

Elmbank Events

November 2024

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

Glasgow Quaker Meeting has its own website at www.glasgowquakers.org

2024 November

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| Sun 3 Nov | 11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom
13.00 Local Meeting for Business |
| Tues 5 Nov | Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below |
| Wed 6 Nov | 12.30 Meeting for Worship by Zoom and in the Meeting House |
| Sun 10 Nov | 11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom
11.00 Meeting for Worship at Faslane Naval Base – see below
12.30 Gallivanterers – see below |
| Mon 11 Nov | 7.30 Young Friends Epilogue – see below |
| Tues 12 Nov | Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below |
| Wed 13 Nov | 12.30 Meeting for Worship by Zoom and in the Meeting House
with Interfaith attenders |
| Sat 16 Nov | Quaker walk – see below |
| Sun 17 Nov | 11.00 Meeting for Worship In the Meeting House and by Zoom |
| Tues 19 Nov | Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below |
| Wed 20 Nov | 12.30 Meeting for Worship by Zoom and in the Meeting House |
| Sun 23 Nov | 11.00 Meeting for Worship In the Meeting House and by Zoom |
| Mon 25 Nov | 7.30 Young Friends Epilogue – see below |
| Tues 26 Nov | Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below |
| Wed 27 Nov | 12.30 Meeting for Worship by Zoom and in the Meeting House |

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NEW TO QUAKERS – WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Elders are offering the chance to engage in discussion or learning sessions. Possible topics include Quaker history, values and testimonies, social action, the worldwide Quaker community. These could be held after Meeting for Worship on Sunday or Wednesday or at another time to suit you.

If you are interested, contact Daphne Wassermann, daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com, 0141 357 0396.

GALLIVANTERS

We are hoping to resurrect the above LGBTQ+ group. The first meeting will be held on **Sunday 10th November**, immediately after Meeting for Worship in the Elizabeth Fry Room. Bring your own lunch.

In Friendship
David Garfield

FAIR TRADE IN THE MEETING

As a Fair Trade meeting, we should be ensuring that as far as possible we use only Fair Trade products, not only tea and coffee but other things we order such as toilet rolls. We ask committees and individual Friends to consider this when ordering any supplies for the Meeting House, ensuring that we order only fairly traded and ethical products.

SOUTH SIDE QUAKER LEARNING GROUP MEETINGS

We will be meeting monthly for the next few months on Thursday afternoons for a couple of hours to consider topics such as our testimonies and other subjects we might be interested in from a Quaker perspective. If you would like to come along - even if you live outwith the south side please email me, Rosemary Morgan:

rosemary.morgan1@gmail.com.

Maximum numbers will be 9 or 10.

CHILDREN'S MEETING FOR WORSHIP

Glasgow meeting is looking for volunteers to be occasional helpers at children's meeting for worship on Sundays, while our main meeting for worship is being held upstairs in the meeting room. This allows our children to become more familiar with those attending meeting for worship, and therefore to feel more comfortable when they join us upstairs for the last 10 minutes. It also fits in with our responsibility as a whole meeting to make it a place which is family friendly and has all of us at its heart. Having extra helpers means that parents and carers will have an opportunity to join the main meeting if they wish, in order to have a little child free time to worship.

Children's meeting for worship is very much themed around our Quaker values and worship. If you think this is a ministry you might be able to offer, please get in touch with me on rosemary.morgan1@gmail.com. There are some checks which need to be completed before you can help out.

Also if you feel you have a special interest, hobby or passion you would be willing to share with the children at their meeting we would love to hear from you.

Thanks - Rosemary Morgan

NEW FOR THE LIBRARY

The Barlinnie Special Unit : Art, punishment and innovation by Kirstin Anderson looks at the work of this innovative arts-based therapeutic community for violent offenders. It operated at the prison between 1973-1994.

Our Friend Mike Nellis has been involved with the production of this book. The Special Unit still has lessons for us today, he says. There is a very interesting article by Mike here: <https://bellacaledonia.org.uk/2024/09/30/the-barlinnie-special-unit-the-less-obvious-lessons/>

Hilary Patrick

NORTHERN FRIENDS PEACE BOARD MEETING AT PENRITH & ONLINE 28 SEPTEMBER 2024

Ruth Harvey, a member of Penrith Meeting and currently the Leader of the **Iona Community** introduced the community and its activities, with its strong commitment to peace and justice, using a visual presentation of a tree with its trunk, roots, branches and leaves representing different aspects of the community's commitment to peace.

