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Sir Walter Scott's daffodils in Perth

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2017 sees a change in General Meeting Clerkship.

Adwoa Bittle becomes Clerk to General Meeting.

Robin Davis becomes Assistant Clerk to General Meeting.

Martin Burnell becomes Clerk to General Meeting Trustees.

We thank all our retiring Clerks for their previous service and wish them well in their new roles.

General Meeting for Scotland provides a valuable opportunity not only to participate in our distinctively Scottish business and hear about wider Quaker concerns, but equally to get to know Scottish Friends from far away meetings, whom you would never otherwise meet. (See Adwoa's paragraphs on page 3.)

The next General Meeting will be held on 11th March 2017 at the Meeting House, Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh. EH1 2JL

Coffee from 10-30 as you arrive, to fortify you for a prompt start of business at 11-00. Following the Clerks' welcome to all Friends and Attenders, and other initial items, General Meeting has moved to having its main item/speaker in the morning, up to lunch time at 1-00. The morning session will be led by Gretchen Castle who is the General Secretary of Friends' World Committee for Consultation (FWCC). She works mainly in London in its World Office. In the USA she spent time in the pastoral tradition of Friends, and also served as Clerk of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

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Gretchen will enable us to consider and reflect on the nature of God, and how that is seen by Friends world-wide. This session is brought with Friends in mind who have asked that GM be more Spiritual in its topics. We're finding that there are a variety of views about the nature and existence of God, but that many of us don't feel easy or have the opportunity of talking about our experiences and understandings in a safe way. Gretchen will help us to find that safe place and small group work will be possible. We are not seeking to come to a unified conclusion, but to open discussion and share experience so we can take thoughts back to our meetings.

Please bring a packed lunch. Soup etc. tea/coffee/cake will be provided.

In the afternoon session, from 2 pm to 4 pm, we will hold a Meeting for Worship for Business and consider items such as the recommendations following the report of the Friends appointed to review the Parliamentary Engagement project and how this review affects all Quakers in Scotland, both financially and in terms of the work carried out in our name. The Tabular Statement and our Annual Report and Accounts for 2016 will also be prayerfully considered.

Your new clerk, Adwoa Bittle, extends a warm welcome to all Friends and Attenders. She is interested in finding out how to reach all in Scotland to raise awareness of, and interest in, the workings of GM. Anyone with questions about GM that could help you to decide to come please email adwoabittle@hotmail.co.uk

Please be in touch with Adwoa if you have childcare requirements. Please don't turn up with children without being in touch as we need to provide a programme and can't do that without knowing ages etc!

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And next, a plug for Yearly Meeting from Ed Tyler

Britain Yearly Meeting Gathering 2017 – a great opportunity that only comes around once every three years

This is a fantastic opportunity for a big group of us to head to the University of Warwick, just outside Coventry, from 29 July - 5 August. Why, you might ask, should we travel all that way south?

Well, back in 2014 I went to Bath to experience my first Yearly Meeting Gathering (it is only held once every three years). I went with my son Peter and had an amazing time. A huge amount of effort is put into this event. It really is our BIG CHANCE to connect with like-minded Quakers across the whole of UK and beyond in a whole range of settings. There is a bewildering array of workshops on offer.

For me personally it helped me experience my creative and physical sides: I went on some incredible events that encompassed dance, movement, walking in nature (including being blindfolded and trusting your partner to guide you), film, sculpture, exhibitions, gardening, art and yoga. There were amazing stalls displaying the great projects that Quakers are involved in and themed workshops that spoke to your particular passions and leadings.

I found it inspiring and – initially at least – somewhat overwhelming, for how do you navigate your way through a cornucopia of events involving well over a thousand people? But the organisation was fantastic and I settled into a daily routine, which included some “me” time.

This is why I think we should book together. Michael Hutchinson, our clerk, has kindly offered to coordinate bookings, so please contact him in the first instance if you are thinking of going. We are going, so join us! We can all travel down together and stay in

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accommodation near each other so that we are with familiar faces. The project is enhanced by £10,000 of legacy funding in our Area Meeting budget to subsidise those wishing to attend.

