

CHELTENHAM QUAKER

OCTOBER 2014

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Are on Sundays at 10.30 at Cheltenham Meeting House. There is usually a shared lunch on each fifth Sunday. 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 two of the Children's Meeting volunteers.

DIARY (All of these meetings are at the Meeting House unless otherwise stated.)

September			
Friday	26	10.30am	Coffee Morning at Footsteps Café if open see below
Sunday	28	morning	Food Bank collection
Sunday	28	morning	Sale of Fair Trade Products
Sunday	28	after Meeting	Fourth Sunday Worship Sharing
Monday	29	7.30pm	Meeting of Liaison Group
October			
Friday	3	2.00pm	Meeting of Elders
Sunday	5	12 noon	Local Meeting for Worship for Business
Friday	10	10.30am	Coffee Morning at Footsteps Café if open
Sunday	12	1.30pm	Area Meeting for Worship for Business at Cirencester FMH
Thursday	16	7.30pm	Meeting of Pastoral Friends
Sunday	19	12 noon	Meeting for Learning see below
Friday	25	10.30am	Coffee Morning at Footsteps Café if open
Sunday	26	morning	Food Bank collection see page 4
Sunday	26	morning	Sale of Fair Trade Products
Sunday	26	after Meeting	Fourth Sunday Worship Sharing
Wednesday	29	2.30pm	Quaker Book Club at Margaret Cooper's

Coffee at Footsteps Café: please contact Janet Weyers or Jo Teakle to find out if the café is open.

Meeting for Learning on 19 October will be facilitated by Dorothy and Rowland Carson, two of our Funeral Friends.

OCTOBER COLLECTION is for Scholarships for Street Kids. This charity, run by Quakers in Yorkshire, provides educational opportunities for children from poor backgrounds, often from begging and scavenging families, in developing countries. The support is for everything from literacy classes, family support for a child who is going to school, to vocational training and courses in higher education. The website for more information and to donate is www.s4sk.org.uk. Or send a cheque, payable to Scholarships for Street Kids to: The Treasurer (S4SK) 72-74 Sun St., Haworth, W.Yorks., BD22 8AH. Friends who are taxpayers are encouraged to send donations directly to the charity, using Gift Aid or a charity voucher (CAF, Charities Trust, etc), possibly adding a note to say that they belong to Cheltenham Quaker Meeting.

Items for inclusion in the next newsletter should be sent to the editorial email address or by post to the editor
Janet Weyers by

Monday 20 October at the latest

Web address: <http://www.cheltenhamquaker.org.uk/newsletters.php>

NOTES FROM SEPTEMBER LOCAL MEETING

Changes to 5th Sunday Meeting for Worship: We agreed to have all-age semi-programmed worship, which would include our usual way of worship, on fifth Sundays. The first will take place on 30 November.

Internet provision: some of the users of our Meeting House have asked for facilities to be able to use the internet at their meetings. We agreed to provide a router, which we can use as well; we have asked Premises Committee to look into whether it would be useful for us to have our own computer equipment.

Equipping for Ministry: We agreed to support the requests of Dorothy Carson and Edward Trezise to take this two year Woodbrooke course.

NOTES FROM SEPTEMBER AREA MEETING

Membership: Susan Saxty was welcomed back into membership. She will be attached to Gloucester Meeting.

News of Friends: The deaths were recorded of Olive Minot (Cirencester), Hugh Ross (Painswick), and Ena Ward (Cirencester).

The birth was recorded of a son, Luca, to Rebecca Stapleford and James Porter (Nailsworth).

Meeting for Learning: The next meeting for learning, on '*Deepening our Worship*', is planned for **Saturday 18th October** at Gloucester Meeting House. It will be led by our Friend Judy Roles, of Cheltenham Meeting, based on material from a Kindlers' workshop. Further workshops are planned, details from Alison Crane.

Area Nominations Work: We noted that the task of nominations committee is an important and sometimes challenging one, particularly at the end of a triennium when many existing appointments are coming to an end. We are encouraged to see nomination as an opportunity for service, and perhaps to do new things as well. There are many roles to fill in our AM alone (94 at present), and support from LMs and their nominations committees is very important. Area Meeting offers support for training for roles.

Long-term framework: We note that a group set up by MfS to develop a long-term framework for action for the period 2015-20 is asking Local and Area meetings to contribute thoughts to their discernment between now and January 2015. We are asked to consider the following and to report to Area Meeting in December:

- What is distinctive about Quaker work and witness, to us and to others?
- What is your vision of the ministry that your local meeting and Quakers in Britain are called to, now and in the future?
- What are we led to do together?
- How could Quaker structures and networks help Quakers in Britain to flourish?

DOORKEEPING DUTIES: There is an addition to the Doorkeepers duties. It was requested at the recent Liaison Meeting that when newcomers are leaving and not stopping for a drink and a chat after Meeting for Worship that the Doorkeeper should shake their hand. The duty list will be amended accordingly.

Bill Rowland

BRITAIN YEARLY MEETING GATHERING

Nigel Smith has taken a film of the Quaker Legacy Garden at Bath University. It can be seen on <http://youtu.be/1J5hnVzkJ54>

NOTE FROM PASTORAL FRIENDS

If you would find it helpful to have a list of which Pastoral Friends are responsible for particular Friends, and/or you would like the latest edition of the Cheltenham Quaker Meeting Contact List, please contact Evelyn Shaw by phone or email.

SPIRITUAL ADVENTURE WEEKEND FOLLOW UP

Coffee Mornings in people's homes: The first was at Rowland and Dorothy's home on Thursday 31 July. It is hoped more Friends will hold coffee mornings in their own homes, either open to all Friends and family or just to local Friends, perhaps asking neighbours to join them, depending on the space available.

