



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

November 2018



Quaker Week 2018

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

South Edinburgh: every Sunday at 10.30 am at the Open Door, 420 Morningside Road, EH10 5HY, with separate children's meeting.

Central Edinburgh on Sundays holds a small, quiet, shorter meeting at 9.30 am in addition to main meeting at 11.00. Victoria Terrace.

Portobello: NEW DETAILS 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11am, Bellfield, 16B Bellfield Street, Portobello, EH15 2BP. With children's meeting. 1st Sunday evening meetings 7.30-8 also at Bellfield.

Broughton St Mary's: 4th Sunday. 7pm in the Drummond Room at Broughton St Mary's Church, 22 Bellevue Cresc.

Kings Buildings: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 1-1.30. UoE Common Room, Muslim prayer rooms, opp. Weir Building. sarah.martin@ed.ac.uk

More meetings are listed in Sesame, or see quakerscotland.org

SPECIAL COLLECTION

In November is for **Lend with Care**, microfinance to help people work their way out of poverty. <http://lendwithcare.org> Susan Robertson will speak to this.

LOCAL QUAKER EVENTS

Exploring spirituality – at Victoria Terrace, **Sat 10 Nov.** 2.30-4.30. Rabindranath Tagore's *Jiban Debata*, his Lord of Life. Basjabi Fraser. Queries to Annie Miller.

Sunday 11 November is the **100th anniversary of the Armistice** marking the end of the Great (1st World, 1914-18) War. Of around 10 million military lives lost, the final 3,000 deaths in battle occurred on this day.

There will be a **Meeting at Faslane** on **Sun 11 Nov.** For further information see Jan newsletter online, or speak to Alison Burnley.

General Meeting for Scotland will be held on **Sat 17 Nov** at the AK Bell Library in Perth, 17 York Place, PH2 8EB. 11-4.30 pm. Key items: parliamentary engagement, and spending the budget.

South East Scotland Area Meeting will be held at Polmont on **Sat 24 Nov** from 11am. Alistair Cameron is our new clerk.

Diversity and inclusion – Yearly Meeting has asked us *to look at how we can remove barriers and actively seek wider participation in the full life of our meetings, paying particular attention to race and age diversity.* All are welcome to discuss this at Victoria Terrace from 2pm on **Sat 1 Dec.**

On **Sun 2 Dec** we are asked to finish meeting promptly and have coffee upstairs, as the Open Door are holding their Christmas dinner in the Hunter Room.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

The **Drop-In group** has stopped holding regular meetings after 12 years – see message from Sylvia on page 2.

Rachel Frith offers **Coffee at Rachel's** at her house at 10.30 on 1st and 3rd Thursdays.

Singing group meets at Victoria Terrace on First Tuesdays at 7.30 pm.

Book Group 4th Sundays after lunch at Victoria Terrace. Nov: Donal Ryan's *From a Low and Quiet Sea.* Rachel Frith.

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MORE NEWS AND DATES

The Drop in Group The time has come, and the Drop in Group, which began around 12 years ago, has been laid down. Many of us are all becoming less active and less able to attend meetings. We would want to thank everyone who has supported us in a number of ways. *Sylvia Massey*

Vigil for Palestinian Christians at the Catholic University Chaplaincy in George Square, 6-7 pm on **Sat 3 Nov**. Younger people are leaving and the elderly are left without care. Catriona Courtier is hoping to attend and hopes some Friends might like to join her at the simple and beautiful chapel.

This Evil Thing is a one-man show about conscientious objectors which has received great reviews. **Tue 20 Nov**, 7pm at St Thomas Aquinas School, Chalmers Street. £10, additional contributions towards the **Opposing War Memorial** (see below) are welcome.

Trust and integrity in Business is the title of this year's Quakers in Business conference, at Friends House in London on **Wed 5 Dec**. <http://qandb.org/qbc18>

The **South Edinburgh Quakers Christmas Party** will be at 71 Nile Grove on **Sun 9 Dec**, 5-7pm. All welcome. Bring some food and an idea for a game suitable for all ages.

Carols and mince pies are promised at Victoria Terrace at 7pm on **Tue 18 December**

Opposing War Memorial

An appeal for a monument in Princes St Gardens to commemorate conscientious objectors. More information and an opportunity to contribute at <http://bit.ly/2CjQeUp> Andrew Farrar is our representative on the Edinburgh Peace and Justice Centre group promoting this.



Kate Ive's design

"There are lots of Memorials to those who fought in wars. Time for an Opposing War Memorial."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To **Aran**, who will be 14 on the 1st, and **Athena**, who will be 15 on the 26th. Here's a party from close to the William Penn Hotel, San Diego.



It's Halloween, they didn't have any other kind.

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Possibly quakerly from Twitter

'Lampitt, the plagues of God shall fall upon thee and the seven vials shall be poured upon thee and the millstone shall fall upon thee and crush thee as dust under the Lord's feet how can thou escape the damnation of hell. This did the Lord give me as I lay in bed. Mary Fell'

Mary Fell of Lancashire, aged 8, writing in 1665 about her parish minister.

Well that's you told, Lampitt.

Lampitt was a non-conformist minister who George Fox encountered at Swarthmore, and particularly disliked. Mary Fell was one of Margaret (Askew) Fell's 9 children by Judge Fell, so subsequently Fox's stepdaughter.

Via Jonathan Healey on Twitter. Original text at <http://bit.ly/2ChYBzu>

Quaker relevance: a tricky 62%