

Elmbank Events

December 2025

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Meetings for Worship are held by Zoom and in the Meeting House at 11.00 on Sundays and on Wednesdays at 12.30. See below for more information and links.

Mon 1 December 5.15 Monday Quaker Community by Zoom – see below
 6.30 Climate Café – see below

Tues 2 December 8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below

Wed 3 December 12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom
 15.00 Experiment with light – see below

Sun 7 December 11.00 Meeting for Worship In the Meeting House and by Zoom

Mon 8 December 5.15 Monday Quaker Community by Zoom – see below
 6.00 for 7.30 Young Friends Epilogue – see below

Tues 9 December 8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below

Wed 10 December 12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom
 15.00 Experiment with light – see below

Sun 14 December 11.00 All Age Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom
 followed by pot luck lunch – please bring and share

Mon 15 December 5.15 Monday Quaker Community by Zoom – see below

Tues 16 December 8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below

Wed 17 December 12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom
 15.00 Experiment with light – see below

Sun 21 December 11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by zoom.

Mon 22 December 5.15 Monday Quaker Community by Zoom – see below
 5.30 Climate Café – see below
 7.30 Young Friends Epilogue – see below

Tues 23 December 8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below

Wed 24 December 12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom
 15.00 Experiment with light – see below

Sun 28 December 11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by zoom.

Reminder – If you wish to have something circulated within the Meeting, please email it to Clive Potter at Mailinglist@glasgowquakers.org.uk

CHILDREN'S MEETING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DECEMBER

For December, we will be holding our regular meeting for worship in the Rainbow Room on 7th December and 21st December, and All Age Worship in the main Meeting room on 14th December. At present, we do not have a leader for Children's meeting available on 28th December so Children's meeting may not go ahead this day. Please look out for emails to confirm this arrangement. Usual meetings will resume on 4th January 2026 as normal.

Preparation for moving - Children's meeting

Children and Young people's committee will be preparing for our upcoming move between 13-16th December. We need to sort and pack up toys, books, craft supplies etc in the Rainbow Room and Arts and Crafts room.

To help us do this, we have a couple of requests:

- 1) Storage boxes: if any Friends have storage boxes (ideally plastic with lids) that are going spare, we would very much welcome donations to help us organise the toys, craft supplies etc prior to our move. These can be dropped off in the meeting house on a Sunday, or contact Kath (kjallan2@gmail.com) if help is needed to move these.
- 2) Large bags: similarly if any Friends have large sturdy bags e.g. Ikea bags that could be spared, we would welcome these to help us organise donations/recycling

Also, if any Friends would be willing to help out one day, especially Friends with cars who could help drop off donations or recycling, please contact Kath (kjallan2@gmail.com).

MINISTRY IN MEETING

Words, children and all of us. It's rare for there to be any spoken ministry after children and adults have joined us in worship from our Children's Meeting for Worship, but we are all aware of two things, hopefully.

Firstly, vocal ministry should not be directed at the children, but be for the whole meeting, including our children.

Secondly, any ministry at that time should use 'wee words' and be simple and short so that our children might understand. But might we not hope that spoken ministry before the children arrive has the same characteristics? Simple language, concepts honed to clarity, not too long, carefully discerned. Of course, that is not always possible, but might it be a useful discipline for us as adults offering vocal ministry in love and service to our worshipping community?

Sheila Semple.

MOVING FROM ELMBANK CRESCENT

As most of you will know, we have agreed to sell the Meeting House and need to vacate it by the end of January. Unfortunately our preferred permanent location will not be ready for a few months after that and temporary premises are being sought. The latest details will be posted on our website as they become available.

<https://www.quakerscotland.org/glasgow>

QUAKER BUSINESS MEETING

The next Local Meeting for Business is on **Sunday 7 December** at 1pm in the Meeting House. Lunch will be provided beforehand for those attending.

POT LUCK LUNCHES

These are held on the second Sunday of each month and will usually be followed by a speaker or theme. Please bring food to share if you can.

INTERFAITH DECLARATION

Derek Read attended a ceremony and event to witness the signing of a landmark Declaration to mark the 850th Anniversary of Glasgow's foundation. The Declaration was signed by 12 Leading Faith Leaders in a unified statement of values and clear commitment to build a more just, inclusive and compassionate Glasgow.

Derek's full report is at the end of this newsletter.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Instagram – This is an open group. Victoria Ivanenko monitors it and follows up followers apart from anyone suspicious. She is always looking for photos, particularly of Quaker activities showing people's faces. Also personal reports of event. For example the latest Quaker walk had 333 views, gardening in Maryhill 206 views and Meeting for Worship at Faslane 410 views.