I'll end with a quote from Michael, who used to be a Yearly Meeting Clerk:

"Yearly Meeting Gathering is a week-long residential event held every three years. This year will bring together some 1400 Friends, friends and families for an exciting week of community and movement-building at the height of summer, worshipping and working together. Booking is essential due to bedroom allocations and space availability.

This is a real opportunity for Quakers from Meetings here to join in with a larger gathering of Friends; and YMG allows for non-Friends in the family to attend too, to make it a shared experience. There is a large children and young people's programme, including Junior Yearly Meeting for 16-18 year olds (the deadline for that is soon so let me know now if any are interested in that).

Yearly Meeting, the final authority for Quakers in Britain, is part of the Gathering with continuing the theme of 'living out our faith in the world', There will be opportunities to engage with different aspects of movement building, both in and out of formal sessions, and for everyone to create their own mixture of activities and relaxation."

Further information can be found at www.quaker.org.uk/ym.

If you are interested in going contact Michael at 32 Riddrie Knowes, Glasgow G33 2QH mjhreddrie@btinternet.com 0141 770 7865. Hope to see you there!

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General Meeting for Scotland - Perth 12- 13 November 2016

Mary Dower

Forty Friends from the four area meetings in Scotland began on Saturday morning with a challenge to rethink and develop a vision for our GM.

A number of queries were provided. We could answer these on our own, discuss them in a group, or join a worship sharing group to answer those that spoke to us. When we gathered again guess what? We were all encouraged to respond in writing, and to take sheets home for the nonparticipants to complete. The best way to encourage others to come would be to consider who we could inspire to come with us next time (11 March in Edinburgh). Friends and especially attenders need to discover there is more to Quakerism than their own meeting. We can learn flexibility and be able to adapt.

Having had the inspirational session before lunch we gathered after for the business. First, nominations. Does it matter that it is a re-juggling of the same names? Yes, but would any of us consider accepting a role? We recorded 6 new members and the deaths of two Friends, Douglas Nelson and Avis Swarbrick, well known to most present. We heard a detailed report on the work of ACTS (Action of Churches Together in Scotland). Among several projects they are working on rural affairs, on ending human trafficking and have publicised the plight of refugees, particularly unaccompanied children. The World Council of Churches is likely to meet in Glasgow in 2021. We heard of two events for enquirers that catered rewardingly for a total of seventeen attenders.

We considered the budget for 2017. This is about £28,000 of which £10,000 goes towards the cost of having a part time Parliamentary Engagement Officer in the Scottish Parliament. The cost of this post is shared with BYM. The challenge for GM Scotland is whether we will be able to continue with this and fund the shortfall of £4000 p.a. For the first two years we plugged this

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gap with our reserves. Now we need to find at least £5 per month for each Friend in membership in Scotland, but many can't or won't build this into their household budget. A review of this post is under way, to report back by the end of 2016.

We spent Sunday morning session hearing a report by the Parliamentary Engagement Officer, Mairi Campbell-Jack on the amazing amount of work she has been involved in this year. A major item was the petition to the Scottish Parliament about armed forces visits to schools which had to be researched thoroughly in order to be accepted. The exercise to send white poppies to MSPs has been repeated for a second year with the extension to Scottish MPs and MEPs, and has received some press publicity. Mairi has begun work with other organisations investigating local authority investment in arms companies and conversations have taken place with individual MPs and MSPs to support our concerns regarding military recruitment of young people.

Mairi with Elizabeth Allen of our Parliamentary Liaison Function Group attended part of the SNP conference and made some useful contacts. In December Mairi will meet Mike Russell MSP, Minister for Brexit, and raise with him Quaker expertise in working with divided communities. Another priority in her job has been economic justice and a symposium was organised in partnership with the Edinburgh Independent and Radical Bookfair at which Lesley Riddoch, Andy Wightman and Richard Murphy spoke. The seminar was attended by at least 200 people and evoked a lively and questioning response. Mairi is a most engaging speaker, full of energy and ideas.

Our weekend closed with meeting for worship and lunch

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Glasgow Meeting - Communications and Outreach

11-4 pm Sunday 26 March

All Age Worship and Tree Planting

Wiston Lodge Millrigg Road,
Wiston by Biggar, ML12 6HT



11am Meeting for Worship

12.30pm soup and sandwich lunch (about £7/head, less for children, donations welcome)

2pm tree planting with guidance whatever the weather

3.30pm tea and cake/biscuits

4pm leave

To book in for this fabulous day contact Zemirah Moffat (Glasgow Meeting) by the end of February 2017 zemmoffat@gmail.com 0780 333 2344. The right amount of soup, freshly baked bread and cakes can then be made and chairs put out!

