

# CHELTHENHAM QUAKER

## JULY 2015

### 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. On second and fourth Sundays children can go 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.)

<b>June</b>			
Sunday	21	noon	<b>Meeting for Learning</b> see page 3
Wednesday	24	2.30pm	<b>Quaker Book Club</b> at Margaret Cooper's
Thursday	25	10.30am	<b>Meeting of Elders</b>
Thursday	25	7.30pm	<b>Meeting of Pastoral Friends</b> at Maureen Steffen's
Thursday	25	7.30pm	<b>Cheltenham Interfaith</b> see page 2 for details
Friday	26	10.30am	<b>Coffee Morning</b> at Footsteps Café see below
Sunday	28	morning	<b>Sale of Fair Trade Products</b>
Sunday	28	morning	<b>Food Bank Collection</b>
Sunday	28	noon	<b>Fourth Sunday Worship Sharing</b>
<b>July</b>			
Sunday	5	11.50am	<b>Local Meeting for Worship for Business</b>
Thursday	9	7.00pm	<b>Area Meeting for Worship for Business</b> at Cirencester FMH
Friday	10	10.30am	<b>Coffee Morning</b> at Footsteps Café see below
Saturday	11	4.00pm	<b>Pastoral Friends Tea Party</b> see page 2 for details
Sunday	19	noon	<b>Local Meeting for Learning</b> see page 3
Monday	20	7.00pm	<b>Cheltenham Interfaith at The Spice Lodge</b> see page 2 for details
Sunday	26	morning	<b>Food Bank collection</b>
Sunday	26	morning	<b>Sale of Fair Trade Products</b>
Sunday	26	noon	<b>Fourth Sunday Worship Sharing</b>
Wednesday	29	2.30pm	<b>Quaker Book Club</b> at Margaret Cooper's
Friday	31	10.30am	<b>Coffee Morning</b> at Footsteps Café see below

**Area Meeting:** at Cirencester FMH on 9 July starting at 7.00pm will be preceded by refreshments.

**Footsteps Café:** (just down from the Meeting House) We meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Fridays of the month from 10.30am for a sociable get together. Everyone welcome.

**MINUTE FROM ELDERS' MEETING 21/05/2015.** We ask that committees avoid planning meetings after Sunday MfW so that the members can attend other meetings, e.g. LM or AM, Meeting for Learning, Worship Sharing.

**JULY COLLECTION** is for Acorns Children's Hospice Trust. This charity provides invaluable respite care and end of life care for life limited children. In addition they give on-going family support for parents, siblings and grandparents. They offer specialised care and support at three hospices (at Selly Oak, Walsall and Worcester) and through a community team who offer support at home. Donations to: Acorns Children Hospice, Drakes Court, Alcester Road, Wythall, Birmingham B47 6JR. Tel: 10564 82 5000. Website: [www.acorns.org.uk](http://www.acorns.org.uk)  
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 July** at the latest

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

## **NOTES ON MAY LOCAL MEETING**

The main points are detailed below. Full Minutes for this and AM, with reports, can now be found in the pigeonholes in the lobby.

**Spiritual Adventure Day 2016:** Meeting fully supported the booking of Gloucester Meeting House on Saturday 11 June 2016 for this. Elders will look into booking caterers for us. We asked Elders to seek an external facilitator, possibly with spiritual practices from other religious traditions as the focus. Since Gloucester will not charge for the booking, our Meeting will make them a donation of £100.

### **5th Sundays -**

30 August: Jo Teakle, Philip Paull, Joy Heaven and Nigel Smith will organise a semi-programmed meeting for that day. Meeting would like the focus for this meeting to be themed ahead of time. There will be a shared lunch.

29 November: Meeting would like a speaker invited.

### **Quaker Week 2015**

Meeting supported making the subject of the militarisation of our society a concern during Quaker Week 2015, wishing at the same time to ensure that it is widened so as to include constructive alternatives to armed conflict.

## **NOTES ON MAY AREA MEETING**

**News of Friends:** We were happy to record the birth of Frances Erica Drummond-Reeves on 25 May to Sal and Gerald.

We recorded the death of Elaine Boulter on 26 May at the age of 92.

We agreed to appoint a Meeting for Marriage between Alice Gibbs and Aidan Fallon at Nailsworth Meeting House on 11 July and representatives have been appointed from Area Meeting.

**Membership:** We accepted the transfer of Adrian Lamont from Worcestershire and Shropshire AM. He and his wife Elizabeth Nicholls will be attached to Wotton Meeting.