CLIMATE CAFÉ

Monday 1 December

In addition to our regular 4th Monday, the Climate Cafe is holding a first person Report back from COP30 on December 1st in the Meeting House at 7pm and by Zoom

Meeting ID: 844 6931 5958 Passcode: 461260

Our speaker will be Ben Richards, a local paleoclimatologist and climate communicator. He is there partly through his connections with a Christian interdenominational initiative aiming to help minority and marginalised voices be heard. He gave us a very useful report last year, explaining how COPs work and why they are structured the way they are as well as highlighting key aspects of the event.

We hope you can join us.

Further information from Doreen Osborne glasgowquakers.climatecafe@gmail.com

FRENCH STUDENT INTERESTED IN SCOTTISH QUAKERS

Dimitri Wiat is a young French student undertaking research for a Master's degree on how Quakers develop their belief system and the relationship between faith and other aspects of a person's life. His research may be of interest to us in helping us see ourselves and our collective needs. If you are interested in exploring with him in a supervised group discussion or would like to see his email, please contact Daphne Wassermann (daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com) or Michael Hutchinson (mjhriddrie@btinternet.com).

QUAKER WALKS

The next walk will be on **Friday 12 December** and will be a flatter low level walk.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list and for further details, please contact Daphne Wassermann - daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com

REGULAR QUAKER MEETINGS

Meeting for Worship

Sundays at 11am and Wednesdays at 12.30

In person and on Zoom.

Zoom

Meetings continue by Zoom on Sundays at 11am and Wednesdays at 12.30.
The links are listed below.

Note that you are encouraged to stay on the Zoom after the meeting has finished to chat to each other. The host will mute the Meeting Room and turn the video off so you aren't distracted by those in the Meeting House.

Sundays (except 5th Sundays)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82975187161?pwd=TdNxFMmTcFU9PHsDoc7KxAUGOfg3k7.1>

Meeting ID: 829 7518 7161

Passcode: 394316

Wednesdays

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81089613867?pwd=tcg9d3O8VlspzfO0XlpQ2xN1zfynxK.1>

Meeting ID: 810 8961 3867

Passcode: 598311

5th Sundays

Local Meeting agreed that on the 5th Sundays there will be no blended meeting in Glasgow and Meeting for Worship will be in the Meeting House only.

If you would like to join a Meeting by Zoom you are welcome to join Friends in Milngavie Meeting with the following links.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7462365700?pwd=S005RkJkYkQ0eDUzd3RmNGU4L05hdz09>

Meeting ID: 746 236 5700 Passcode: 086276

Monday Quaker Community

Every Monday, 5.15 to 6.00pm

Join us for a chat and catch up followed by a period of worship.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84307363243?pwd=TIlv0ACzUMRkZpRRc74hFrSk1iZsr1.1>

Meeting ID: 843 0736 3243 Passcode: 471822

To join the mailing list, please contact Sheila Semple at
Sheila.semple@btinternet.com

Time for Stillness

Every Tuesday, 8.00 to 8.30am

A reminder that Time for Stillness (T4S) is every Tuesday morning 7.50am for an 8am start. It is a lovely way to start your day, gathering with Friends in Stillness.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81510281536?pwd=yZXNDBnRQRTDc2lXzjJtcDIHmFpnmQ.1>

Meeting ID: 815 1028 1536

Passcode: 519226

Deepening Spirituality

Early morning meeting at 10am on 7 and 21 December.

We meet on the first and third Sundays of the month at 10am for a silent half hour then chat and discuss.

Open to all.

Any queries contact Margaret Roy.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7613798296?pwd=enZDWS9iRHNHUIIZR2dBb3N2YjBoZz09>

Meeting ID: 761 379 8296 Passcode: EwLWed

Young Friends Monday Night Epilogues

8 and 22 December

Aged teen to 35ish? Please join us in person on alternate Mondays for worship in person at 7:30pm - 8:00pm. On the first meeting of the month we normally have a potluck bring and share meal from 6pm in the Elizabeth Fry room. Please no nuts due to allergies.

Organising WhatsApp group for this community: Ren Clark - 07837787988

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KjASIZWGm0xJ8SK7oDvz10>

Experiment with light

Wednesdays 3pm to 5pm

NOTE CHANGE OF TIME FOR DECEMBER ONLY

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86968437459?pwd=FVJVsdR3wvzscJo4FUlIXrmoAwkeXa.1>

Meeting ID: 869 6843 7459 Passcode: 881765

Quakers in Europe Prayer Group

Saturdays 08:30 to 9.30 am

For further information contact Mary Troup, marytroup2001@gmail.com or 07776146265

Sunday evening Area Meeting for Worship (Zoom only)

The meeting is open from 7.15pm to give time to say hello and settle in. The worship starts at 7.30pm for half an hour after which there is time for chat.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85320172452?pwd=Y21aXNuHocwL3LOZb4CmPHR9i87wXe.1>

Meeting ID: 853 2017 2452 Passcode: 563890

If anyone has any difficulties please call Kate Gulliver on her mobile 07596 725387.