All are encouraged to get there under own steam if possible, and to share and offer lifts. If this is proving tricky contact Zemirah or your Overseer and we'll do our best to help. Children to come with a responsible adult.

If you cannot come, but would like to dedicate a tree get in touch with Mary-Alice Mansell Glasgow Meeting. This is another great way to remember, celebrate and be part of the day too. mamansell@hotmail.com 01505842380.

All Friends and friends from all meetings are welcome.

Love and Light
Zemirah Moffat

Testimony to the grace of God in the life of Christine A M Davis

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In 1990, a ground-breaking International Quaker Women's Theology Conference was held at Woodbrooke. In the informal sessions, the participants worked together sewing patchwork squares, which would be made into a quilt for presentation to the retiring FWCC General Secretary. At the final business session, no doubt anticipating potential clashes over the text of the epistle, the organisers called on the services of one of their most experienced clerks. Afterwards, one of the participants was heard to remark, 'I had no idea the little sewing lady was so competent'.

Christine Davis' life manifested an extraordinary range of competencies. She had a warm personality, which was just as effective in a large gathering ('Dear Friends...') as it was one-to-one; she had a measured way with words, which was especially suited to the crafting of Quaker minutes; she had the listening skills and imaginative responses which enabled her to discern the way forward for a meeting, even in the most intractable of situations. She drew on these gifts throughout a remarkable life of public service, to Scotland, to Quakers in Britain Yearly Meeting and to the wider world.

But what gave Christine's life its singular character was the particular place and period into which she was born. Introducing herself in her 2008 Swarthmore Lecture, *Minding the Future*, she wrote 'I am a Scot who grew up in Scotland'. Her parents, Bill and Betsy Aitken, were firmly embedded in Scottish cultural life; their home echoed to the poems of William Soutar and of Hugh MacDiarmid, a family friend. Verses of MacDiarmid which she incorporated in her lecture conjure up the colours of Scottish moorland - 'the sage-green leaves of the bog-myrtle... the golden flowers of the tormentil... milkworts blue as summer skies'. She brought these colours to her needlecraft - at her last Yearly

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Meeting, she was one of those who contributed to a group artwork 'Groundcover', which later formed the centrepiece of Judith Bromley Nichols' climate-change exhibition 'Climb up to the Moor'.



For Christine, this beauty of landscape was a manifestation of the Divine. She was born into a religious environment - her paternal grandfather was a Presbyterian minister - and she and her parents started attending Quaker meeting when she was 12. A young lecturer, arriving in St Andrews in 1964, found to his surprise that the Quaker Meeting, founded the previous year, was tiny, 'and the sole member was Christine Aitken, just starting her second year of study and surely not yet much more than 18. She was, even then, very self-assured and serious, if out-going, leaving an impression of someone much older than her biological age... and with a sense of responsibility for the Meeting that few students would demonstrate'.

Christine studied history, and this too she incorporated into her life, her faith and her embroidery. She was proud of the achievements of Scottish Quakers, and, when the Quaker tapestry

came along in the 1980s, she was an early participant, working on two panels which celebrated the publication of Robert Barclay's Apology for the True Christian Divinity in 1676 and the winning of the right not to swear oaths by the burgesses of Aberdeen in 1714. Growing up herself at the time of the civil rights campaigns in the US and the anti-apartheid campaign in South Africa, she understood that she was living in an age of hope, but that to achieve radical change required personal and sustained commitment. To a lifetime of public service, Christine brought a clear mind, a passion for good governance and a drive for change. Her energy and her range of interests seemed inexhaustible: if one ever had to imagine a tapestry panel to sum up Christine's contribution to Scottish public life, one would be spoiled for choice. Should it be an austere bench of judges (Scottish Legal Aid Board), well-heated houses on the Scottish islands (Electricity Consultative Council), a combine harvester (Scottish Agricultural Wages Board) or even a newly-named locomotive (Rail Passengers Committee for Scotland)?

