeting** at Stroud, Whiteway Colony Hall

July Collection for Quaker charities: RAPID UK (Rescue and Preparedness in Disasters), G.F. Payne (Director), Beech Lodge, Jacobstown, Okehampton, . EX20 3RG,
Tel: 01837 851443

Change to diary event

Please note that the Meeting for Learning on 15th August with Elma Detheridge will not now take place. It may happen later in the year. Tim Howarth

Peace Group

There will be no Peace Group in August, and the September meeting will be at 2.30 pm on **Thursday, 2nd September**. For the present the Group is being held at Eleanor Pratt's.

Cynthia Barron

Summer Tea, Saturday 28th August.

Come and enjoy a traditional English tea – sandwiches – cucumber included of course! – scones – strawberries and other delightful comestibles. At Meeting House on 28th August at 6 pm. Outside if weather allows.

Margot Roe

Notes from LM

Nominations Committee: Elaine Boulter wishes to stand down from Nominations Committee and Premises Committee after many years of valuable service. We recorded our appreciation and thanks for everything she has done.

“Becoming Friends”: Questionnaires were distributed a while ago to Friends. We thanked Rowland Carson, who put the results into machine readable form for analysis, and Jo Teakle, who sorted out the results. There are now two matched lists: those who would like to have regular contact with others, and those who would provide this; the relevant people have been contacted. Overseers will monitor the system, and the lists are to be confidential to Overseers and the Clerk. The Meeting thanked Overseers for all their hard work.

Kitchen Sub-Committee: Premises Committee had been concerned with the potential refurbishment of the kitchen, and it was felt that a Kitchen Sub-Committee should be formed to deal with various duties relating to kitchen maintenance. It would be helpful to have an awareness of how the kitchen is used in planning its refurbishment. Margot Roe, Nan Dower and Nina Odescalchi have kindly volunteered to form this Sub-Committee, responsible to Premises Committee.

Singing Group: Dorothy Carson and Maureen Steffen reminded us that the Meeting had acquired a number of copies of the Quaker Songbook, as a number of Friends had expressed an interest in coming together to sing, following a successful experience at Woodbrooke. Maureen and Jeremy Steffen will attend the Cirencester Meeting singing group, which meets twice a month, to find out how this group is managed, and will then report back to us.

John Cross