OTHER EVENTS

Nationhood: Memory and Hope

**Street Level Photoworks, Trongate 103, Glasgow, G1 5HD
1st November 2025 - 8th February 2026**

Nationhood: Memory and Hope is a new exhibition of powerful and poignant photography celebrating the diversity of the UK today. It is a love letter to all that is good in England, Northern Ireland, Wales, and Scotland, and offers a wealth of insights on how we each try and shape both our identities and communities to make the world a better place.

<https://www.streetlevelphotoworks.org/event/nationhood-memory-and-hope>

Christmas Market

Saturday 13th December, 11-5pm

Rhiannon Clucas, our Centre Coordinator, is helping to run this event at The House Arts Collective, 108-110 Napiershall Street. Find handmade items from local artists plus craft making, music etc.

COLLECTIONS

We are grateful to those Friends who have been able to make donations to Glasgow Meeting funds by bank transfer. For anyone who would like to do this, the details are: Glasgow Quaker Meeting, Sort code: 80-07-24, Account number 00384645. Please be sure to use the Reference: Donation.

Collections can also be made in person in the Meeting House.

The structure of Quakers in Scotland has changed with the laying down of General Meeting and the initiation of a new charity, Quakers in Scotland (QiS). Information on giving via QiS where gift aid can be claimed has now been issued. For further details contact Bronwen Currie: bron.currie@gmail.com.

Special Collections

The **Special Collection** on 30 November is for Money for Madagascar (MfM) and will be introduced by Neil McKechnie.

MfM is a charity launched by Welsh Quakers in 1986 to support Malagasy solutions to Malagasy problems. It has stayed true to its original values whilst strengthening its reach and capacity to do good and its commitment to locally led development and conservation.

Donations to MfM between midday Tuesday 2 December and Tuesday 9 December will be doubled via the Big Give. All money raised goes to projects in Malagasy communities.

Exacerbated by climate extremes, Madagascar ranks among the world's poorest countries—over 75% live below the international extreme poverty line of \$2.15/day. At a time of widespread worrying news, this campaign is a chance to deliver something really positive: greater empowerment of Malagasy people.

Achieving a target of £50,000 in donations would mean £100,000 becomes available to 2 projects: **Education for Life** and **Children for the Future**, which work with Malagasy partners and Malagasy people to transform lives.

This is done by ensuring education is seen as a holistic, inclusive and community effort with access to the highest-possible standard of education. Children are helped to focus and fulfil their potential by ensuring they eat nutritious food and have access to clean water.

In 2024 Children for the Future reached almost 2,000 vulnerable children with refuge, food, education, healthcare, and sanitation; almost 800 of those were unable to live with their families. 4 residential and 4 daycare centres aim to offer holistic, caring support.

Real life stories and achievement statistics are available on the website and are a cheering read: <https://moneyformadagascar.org>

During COP 26 our B&B scheme hosted three delegates from SAF, a Malagasy Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) which works with MfM. Many Glasgow Friends met Tse, Aja and Evah and were touched to hear first-hand the environmental and political challenges they faced and were inspired by their long-standing commitment to their people.

The live link for donations will open here on the 3^d December:

<https://donate.biggive.org/campaign/a05WS0000063HnFYAU>

Once the £50,000 target is reached and outwith these dates, donations will go to this appeal but will not be doubled by the Big Give programme.

Cash donations collected after Meeting on Sunday 30th by Neil McKechnie will form a bulk donation from Glasgow Quaker Meeting.

Staff at Money for Madagascar are aware of and appreciate the continuing support of Glasgow Quaker Meeting for their work.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Generic email addresses

Clerk@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Pastoralcare@glasgowquakers.org.uk
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Mailinglist@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Treasurer@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Property@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Librarian@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Roomhire@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Hospitality@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Communications@glasgowquakers.org.uk
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Glasgowquakers.climatecafe@gmail.com
Safeguarding@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Safety@glasgowquakers.org.uk

Committee minutes and documents

The link is as follows

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1yacRe0kYhXxw7czWwyCJeoecMZFg7VnV>

Committees are encouraged to upload their minutes, remits and any other useful documents. If a committee clerk wants access, please contact Charlotte Wright.

Social media

X - @GlasgowQuakers Elmbank38

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GlasgowQuakers>

Young Friends Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/684886601939198>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/glasgowquakers>

Website - <https://www.quakerscotland.org/glasgow>

There is also a Young Friends WhatsApp group. To join contact Ren Clark: 07837787988

Zoom bookings

Friends who need to book meetings on our Zoom account will be given the login details. They will be able to see what other meetings have been booked. At present this information is not accessible more generally.