On the international stage, she made her contribution primarily through her long service on the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (1996-2015), meeting grant applicants and following up successful applications. She concentrated especially on Ireland and on Africa: one Friend has written appreciatively of their visit to an 'amazing theatre group in Kwa Zulu Natal - I never thought a group could create so much energy and noise!' One piece of work of which she was particularly proud was JRCT's centenary 'Visionaries' project, in which six individuals were supported for five years, with no requirement for specified targets or deliverables, to pursue their particular vision for just and peaceful change.

Christine had already visited South Africa in 1992, as part of an ecumenical Eminent Persons Group in the lead-up to the first free elections. At the time she was representing the Scottish churches as one of six inaugural presidents of the Council of Churches of Britain and Ireland. Recalling this period, the then general secretary wrote that it was largely due to Christine's influence that

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this group of very senior clergy adopted a consensus mode for decision-making, rather than majority-voting. Christine served as clerk of what was still London Yearly Meeting from 1991-4, a period which included acceptance of the new Book of Discipline, Quaker faith & practice (1994). She was well placed to do so, having served for the past eight years on the Book of Discipline Revision Committee, and she clerked the meeting with grace and authority, even when it was led to decisions, on such cherished matters as what the book should be named, which differed from those suggested by the Revision Committee.

It's hard to think of anything which Christine turned her hand to which she did not do well, though her grandchildren report that in family games such as Mah Jong, she would often try for 'special hands' and would either score spectacularly well or spectacularly badly. Such characters can be overwhelming - at her memorial service, which filled Dunblane Cathedral, one Friend drew a sympathetic laugh when she observed 'Christine could be scary...', and her husband Robin, her 'ever-present sure centre', occasionally had to remind her that she wasn't addressing a public meeting. She was saved from these dangers partly by her genuinely wide range of day-to-day interests - shopping trips with her granddaughters, delight in her Ipad, box sets of adaptations of Jane Austen - but mostly because it was impossible not to recognise and respond to the love and empathy which she brought to all her relationships. She herself recognised the source of that love: 'I am in love with life and with God; I can only do with that love what I do with other love, which is to warm myself with it as I give it to others; it is not mine to possess but to pass on'.

We often use embroidery as a metaphor for life. '[Life] ... is like a stitch of embroidery which appears above the canvas, runs along and is seen, then dips back below out of sight.' (Quaker faith & practice 22.85) Christine Davis' life had its dark threads; she and Robin provided resolute support for their daughter Alison and her family during her illness, but her death from cancer in 2013 was a dreadful

blow. The following summer, though, the marriage of her twin Marion brought some lifting of the grief - and another sewing opportunity. In the last few months of her life, Christine was still sewing. Along with three others, she contributed a panel to the Scottish Diaspora Tapestry, and once again she took Robert Barclay as her theme, this time focusing on his period as governor of East Jersey (1682-88). The panel takes its central image of the parable of the sower from the last verse of John Greenleaf Whittier's ballad, 'Barclay of Ury', a celebration of Robert Barclay's father, a distinguished soldier and a convinced Quaker.

After hands shall sow the seed
After hands from hill and mead
Reap the harvests yellow

Thus, with somewhat of the Seer
Must the moral pioneer
From the Future borrow;
Clothe the waste with dreams of grain
And on midnight's sky of rain
Paint the golden morrow

Signed in and on behalf of West Scotland Area Meeting held in
Glasgow 14th January 2017

Michael J Hutchinson, Clerk



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Meeting for Sufferings 3rd December 2016

Jane Pearn

For this last meeting of the year, it was a pleasure to be joined by 38 young people from around the country for worship at the start and finish of the day. In between we had parallel programmes. QCEA (Quaker Council for European Affairs) had already been thinking about how it ran itself before the referendum on the UK leaving the EU. They felt that in the past their efforts had been too diffuse. They have discerned that their focus should be on peace in Europe and human rights. We welcomed this clarification of objectives and felt that the Quaker voice was needed more than ever. BYM is by far the largest YM involved in QCEA. It is a founder member, and owns Quaker House in Brussels. We heard that although it doesn't lend itself to lettings, it offers a discreet, safe space for off-the-record meetings, 'going where others fear to tread'. QCEA offers a channel for us to engage with European matters even if there is a 'hard Brexit'. Our European Friends value our contribution and want us to continue, and even strengthen our presence. This was agreed, so from now on, we will appoint two representatives.

