

Elmbank Events

February 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.

2025

February

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| Sun 2 February | 11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom
13.00 Local Meeting for Business |
| Mon 3 February | 5.15 Monday Quaker Community
7.30 Young Friends Epilogue – see below |
| Tues 4 February | Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below |
| Wed 5 February | 12.30 Meeting for Worship by Zoom and in the Meeting House
2.00 Experiment with Light |
| Sun 9 February | 11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom
Fair Trade stall |
| Mon 10 February | 5.15 Monday Quaker Community |
| Tues 11 February | Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below |
| Wed 12 February | 12.30 Meeting for Worship by Zoom and in the Meeting House
2.00 Experiment with Light |
| Sun 16 February | 11.00 All Age Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom
Potluck lunch |
| Mon 17 February | 5.15 Monday Quaker Community
7.30 Young Friends Epilogue – see below |
| Tues 18 February | Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below |
| Wed 19 February | 12.30 Meeting for Worship by Zoom and in the Meeting House
2.00 Experiment with Light |
| Sun 23 February | 11.00 Meeting for Worship In the Meeting House and by Zoom |

Mon 24 February 5.15 Monday Quaker Community
6.30 Climate Café – see below

Tues 25 February Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below

Wed 26 February 12.30 Meeting for Worship by Zoom and in the Meeting House
2.00 Experiment with Light

MINISTRY IN THE MEETING ROOM

We have new sound panels but still ask Friends when ministering to stand if able, move forward and face the screen if possible.

QUAKER BUSINESS MEETINGS

The next Local Meeting for Business is on **Sunday 2 February** at 1pm in the Meeting House. Lunch will be provided beforehand for those attending. Details will be circulated nearer the time.

YEARLY MEETING 2025

Friday 23–Monday 26 May 2025

This is the annual gathering of Friends from all over the Britain. It takes place at Friends House in London and online over the last May Bank Holiday. Children and Young People are an integral part of our Yearly Meeting, which includes a Children's Programme for 0–11s. Young People at Yearly Meeting for 11–15's and Junior Yearly Meeting for 15–18's will meet during Yearly Meeting at a residential venue outside London.

Preparation sessions and Special Interest Meetings will be held online in advance of Yearly Meeting.

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/ym>

Area Meeting can offer bursary support of up to £500 per person. Additional support can be provided at the discretion of the treasurer in consultation with the AM clerk.

PASTORAL CARE 2025

What is Pastoral Care?

Overall responsibility of pastoral carers is in leading the way in nurturing fellowship (With a Tender Hand, Zelig Gross.)

Further information about Pastoral Care can be found in Quaker Faith and practice 12.13 <https://qfp.quaker.org.uk/chapter/12/>

Who are the Pastoral Care Team in Glasgow in 2025?

Ren Clark, Mark Coleman, Mary Cox, Gisela Creed, Mary Alice Mansell, Mike Nellis, Alistair Trainor, Maureen Waugh.

Contact details for all members of the team are listed in the library.

What do we do?

In Glasgow we have a Pastoral Carer at the door before Meeting for Worship to welcome in particular visitors or newcomers to our Meeting, and to welcome them after the Meeting and answer any questions they may have.

Each member of the Pastoral Care team takes responsibility for a group of our regular members and attenders. To be available to support them and encourage them to develop fellowship within our community.

From time to time we may organise a social event for all or an opportunity for new people to get together.

A list of people with their Pastoral Carer is available in the library but is currently being updated so if your name is missing please let any member of the Pastoral Care team know.

Mary Cox
marycox7998@gmail.com
Pastoral Care Clerk

CHILDREN'S MEETING

Report from children's meeting for worship for Elmbank events, January 2025

The children have been exploring various themes linked with Advices and Queries over the past few months. We have considered the themes of 'Living Adventurously', 'Harvest and cherishing the world around us', and most recently 'Darkness into Light'. Highlights have included sharing adventure stories with Isabelle, telling riddles with Fiadh, exploring new toys with John and making paper lanterns with Rowan and Ben. We have also welcomed Cara and Ewan to our Meeting and have enjoyed making new friends and growing our community.

Children's Meeting for Worship, and the Children and Young People's Committee have been working with Elders over the past few months to build greater connectivity with the main Meeting for Worship (MfW) and make our whole Local Meeting more 'family friendly'. Some of the changes have been immediately visible – such as the new rug in the Meeting room, which creates a link with the Rainbow Room (we have the same rug downstairs) and has made a big difference to how welcome our children feel in the main MfW. Other changes are growing more quietly, such as our list of willing helpers and our work with Advices & Queries in the Children's MfW.

We have also held two 'All-age worship' Meetings (October and December). While this more programmed style of worship is perhaps less familiar to some Friends, we value the opportunity for our whole community to join together in worship and to grow to know and nurture each other more fully.

In January, our theme is: '**Caring for the world. Caring for ourselves. Caring for others.**' and we had an **informal all-age worship** on **19th January 2025** when a few adult members of Meeting joined us in the **Rainbow Room** for worship. We look forward to welcoming more adult members and children over the next few months.