**Other items of interest** were Housing Justice and Quaker Awareness week 3 – 11 October. It is hoped a morning discussion on the former can be arranged early in 2016, together with Abolish Empty Office Buildings/House People (AEOB) Friends. For Quaker Awareness week, QPSW have a group of speakers willing to offer a session on “Objections to War”. Stroud Meeting has booked a performance of the play “Over the Top” for 27 October.

### **SUMMER TEA PARTY - 11 July**

Pastoral friends would like to invite you to a Summer Tea Party on Saturday 11 July from 4.00pm to 6.00pm at the Meeting House. Refreshments will be provided. Please bring music, poems and readings to share.

## **CHELTENHAM INTERFAITH**

Thursday 25 June: Barbara Gardner will give an illustrated talk on “*The Compassionate Animal – teaching on the compassionate treatment of animals from the world’s main faiths*”.

Monday 20 July: Annual Dinner at the Spice Lodge, Cheltenham 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

### ***From Quaker Faith and Practice 24.60***

*For us it is not so important when the perfect world will be achieved or what it will be like. What matters is living our lives in the power of love and not worrying too much about the results. In doing this, the means become part of the end.*

*Wolf Mendl, 1974*

## MEETINGS FOR LEARNING 2015 (Amended)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Experiences of the Non-theist Conference	Ann Caro
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Aspects of Islam	Judy Roles
16 <sup>th</sup> August	Nominations	Nominations Committee
20 <sup>th</sup> September	History of Quakers – George Fox and the early Quakers	Margaret Sheldrick
18 <sup>th</sup> October	History of Quakers – anti-slavery	Jo Teakle
15 <sup>th</sup> November	History of Quakers - business	Elma Detheridge
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Housing	Alison Crane

## **ECUMENICAL PRAYER GROUP**

The **Ecumenical Prayer Group** will start a new cycle of meetings from Tuesday 8 September at 5 The Holt, Bishop's Cleeve. The Group has been going now since its launch by the Gloucestershire Spirituality Network in 2000 with a varying mixture of Anglicans, Catholics, and Quakers reading and sharing insights in a prayerful manner.

The meetings will be based on **Richard Rohr's book:- "Falling Upward"**. It is described as "A Spirituality for the two halves of Life; how our failing can be the foundation of our on-going spiritual growth." We will share our spiritual insights from the book in a prayerful manner.

We will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of **each month** starting on 8 September at 10.00 am to 11.30am for about 12 months.

**For more information Tel: Jacek Weyers. New Members very welcome.**

## CHELTENHAM QUAKER MEETING

### SUNDAY ROTA AUGUST TO NOVEMBER 2015

Date	Doorkeeping	Flowers	Teas
2 August	Pat Dannahy	Mike Lang	Ann Caro
9 August	June Drummond	Margaret Johnson	Philip Paull
16 August	Margaret Sheldrick	Judy Roles	Jo Teakle
23 August	Alison Crane	Ruth Baker	Tim Howarth
30 August	Jane Brighton	Margot Roe	Ian Brighton
6 September	Jo Teakle	Jill Main	Janet Weyers
13 September	Jill Vyle	Margaret Johnson	Chris Vyle
20 September	Julie Stubbs	Iris Terrell	Maureen Steffen
27 September	Rowland Carson	Jane Brighton	Dorothy Carson
4 October	Tim Howarth	Pat Dannahy	Mike Lang
11 October	June Drummond	Ruth Baker	Margot Roe
18 October	Ann Caro	Lydia Sutcliffe	Ian Brighton
25 October	Philip Paull	Janet Weyers	Richard Lacock
1 November	Joy Heaven	Jill Vyle	Chris Vyle
8 November	Nigel Smith	Iris Terrell	Margaret Sheldrick
15 November	Dorothy Carson	Sal Drummond	Rowland Carson
22 November	Alison Crane	Judy Roles	Brenda Judge
29 November	Sal Drummond	Lydia Sutcliffe	Nigel Smith

**If a date is not convenient, please arrange a swap with someone else on the list**

#### DOORKEEPING

Arrive by 10:00.

Read the list of instructions in the wooden rack on the wall by the door into the garden (possibly revised since your previous doorkeeping duty).

#### FLOWERS

Please try to have the flowers on the table by 10:15.

#### TEAS

It may be a good idea to ask someone else to help you.

Bring milk (2 pints) and biscuits.

Lay out cups and saucers and preheat the water before Meeting.

Take your expenses from the dish for contributions.

If you spot anything in need of repair or replacement in the kitchen please contact a member of the Premises Committee.

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