

# CHELTENHAM QUAKER

## JANUARY 2011

### 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 (6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>) by shared lunch.

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

#### December

Th 16 12.30 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch  
Th 16 2.00 **"Becoming Friends"** at the Meeting House.  
Sa 18 6.00 **Carols by Candlelight** at the Meeting House.  
Th 23 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour  
Th 20 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour

#### January

We 5 2.30 **Peace Group**, venue to be confirmed. All welcome.  
Th 6 12.30 **First Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch  
Th 6 2.00 **"Becoming Friends"** at the Meeting House  
Mo 10 8.00 **Christians at Work:** Cheese and wine with slide show, at the Cottages, Leckhampton Church  
Th 13 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour  
Su 16 12.00 **Meeting for Learning**  
Tu 18 10.00 **Ecumenical Prayer Group** at the White House, Gotherington Lane, Bishops Cleeve  
Th 20 12.30 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch  
Th 20 2.00 **"Becoming Friends"** at the Meeting House  
Th 27 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.

#### February

We 2 2.30 **Peace Group**, venue to be confirmed. All welcome.  
Th 3 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch  
Th 3 2.00 **"Becoming Friends"** at the Meeting House  
Sa 5 6.00 **Quaker Supper** at the Meeting House  
Su 6 11.30 **Local Meeting**  
Mo 7 8.00 **Christians at Work:** "Mediating family disputes", the Revd. Nicholas von Benzon, at the Cottages, Leckhampton Church.  
Th 10 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour  
Sa 12 2.00 **Area Meeting** at Cheltenham  
Th 17 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch  
Th 17 2.00 **"Becoming Friends"** at the Meeting House

**January collection for Quaker and other charities:** Tools for Self Reliance, Netley Marsh, Southampton, SO40 7GY. Tel: 02380 869697 <[www.tfsr.org/how\\_you\\_can\\_help/donate\\_some\\_money](http://www.tfsr.org/how_you_can_help/donate_some_money)>

#### Quaker Supper, Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at the Meeting House

Come and be cheered with a hot meal and good company. Usual request for a minimum donation of £5 to a Quaker charity. A list is on the board. Transport can be arranged for those of you who would have difficulty coming otherwise.

Margot Roe

## **Ecumenical Prayer Group 2011. "Finding Happiness"**

The Ecumenical Prayer Group, which meets at Jacek Weyer's house, will start a new cycle of meetings from Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2011. The Group has been meeting and sharing our insights on various spiritual books prayerfully for over 10 years.

The meetings will be based on reading Abbot Christopher Jamison's (He made a TV series called "The Monastery") book called "**FINDING HAPPINESS Monastic steps for a Fulfilling Life**". It is a classic work on Spirituality full of insight into contemporary situations.

"You don't have to be a Christian ... to appreciate the sensible things that Father Christopher says ... a jewel of a book". *Guardian*

We start on 18<sup>th</sup> January. We will then meet normally on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 10.00 am. To 11.30 for about ten months.

**NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME**

Jacek Weyers

## **NOTICE: LOST RING**

A ring has been found in the Meeting House. If you have lost one, please contact Tim Howarth

Tim Howarth

## **Oversight, or Pastoral Care, within the Meeting**

In a Quaker Meeting, there is no paid ministry and all have responsibility for caring for one another, but Overseers (a term that goes back to the eighteenth century in the Religious Society of Friends) have a particular remit with regard to the co-ordination of pastoral care in the Meeting.

In 2009 we looked again at patterns of oversight in Cheltenham Quaker Meeting and conducted a questionnaire with a view to strengthening our support for one another and simplifying the role of Overseers. This exercise was very successful. As a result, we have identified more meaningfully where support is required and also received offers of help from a number of people in Meeting. The role of Overseers is therefore far more straightforward now. It is one of oversight in the genuine sense – i.e. ensuring things are happening rather than trying to do it all! This means we only need a core group of Overseers rather than the larger group we used to have some years ago. However, even this is proving difficult as several Overseers have had to stand down recently, for health or personal reasons, or because they have reached the end of their triennium period. We urgently need to appoint two or three more Overseers.

Being an Overseer is very enjoyable. It is an excellent way of getting to know people and contributing to the life of the Meeting. You do not need any specific IT skills or to be able to drive as long as you have a telephone. The commitment can be as little or as much as you feel able to give. Please contact either Jo Teakle or Margot Roe

Jo Teakle

## **Premises Committee report to Cheltenham Quaker Meeting in session 5/12/2020**

The big news is that the kitchen unit & worktop replacement is booked for 21-23 Dec, and at under £3650 including the skip it's costing less than originally quoted.

A new extractor fan is to be fitted in the kitchen at £280.83 (installation date not yet agreed).

