

CHELTENHAM QUAKER

FEBRUARY 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 (6th and 20th) by shared lunch.

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

January

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 **First 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 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch

Th 17 2.00 **"Becoming Friends"** at the Meeting House

Su 20 12.00 **Meeting for Learning:** Quakers and Christianity (2): have we lost the baby? A Meeting for Clearness, facilitated by Richard Lacock

Th 24 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour

March

We 2 2.30 **Peace Group**, venue to be confirmed. All welcome.

Th 3 12.30 **First Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch

Th 3 2.00 **"Becoming Friends"** at the Meeting House

Su 6 11.30 **Local Meeting**

Mo 7 8.00 **Christians at Work:** "Travelling in Faith? The Memoirs of a Reluctant Chaplain", Jon Travers, at the Cottages, Leckhampton Church

Th 10 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour

Su 13 12.00 **Area Meeting** at Gloucester FMH (Park and Ride. MfW at 10.30 followed by Business Meeting. Packed lunch)

Th 17 12.30 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch

Th 17 2.00 **"Becoming Friends"** at the Meeting House

February collection for Quaker and other charities: FWCC (Friends World Council for Consultation)

Friends House, 173-177 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

www.quaker.org/qcea/finance/donate.htm

Christians at Work: Monday, 7th February at 8.00 at the Cottages, Leckhampton Church

The speaker this month will be the Revd Nicholas von Benzon on "Mediating family disputes". Over the past 25 years family mediation has become an increasingly popular way of resolving practical questions which arise on separation and divorce. It is widely acknowledged by politicians, lawyers and other professionals to offer many advantages over the adversarial approach upon which our judicial system is based. Nicholas began his career as a solicitor, trained as a family mediator, and then became a parish priest. He now works full time as a family mediator.

Nicholas began his career over 30 years ago as a solicitor; and trained as a family mediator in 1992. He subsequently spent 12 years as a parish priest. He opened Cheltenham Family Mediation in 2007, and now works full time as a family mediator. He will talk about the use of family mediation to resolve disputes over children and property, and reflect on the way in which mediation echoes principles close to the heart of the Christian faith.

Roy Crompton

Quaker Supper, Saturday, February 5th 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

Area Meeting at Cheltenham, Saturday, 12th February at 2.00 pm

Friends are reminded that this month's Area Meeting will be held at Cheltenham, and contributions for providing tea would still be appreciated. Please contact Margot Roe.

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