Many Area Meetings have engaged with Cornwall AM's concern about the punitive nature of society's response to personal drug usage. Their concern has led them to the conclusion that the possession of drugs for personal use should be decriminalised. The thoughtful minutes from many Area Meetings and the ministry on the day, made it clear that we were in unity with the idea that this is often primarily a health issue, and that a criminal conviction was neither appropriate nor necessary, and could do lasting harm. However we did not feel that at this stage decriminalisation, on its own, was a matter on which the Yearly Meeting could speak with one voice. It seemed to me that Friends understood and acknowledged that decriminalisation is right but that it needs to happen in the context of better care, help and support for drug-users, including adequate

mental (and physical) health and social services. It is one aspect of a wider concern about the criminal justice system, and what it is for. We hoped that Cornwall would continue to take this forward, and that they would work with other Area Meetings which share their concern, and with QAAD. This is Quaker Action on Alcohol and Drugs, which includes work on alcohol abuse and gambling. As from this meeting QAAD is one of the first four groups to be registered by Meeting for Sufferings as Quaker Recognised Bodies. This term replaces Listed Informal Groups: each QRB will have a designated link person at Friends House and its status will be reviewed every 5 years.

Staffordshire AM sent a minute of concern about UK government sponsorship of cadet forces in schools, and this will be considered along with our own previous minute by QPSW central committee. Lesley Richards spoke on behalf of the group tasked with preparation of a possible revision of Quaker Faith and Practice. She told us that they felt that the 'theist/nontheist' debate was not helpful: it is too simplistic, whether it is seen as a binary 'choice' or even as a linear spectrum of belief and experience. Our understanding, and our differences are multidimensional – and those who experience the reality of a Presence beyond the human do not generally use the word 'theist' to describe themselves. The group now feels that any possible future revision might have two parts: one which articulates the underlying principles of our faith, and other supplementary material, or handbooks, on how we express that faith. These could be updated more frequently as we respond to what love requires of us. We were assured that that the spiritual basis of our action would still be made clear in this material.

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Meeting for Sufferings 4 February 2017

Jane Pearn

'From nowhere but love'

A mid-triennium check-in was part of the agenda for the day. With two questions to think about - 'Are we doing what the Yearly Meeting asks us to do?' and 'What could we do better?' - we settled into our home-groups. I was one of the three Friends charged at lunchtime with trying to provide a coherent summary of the many pieces of paper. It was clear from the responses that Friends had considered deeply and widely. A strong theme was reporting back to the meetings we represent. How and when do we do it? What do we include? Should we include everything, or concentrate on matters we know are of particular interest to our meeting? But that could mean leaving them uninformed about something that they might want to know. Some representatives feel that 'local Friends' are not particularly interested in the work of Meeting for Sufferings, and do not understand its role. But we were reminded that a conversation with one Friend about a single aspect of our work has its own value. Some Friends expressed disquiet at the lack of time and space to be truly visionary. We were sometimes not clear where authority for decisions lies, but there was a sense that overall Sufferings is doing what it should.

Lis Burch spoke on behalf of the Sustainability group: their remit is to support and encourage us to develop into the low-carbon, sustainable community we envisioned at Canterbury in 2011. That involves every department of our centrally managed work and, potentially, every one of us. We were glad to hear that Friends House is a 'beacon of good practice', as is Woodbrooke. Lis spoke about the need to find a balance between practical support for meetings and nourishing the spiritual base from which this concern springs. Whatever we are called to do must spring not from guilt, but from love. Their recommendations fall under five sections: Eldership, Oversight, Living faithfully, Right Ordering and Witness. I wonder if they had noticed that with a change of order, this spells out LOWER.

Pendle Hill AM sent a strong minute about fracking. We supported

their concern, while noting that it is not just the process in Britain that we oppose, but the importation of shale gas; and that fracking is just one symptom of a disregard for the proper use of the world's finite resources. We agreed to call for a ban on new and intensive forms of fossil fuel extraction and encouraged joint witness with other faiths and churches. The minute also touched on the lack of local consultation and disregard for local democracy. We referred to this in our own minute to Sufferings about the allocation of bank fines to set up cadet forces in Scottish state schools. The current weakening of truthfulness, accountability and integrity in public affairs is a matter of growing concern to Friends. QPSW continues to work with us in Scotland to counter the growing trend in militarisation of society.