It appears that we do not need to modify the roller-shutters in the kitchen; only if we were installing new ones would they need to be of the type that close automatically in the event of fire.

Further work is needed on the gas boiler installation, and this is being organised by Philip Paull. Alison Crane has investigated the capabilities of the central-heating programmer and recommends replacing it with a type more suitable for our needs. We hope to have that done at the same time as the other work on the boiler.

Richard Ollin and Margaret Sheldrick have prepared a schedule of all the MH contents with estimated values for insurance purposes.

At the joint Elders and Overseers meeting to which other committee representatives including Premises were invited, it was agreed to try keeping the Meeting Room fan switched OFF for the winter period, as we have had complaints about the noise it makes during MfW.

Philip Paull

## **Notes from LM**

Nominations: The following nominations are being brought forward:

Gloucester University Student Chaplaincy: Sal Drummond and Ed Trezise

Premises Committee: Mike Lang

Assistant Treasurer: June Drummond

Web-page room hire: June Drummond

and we were pleased to accept these nominations.

Cheltenham Overseer: Joy Heaven. This nomination will go forward to Area Meeting

Christmas arrangements: The Seventh Day Adventists will be pleased to welcome any Friends who care to attend their Christmas service on 25<sup>th</sup> December. This will start at 10.30, and June Drummond has agreed to attend on our behalf.

Arrangements for our own candlelit carols are going ahead, and we thanked those who have already volunteered to help with this. However, we do need more volunteers for readings.

Charney Manor Weekend: The topic for the weekend will be "What it means to be a Quaker".

Area Meeting at Cheltenham, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2011: There will be a number of jobs to be done to prepare for this meeting, which we are hosting (door-keeping, name labels, serving tea, clearing up, etc.). A list of these jobs will go up on the notice board early in the New Year for people to volunteer, and there will also be a second list detailing what friends are able to provide in the way of food for the tea. John Cross

#### **AREA MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2011**

- February:** Saturday 12th Cheltenham FMH 2 pm. (Park and Ride)  
**March:** Sunday 13th Gloucester FMH 12 noon (Park and Ride and end note)  
**April:** Sunday 10th Wotton Under Edge 2 pm The Chipping Club Room, The Chipping Car Park.  
**May:** Sunday 8th Forest of Dean 12 noon Staunton Village Hall (See end note)  
**June:** Thursday 9th Painswick FMH 6.30 pm. Tea from 5.30 pm  
**July:** Saturday 9th Stroud 2 pm Whiteway Colony Hall  
**September:** Sunday 18th Gloucester FMH 12 noon (Park and Ride and end note)  
**October:** Thursday 13th Nailsworth FMH 7 pm Tea from 6 pm  
**November:** Saturday 12th Cirencester FMH 2.00 pm.  
**December** Sunday 11th December Gloucester FMH 12 noon (Park and Ride and end note)

#### ***End note***

*The usual Meeting for Worship is at 10.30 am followed by Business Meeting at 12.00 noon. Packed lunches*

**Doorkeeping, Flowers and Teas December 19<sup>th</sup> 2010 to April 17<sup>th</sup> 2011**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Doorkeeping</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Teas</b>
December 26 <sup>th</sup>	Elaine Boulter	Elaine Boulter	
January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Philip Paull	Janet Weyers	Nan Dower
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Caro	Nan Dower	Julie Stubbs
January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Jo Teakle	Margaret Sheldrick	Sal Drummond
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jane Brighton	Richard Lacock	Ian Brighton
January 30 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Carson	Mike Lang	Pat Dannahy
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Joy Heaven	Christine O'Neill	Iris Terrell
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Danes	Margaret Danes	Brenda Judge
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Elaine Boulter	Maureen and	Jeremy Steffen
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Howarth	Julie Stubbs	Margot Roe
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Weyers	Philip Paull	Jo Teakle
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Cooper	Nan Dower	Nina Odescalchi
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Lacock	Cathy Rollo	Nan Dower
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Nan Dower	Sal Drummond	Jill Vyle
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ann Caro	Margaret Sheldrick	Dorothy Carson
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret Sheldrick	Julie Stubbs	Mary Neville
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Nan Dower	Janet Weyers	Margaret Sheldrick

If a date is not convenient to you please arrange to swap with someone else on the list or contact Nan Dower

**Doorkeepers,** you will need to arrive just after 10 am. Please read the list of instructions which is in the wooden rack on the wall by the door into the garden.

**Teamakers,** Please bring milk and biscuits, you will need 2 pints of milk. Lay out cups and saucers and preheat the water before Meeting. Please take your expenses from the dish for contributions. It might be a good idea to ask a friend to help you.