Note that only one meeting can take place at a time so **please check the Meetings tab before booking your meeting** to ensure that there is no clash.

Events in the Meeting House

All bookings and events can be found at

<https://teamup.com/ksshsgwcufoxdb49gf>

Other newsletters and websites

Quakers in Scotland (formerly Scotland General Meeting) *Scottish Friend* newsletter is online at

<https://www.quakerscotland.org/qis>

All the Britain Yearly Meeting newsletters can be accessed at quaker.org.uk/newsletters

Glasgow Local Meeting website is now part of the Quakers in Scotland website.

www.quakerscotland.org/glasgow

West Scotland Area Meeting has been laid down but information and newsletters can still be found at

<https://www.quakerscotland.org/west>

Keeping in touch

If you want to be on the Meeting email distribution list please contact Clive Potter, mailinglist@glasgowquakers.org.uk

Please send items for January "Elmbank Events" by **Friday 26 December** to **Daphne Wassermann. Note later date due to Christmas arrangements.**

0141 357 0396

[**daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com**](mailto:daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com)

Declaration of shared values and intent signed by Faith Leaders

On the 6th November earlier this month I was privileged to represent Glasgow Quaker Meeting at the Civic Reception at the City Chambers for Interfaith Glasgow to celebrate the work of this innovative and inspiring organisation and to launch a landmark Declaration to mark the 850th Anniversary of Glasgow's foundation. The Declaration was signed by 12 Leading Faith Leaders in a unified statement of values and clear commitment to build a more just, inclusive and compassionate Glasgow.

The City Chambers was packed with people of different faiths and beliefs from the wide and diverse communities of Glasgow. On my table were people from Hindu, Buddhist and Christian backgrounds: an Episcopal priest called Julie, the Ecological chaplain David Coleman and my dear gay New York Reform Jewish friend Scott Chase the co founder of GLIN - (Glasgow LGBTQ+ Interfaith Network). Over the years I have built up a wide circle of friends and acquaintances of all faiths and none and when I had established that I was the only Quaker in the village I relaxed and realised I was amongst friends.

The evening was a mixture of ceremony and celebration with the solemn signing of the Declaration and the wonderful sharing of good food and hospitality in the regal splendour of the City Chambers. The event is a highlight of Interfaith Week organised each year by Interfaith Scotland and I have been blessed in attending a number of these events alongside my fellow representative Liz Anderton.

This I feel may be the last occasion in my official capacity as an Interfaith representative - Liz and I are keen to pass on this experience to others in the Meeting next year, as we know the Meeting is going through many changes over the next year or so and it is a sign of the bridges we have built with other faith groups that we can face these challenges and opportunities with courage and hope. It is my belief the Interfaith and ecumenical work are of great importance and I have always enjoyed and been enriched by my involvement in the events I and Liz have participated in the past.

Please read and sign the Declaration via the link below - there is a copy to read at the Meeting House and we will endeavour to get more copies printed if needed.

In Friendship
Derek Read

Interfaith and Ecumenical Representative for Glasgow Meeting

https://interfaithglasgow.org/glasgow-850-interfaith-declaration/?dm_i=74W9,2SJIU,173MUW,7RQTI,1

Glasgow Quaker Meeting Rotas: December 2025

	Sunday 7th	Sunday 14th	Sunday 21st	Sunday 28th
Clerk (for notices)	Ruth Wilkinson	Joyce Taylor	Martin Mansell	Ruth Wilkinson
Elders in the Meeting House and welcoming after Meeting	Sheila Semple and Linda Cannon Neil McKechnie for LM.	Rosemary Morgan Library Elder Linda Cannon	Rosemary Morgan and David Thomas (A&Q)	Neil McKechnie and Daphne Wassermann
Zoom host in the Meeting House	David Garfield	Daphne Wassermann	Martin Mansell	David Garfield
Warden	Ren Clark	Terri McGuigan	Martin Mansell	Ben Blain
Doorkeeper	Gwen Johnstone	Morgan Cowley	Layla Alroomi	Layla Alroomi
Pastoral Care	Ren Clark	Mary Alice Mansell	Mike Nellis	Mary Cox
Tea/coffee	Ben Blain and Doreen Osborne	Terri McGuigan	Tom Hair and Becky Sherwood	Tom Hair
Hospitality (and see below)	LM: Becky Sherwood and Tina Cunningham	Christmas Pot Luck lunch Mary Alice Mansell and Helen Minnis		
Children's Meeting lead	Kath Allan	Paul Lynch	Paul Lynch	tbc
Children's Meeting helper	tbc	Kath Allan	tbc	tbc

Wednesday Meetings for Worship

Meetings are held every Wednesday in the Meeting House and by Zoom.

There is no longer a designated host as this meeting is quite small.

Anyone can join using the link circulated.