Jenny Brierley, clerk of Quaker Housing Trust, shocked many of us with the revelation that five households in Britain become homeless every hour. But her report on QHT's activities was inspiring and heartening. I was especially pleased to hear about small grants for innovative projects and feasibility studies, as it is often this first step that is hard to find funding for, from conventional sources. You can find out more at www.qht.org.uk.

At the end of our meeting we agreed a clear statement of Friends' position given the current state of world affairs. It has been widely circulated, and I hope well-used. This was its message: 'There can be no peace without justice; no love without trust; and no unity without equality'.



Families Weekend, Pitlochry Youth Hostel

14-16 October 2016

John Phillips

For several years Friends in General Meeting have arranged an autumn weekend in a Scottish youth hostel for families with young children.

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This year among those who attended was my daughter Karin Ewing with her three children aged 10 and 12. I asked her to write a few notes about her impressions (not a "report"!) which I should like to share with readers of Scottish Friend.

"We chatted about the Quaker family weekend the other day and you seemed to think it would be helpful if I were to write my thoughts down.

"My three kids (two daughters who had been before and one rather reluctant son) and I attended the Family Weekend at Pitlochry a few weekends ago. My daughters had been before, but my 10-year old son was quite doubtful about it. However, yet again it was a great weekend and even my son threw himself in with gusto. As a direct result of attending two years ago, my oldest daughter went to the Summer Shindig for the first time in the following summer, when she was aged 11. That was the best thing she had ever done - only bettered in fact by this year's Shindig (in 2016). And now both my two youngsters are already desperately looking forward to going to Shindig for their first time next summer. One thing leads to another; my oldest is now hoping she'll be old enough for the Link Weekend for teenagers in February.

"You cannot over-estimate the importance of these events to children and to my family. Whether or not they choose to become Quakers as they get older they are at a vulnerable and easily influenced stage of life and to be in a Quaker environment, albeit for only a few days, can in fact have a profound effect. I see my oldest, newly starting at secondary school - where values seem to be all about iphones, gadgets, fashion and fashion idols - getting some balance in life. To be within a Quaker community where the emphasis is on friendship and caring, an inclusive space with Quaker values, matters a great deal. The event is undoubtedly a success due to the hard work put in by the organizers as we all thought that Madeleine Harding, Genevieve Orr and Johanna Quinney were wonderful; but also, as the weekend progresses, we all bond together as a community within only a few days. It is a very positive experience for us all.

"I am aware of the costs of the weekend to General Meeting but from my point of view I am tremendously grateful."

The Faith and Hope of Charity Roger H. Quinn 26/11/2016

Paul in Romans VIII tells of the love with which we're surrounded. This is taken up in the Whit Sunday hymn "Gracious spirit Holy Ghost" and goes on to tell that love is greater than faith or hope. Yet without faith and hope love can't operate. And without all three charity, the practical side of love, is worthless.

For charity is much more than putting money into a collection, however good the cause. It is more than being kind, as important as that is. It is how one views the world and how one translates that view.

George Fox was much exercised with thoughts of the seeds of war, which in his day had plenty of fertile soil to germinate in. Fortunately, with the exception of Ulster, our UK soil today is not as prolific as in the days of yore. Charitable understanding has for the most part taken over. Although it would be naive to suggest that such seeds do not lie dormant. Especially in view of the current gulf between rich and poor, have and have not that produced both Brexit and a triumphant Trump. There can be few occasions in history when so much charity of thought was needed by so many.

There are other seeds of discord in need of charity. Saint Richard prays he may be instrumental in bringing hope to those in despair. It is this despair that has driven the results of referendum and election. It is those people who have lost their means of livelihood to the overwhelming tide of Big Business, that now speak, as well as those who sympathise.

What is it to us, who pass by? We who live off the fat of other people's land. Are not those others our brothers and sisters? Where is charity when we, who have enough, insist on the rape of land near and far?

Did not the Psalmist say "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the World and all they that dwell therein"?

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