COMMUNICATIONS

Your COM (communications, outreach and media) committee posts on various social media. We are looking for **photographs** of any activities you are doing to put on Instagram and Facebook. Please send them to Victoria Ivanenko with a brief chat about what they are.

ivanenko15@gmail.com

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT QUAKERS

On **Saturday 15 February 2025** in Glasgow Meeting House, and blended across the Area Meeting, Ben Pink Dandelion speaking on 'Essentials of Quakerism'. This is a day organised by Woodbrooke, the Quaker Study Centre.

On Saturday **22 March 2025**, also in Glasgow Meeting House and blended, the Kindlers will run a day on the topic of 'What Does Love Require of Us?: Quaker promptings towards love in action'. The Kindlers are a Quaker group; they have produced a booklet based on this topic.

Then on Saturday 12th April the Kindlers will run a further session on 'Listening'.

Joining details will be circulated before each meeting.

ON-LINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Woodbrooke's 2025 Programme Is Live!

We are excited to share the latest update to our 2025 programme! This comprehensive offering of courses, sessions, and residentials is designed to inspire, challenge, and support. Whether you're drawn to exploring spiritual practices, engaging with pressing social issues, deepening your understanding of Quaker history, or nurturing your community, there's something here for everyone. You can explore the full offering on our website

(<https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/our-courses/>) . Please note that we will continue to add more courses and sessions as the year unfolds.

We are aware that there are fewer courses relating to issues of peace and social justice, this is due to staff changes. However, we are working with the Quakers in Britain Reparations Working Group (RWG) on a series of sessions which will be announced in due course.

Quakerology

Friends may be interested in a new series of interviews just put out on YouTube: Quakerology.

Welsh Friend Emma Roberts talks to a variety of Quakers about their relationship with Quakerism. The conversations are fairly lengthy, usually well over an hour, and cover a wide range of perspectives and ideas: from some well-known Friends (Beth Allen, Geoffrey Durham), our own Alastair McIntosh and this year's Swarthmore lecturer, Emily Provance; Friends old and young; theist, non-theist and members of other religions; Friends of different sexualities and gender identities. It can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/@Quakerology> "

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT RETREAT

Saturday 1 February

An all day event will take place in the meeting house on 1st February. Places are limited by the nature of the event so please respond soon to Margaret Roy at margaret.roy@btinternet.com.

The Experiment with Light is a Quaker recognised organisation using the words of George Fox to lead us deeper into experience of the light. Rex Ambler construed it after studying what it was that inspired such deep commitment from early Friends. On the retreat we will have four sessions of meditation followed in each case by creative listening in small groups of 3. It is an opportunity to spent the day in reflection on a Quaker theme.

There will be no cost on the day except for a donation towards a simple lunch and towards heating of the meeting house.

FAIR TRADE STALL

This will be on the second Sunday of each month, starting on 12th February.

CLIMATE CAFÉ

Monday 24th February

We will be joined by some Friends from the Stop EACOP Scotland group.

There will be a chance to join via Zoom for the discussion session.

We are also planning to move to a regular 3rd Monday of the month meeting pattern, to help us all remember meeting dates. If this is a particular problem for you, do let us know.

Doreen Osborne (doreen.osborne@outlook.com).

QUAKER WALKS

The next dates are **Saturdays 1 and 29 March**. On 1 March the walk will be in Refrewshire of Ayrshire, led by Martin Mansell. The walk on 29 March will be up Glen Finglas, led by Margaret Munro.

If you would like to join this walk or wish to be added ot the mailing list, please contact Daphne Wassermann - daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com

DREAMS OF ANNE FRANK

28 to 30 January at 7.30

Mark Coleman is playing Otto Frank in Bernard Kops' *Dreams of Anne Frank* during Holocaust memorial week. It is at Glasgow Reform Synagogue, 147 Ayr Road, Newton Mearns, G77 6RE. Seats priced £15 are available through tickets@grs.org.uk

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 and details will also be sent out with the Zoom reminder.

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/89368343115?pwd=YitDVmYvTm5EcHBVQjZvbE42Y2ltZz09>

Meeting ID: 893 6834 3115

Passcode: 804071

Wednesdays

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88247219711?pwd=U24RIWuWWwOM7mfDHmFXM6x8DBFaso.1>

Meeting ID: 882 4721 9711

Passcode: 259401

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=S005RkYkQ0eDUzd3RmNGU4L05hdz09>

Meeting ID: 746 236 5700

Passcode: 086276

Monday Quaker Community

We meet by Zoom only, from 5.15 to 6pm. From 5.15 to 5.40 we share something of what is happening in our lives, from 5.40 to 6pm we have Meeting for Worship, and during that time we may hold friends known to us in the Light. All are welcome!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82940579290?pwd=BtxJ1ol51dNYtmKX25r87PeoljEbMU.1>

Meeting ID: 829 4057 9290

Passcode: 214455

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/88234938362?pwd=sy9Pa9GevLFHTTxTlkpb0gfwvxjC5y.1>

Meeting ID: 882 3493 8362

Passcode: 916844

Deepening Spirituality

Early morning meeting at 10am on 2 and 16 February.

