

CHELTENHAM QUAKER

SEPTEMBER 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.)

August			
Sunday	23	morning	Sale of Fair Trade Products
Sunday	23	morning	Food Bank Collection
Sunday	23	noon	Fourth Sunday Worship Sharing
Friday	28	10.30am	Coffee Morning at Footsteps Café see below
Sunday	30	10.30am	Fifth Sunday All Age Worship shared lunch but no talk see below
September			
Thursday	3	7.30pm	Cheltenham Interfaith Meeting – Film: <i>To Light a Candle</i>
Friday	4	10.30am	Meeting of Elders
Friday	4	7.30pm	Talk by Molly Scott Cato see page 2
Sunday	6	11.50am	Local Meeting for Worship for Business
Friday	11	10.30am	Coffee Morning at Footsteps Café see below
Friday	11	1.30pm	Peace Group Meeting at Gloucester MH
Sunday	13	2.00pm	Area Meeting for Worship for Business at Wotton, Chipping Club Room
Sunday	13	1.00 – 4.00pm	Open Afternoon for Green Doors see page 2
Sunday	20	noon	Local Meeting for Learning – <i>History of Quakers, Early Friends</i>
Friday	25	10.30am	Coffee Morning at Footsteps Café see below
Sunday	27	morning	Food Bank collection
Sunday	27	morning	Sale of Fair Trade Products
Sunday	27	noon	Fourth Sunday Worship Sharing
Wednesday	30	2.30pm	Quaker Book Club at Margaret Cooper's

There will be no Quaker Book Club meeting in August

Fifth Sunday - 30 August: Meeting for Worship will be semi-programmed. There will be a shared lunch.

Footsteps Café: (just down from the Meeting House) We meet on second and last Fridays of the month from 10.30am for a sociable get together. Everyone welcome.

SEPTEMBER COLLECTION is for the charity Listening Post. This is a professional voluntary counselling service, Christian in foundation, which provides counselling for anyone over 18, regardless of financial status, gender, religion, sexual orientation or ethnic origin. They are an organisational member of the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy and work within their ethical framework. Donations can be sent to Listening Post, Hesters Way Community Resource Centre, Cassin Drive, Cheltenham, GL51 7SU. Tel: 01242 256060. website: www.listeningpost.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.

Please note the early date for submitting items for the newsletter, due to the editor having rather a lot of holidays in September.

Items for inclusion in the next newsletter should be sent to the editorial email address or by post to the editor
Janet Weyers by
Sunday 13 September at the latest

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

TALK BY MOLLY SCOTT CATO

Molly Scott Cato, who is a Quaker and our (Green) MEP for the South West will be giving a talk on *Christian and Green, either or both?* on **Friday 4 September at 7.30pm** at The Old Priory, Clarence Street, Cheltenham GL50 3LE. This is adjacent to St Gregory's Church. Molly Scott Cato is a professor, economist and author. Admission is free, with a retiring collection and the opportunity to join in the compline service after the meeting. Enquiries: Cheltenham@greenchristian.org.uk

GREEN DOORS

Our Meeting House is one of the buildings open for the fifth Cheltenham Green Doors open homes and gardens event. Sixteen homes, gardens and community properties will be opened to the public over the **weekend of 12 – 13 September 2015**. They will all give lots of ideas about how to make positive changes, both big and small, in the way we live so that we can all do our part in combatting what has been described as the biggest threat to our civilisation.

Our Meeting House will be open on Sunday 13 September between 1.00pm and 4.00pm and we will be offering refreshments. If you can help with this, please contact Alison Crane or Ann Caro.

For more information about the other venues, visit www.cheltenhamgreendoors.org.uk. Technologies on view will include solar PV and thermal panels, both external and internal insulation, draught-proofing, LED lighting, biomass boilers and air source heat pumps. Sustainable garden features will include rainwater harvesting, planting for pollinators, organic vegetable growing and keeping bees and hens.

The great advantage of the event is that you can get friendly, impartial advice from people who've tried and tested the different systems and can discuss them with you at leisure without trying to make a sale. You'll be able to check out the visual impact of a range of features on many different types of buildings, including several period houses.

from *Quaker Faith & practice 21.65*

Art thou in the Darkness? Mind it not, for if thou dost it will fill thee more, but stand still and act not, and wait in patience till Light arises out of Darkness to lead thee.

James Nayler