Worship Sharing Meetings to consider any current topic or concern have started after Meeting on the fourth Sunday.

Coffee mornings at Footsteps Café, Winchcombe Street. We hope to establish a regular get together of Friends at Footsteps Café, taking place twice a month from 10.30am. We hope this will be a meeting place for all in the Meeting, and help us grow in fellowship and friendship, so please come if you can. We plan to meet on the second and last Fridays in the month to coincide with the Farmer's Market held in Cheltenham.

Because of flooding in the basement, Footsteps Café has had to close for a while, but we hope it will be open soon. More details from Janet Weyers and Jo Teakle.

Food Bank Collection: we agreed to make a regular monthly donation of food, on fourth Sundays, to the Cheltenham Food Bank at Elim Church on St. George's Road.

CHELTENHAM FOOD BANK

Like most Food Banks this is regulated by the Trussell Trust. Friends are asked to bring a contribution of **non-perishable food** to Meeting on the 4th Sunday of each month, and I will deliver the goods to the Food Bank on the following Friday. If I am unable to be at Meeting on the 4th Sunday Julie Stubbs will take charge of collection and delivery.

I include a suggestions list from the Food Bank as to acceptable items. Initially we are not seeking to organise this in any way, as anything will be welcome and overlaps won't matter.

As we shall be taking this on as a regular commitment it's inevitable that some Friends will miss a 4th Sunday. Please don't bring contributions at any other time, as we are unable to manage storage of goods.

Shopping List (for guidance)

Milk (UHT or powdered)
Soup
Tomatoes (tinned)
Tea bags
Rice
Tinned fish
Biscuits

Fruit juice (carton)
Pasta sauces
Cereals
Instant coffee
Pasta
Tinned fruit
Snack bars

Sugar (in ½ kilo bags)
Sponge pudding (tinned)
Rice pudding (tinned)
Instant mashed potato
Tinned meat
Jam

Ann Caro

DUTY ROTA

Doorkeeping, Flowers and Teas 3 August to 30 November

Below is the same list as was published in July, but showing the rota by names, which may be an easier way of seeing which date we are on duty. This is also on the website, from where it can be printed out.

Rota by first name		
Name	Date	Duty
Alison Crane	7 Sep 2014	doorkeeping
Ann Caro	20 Jul 2014	teas
Ann Caro	19 Oct 2014	doorkeeping
Ann Caro	16 Nov 2014	teas
Brenda Judge	26 Oct 2014	teas
Chris Vyle	2 Nov 2014	teas
Dorothy Carson	17 Aug 2014	teas
Dorothy Carson	9 Nov 2014	doorkeeping
Elaine Boulter	7 Sep 2014	flowers
Ian Brighton	12 Oct 2014	teas
Iris Terrell	28 Sep 2014	flowers
Jack Danes	21 Sep 2014	doorkeeping
Jane Brighton	27 Jul 2014	flowers
Jane Brighton	31 Aug 2014	doorkeeping
Jane Brighton	23 Nov 2014	flowers
Janet Weyers	10 Aug 2014	flowers
Janet Weyers	7 Sep 2014	teas
Janet Weyers	26 Oct 2014	flowers
Jill Vyle	14 Sep 2014	doorkeeping
Jill Vyle	2 Nov 2014	flowers
Jo Teakle	27 Jul 2014	doorkeeping
Jo Teakle	24 Aug 2014	doorkeeping
Jo Teakle	31 Aug 2014	teas
Jo Teakle	23 Nov 2014	teas
Joy Heaven	2 Nov 2014	doorkeeping
Judy Roles	30 Nov 2014	teas
Julie Stubbs	24 Aug 2014	flowers
Julie Stubbs	28 Sep 2014	doorkeeping
June Drummond	10 Aug 2014	doorkeeping
June Drummond	19 Oct 2014	teas

Lydia Sutcliffe	20 Jul 2014	flowers
Lydia Sutcliffe	17 Aug 2014	flowers
Lydia Sutcliffe	16 Nov 2014	flowers
Margaret Danes	21 Sep 2014	flowers
Margaret Johnson	30 Nov 2014	flowers
Margaret Sheldrick	27 Jul 2014	teas
Margaret Sheldrick	24 Aug 2014	teas
Margaret Sheldrick	23 Nov 2014	doorkeeping
Margot Roe	31 Aug 2014	flowers
Margot Roe	5 Oct 2014	teas
Maureen Steffen	14 Sep 2014	flowers
Maureen Steffen	28 Sep 2014	teas
Mike Lang	3 Aug 2014	flowers
Mike Lang	12 Oct 2014	doorkeeping
Nigel Smith	20 Jul 2014	doorkeeping
Nigel Smith	21 Sep 2014	teas
Nigel Smith	16 Nov 2014	doorkeeping
Pat Dannahy	3 Aug 2014	doorkeeping
Pat Dannahy	5 Oct 2014	flowers
Philip Paull	10 Aug 2014	teas
Philip Paull	26 Oct 2014	doorkeeping
Philip Paull	9 Nov 2014	flowers
Philip Paull	30 Nov 2014	doorkeeping
Richard Lacock	14 Sep 2014	teas
Rowland Carson	17 Aug 2014	doorkeeping
Rowland Carson	9 Nov 2014	teas
Ruth Baker	19 Oct 2014	flowers
Sal Drummond	12 Oct 2014	flowers
Tim Howarth	3 Aug 2014	teas
Tim Howarth	5 Oct 2014	doorkeeping