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

3 and 17 February

Aged teen to 35ish? Please join us in person on alternate Mondays from 6pm in the Meeting House, Elizabeth Fry room, for a potluck or bring and share dinner. Please no nuts due to allergies. Followed by a worship in person and online at 7:30pm - 8:00pm.

Otherwise join us at 7:30-8:00pm in person at the Meeting House and online for our regular, fortnightly epilogue worship.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88133736587?pwd=dFZGNXpaSFhhUis4Ti8vcGJiYIVEQT09>

Meeting ID: 881 3373 6587 Passcode: 623455

Organising WhatsApp group for this community:

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

Experiment with light

Wednesdays 2pm to 4pm

<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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88555071012?pwd=WWRYT1Z0U1ZtMitvRnlyY0FwYVU3QT09>

Meeting ID: 885 5507 1012

Passcode: 421947

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.

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.

Special Collection

The **Special Collection** on 23 February is for Peace Direct and will be introduced by Daphne Wassermann.

Peace Direct supports over 25 local partners to build peace in 14 countries around the world.

In Columbia, Agenda Joven brings together youth groups and promotes transformative grassroots leaders, in order to transform conflicts, build peace, facilitate reconciliation processes, raise awareness of and prevent gender-based violence, achieve justice and social inclusion. They also promote environmental sustainability and actively work to regenerate ecosystems.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo there has been a cycle of recurrent conflict, including the violent activities of armed groups and frequent human rights violations. Several groups are supported in the DRC and have contributed to the training of peace-builders and the de-escalation of violence.

In Nigeria, Peace Initiative Workshop uses sports to develop friendships among young people across diverse ethnicities, cultures and religions and improve young people's leadership, problem-solving and critical thinking skills. PIN's activities are anchored on five thematic areas: advocacy, peace education, sports, governance and research.

HIVE is a youth-led social-impact organisation working to address issues of extremism and marginalisation in Pakistan. They are a resource for civil society groups and offer training, mentoring and networking opportunities to small community-based activists, entrepreneurs and artists on projects addressing local and national challenges.

These are just four examples of the local peace organisations that your donation can support. More information can be found on their website: <https://www.peacedirect.org/>.

There will be a collection box in the Meeting House or you can donate online at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/daphne-wassermann-9>.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Generic email addresses

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Property@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Librarian@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Roomhire@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Hospitality@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Communications@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Nominations@glasgowquakers.org.uk
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/1yacRe0kYhXxw7czWwyCJeocMZFg7VnV>

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 Georgia Campbell.

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/ksshsgwcuafaxdb49gf>

Other newsletters and websites

West Scotland Quaker News and more information on our Area Meeting are available at www.quakerscotland.org/west

Scotland General Meeting

Scottish Friend newsletter is online at <http://www.quakerscotland.org/general-meeting>

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

Glasgow Local Meeting website is now part of the General Meeting website.
www.quakerscotland.org/glasgow

Keeping in touch

If you want to be on the Meeting email distribution list please contact Clive Potter,
glasgowquakeremails@icloud.com.

<p>Please send items for March "Elmbank Events" by Sunday 23 February to Daphne Wassermann 0141 357 0396 daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com</p>

Glasgow Quaker Meeting Rotas: February 2025

	Sunday 2 nd	Sunday 9 th	Sunday 16 th	Sunday 23 rd
Clerk (for notices)	Ruth Wilkinson	Martin Mansell	Martin Mansell	Ruth Wilkinson
Elders in the Meeting House and welcoming after Meeting	Daphne Wassermann and Sheila Semple <i>Local Meeting:</i> Rosemary Morgan	Sheila Semple and Leilani Rabemananjara (A&Q)	Rosemary Morgan and Linda Cannon	David Thomas and Daphne Wassermann
Zoom host in the Meeting House	Charlotte Wright	David Garfield	Martin Mansell	David Garfield
Warden	Ben Blain	Martin Mansell	Michael Hutchinson	Ren Clark
Doorkeeper	Jenny Copsey	Janey Andrews	Layla Alroomi	Maurenn Waugh
Welcoming Friend	Mary Alice Mansell	Mary Cox	Gisela Creed	Mike Nellis / Maureen Waugh
Tea/coffee	Ben Blain	Mike Nellis	Tina Cunningham	Tina Cunningham
Hospitality	LM Paul Lynch, Diane Scott		Potluck Tina Cunningham, Mary Alice Mansell	
Children's Meeting lead	Mary Troup	Mary Troup	All age Worship	Mary Troup
Children's Meeting helper	Mary Alice Mansell	Kath Allan		Paul Lynch

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.