Grace and Grit - we listened to an informal performance of this play, written by NFPB member Jo Alberti. The play brings out different narratives and reflections from the situation in Israel and the West Bank – also known as the Occupied Territories. We have followed this in reflection and discussion of the issues raised and what we are challenged to do. Suggestions of possible action should be sent to the coordinator for circulation.

I attended Online. Inevitably there is great deal of concern about the current wars raging but a determination not to give up but to do what little we can to stand up for peace. As usual in the Member's Forum, I reported on the Glasgow Climate Café and

gave advance notice about the Meeting for Worship at Faslane at 11 am on Remembrance Sunday 10 November

From Barry Mills, NFPB Correspondent for Glasgow Meeting
Email : millsbcp@protonmail.com

QUAKER BUSINESS MEETINGS

The next Local Meeting for Business is on 3 November at 1pm in the Meeting House. Lunch will be provided beforehand for those attending.

General Meeting for Scotland will be held on Saturday 9 November, hosted by East Scotland Area Meeting.

West Scotland Area Meeting will be held by Zoom on Monday 2 December.

Details of all these meetings will be circulated nearer the time.

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/83404928649?pwd=cnpKY2VOUndydGJYKythaFI4bjNCUj09>

Meeting ID: 834 0492 8649

Passcode: 030793

Monday Quaker Community

For the last 2 years, a group of Friends in the West End of Glasgow have been meeting for chat and worship early on a Monday evening. It's now been agreed that

this can be open to any Glasgow Friend (which includes attenders) who would like to take part.

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=BtxJ1oI51dNYtmKX25r87PeoljEbMU.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/84827220311?pwd=ESsbnvJlkQgeuWh9PWkM76UoTnuCKs.1>

Meeting ID: 848 2722 0311

Passcode: 123456

Deepening Spirituality

Early morning meeting at 10am on 3rd and 17th November.

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=enZDWS9iRHNHUIlZR2dBb3N2YjBoZz09>

Meeting ID: 761 379 8296

Passcode: EwLWed

Young Friends Monday Night Epilogues

11th and 25th November

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/87600620976?pwd=K2R6NIBxWUhGdUNQbWp4QWdJb0R1QT09>

Meeting ID: 876 0062 0976

Passcode: 426252

Note that the link has changed from the previous one.

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://zoom.us/j/5493321030?pwd=YnVDMnpKZEhXcTZYUmNadHorN3MrUT09>

Meeting ID: 549 332 1030

Password: 650206

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

REGULAR EVENTS

Climate Café

Monday 2nd December: first person report from COP29

We are pleased to host a special event, in conjunction with Locohome, to hear back directly from a local observer at COP29. After our usual light shared supper at 5.30, to which all are welcome, at 7.00, Ben Richards, a climate paleoclimatologist and climate communicator will report on his experience in Azerbaijan. He will explain what happened: how the process works, the sticking points and breakthroughs and their significance. He is happy to answer questions so do come prepared.

From 7.00 you can join by Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85472535235?pwd=yI062AWEa1DXTy3s2IADe7X1ywPk6i.1>

Meeting ID: 854 7253 5235, Passcode: 292053

Doreen Osborne

Quaker Walks

The next date is **Saturday 16 November**. Elspeth McCue will lead a walk in Glasgow along the Clyde and over the new bridge to Govan.

The last date in 2024 is Friday 13 December.

For further information and to get on the mailing list contact Daphne Wassermann - daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com

OTHER EVENTS

Support for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Glasgow

I recently attended the Scottish Refugee Council AGM on behalf of Glasgow Quaker Meeting, We pay a membership subscription of £75 each year and have also supported various of their fundraising activities.

2023/2024 is the last of their European funding which has been the biggest donor since 2019. This year the Scottish government has provided one years funding specifically for extending resettlement of refugees throughout Scotland. To enable their work to have secure funding in the future they are developing alternative fundraising methods.

Two pieces of legislation from the outgoing government hugely impacted on their work. The Illegal Migrants Act 2023 and the Rwanda Act 2024 were introduced very quickly which make it increasingly difficult to seek asylum in the UK. All charities involved in supporting refugees are advocating hard for a fairer system with the new government.

Some statistics

7,800+ people from 98 countries to rebuild their lives in 30 of Scotland's council areas.

11,000 queries on their helpline

414 people facing destitution and homelessness

1,250 hardship grants applied for to total £154,800 for those in extreme poverty

945 unaccompanied children in partnership with Aberlour

111 volunteers helped with all aspects of their work

366 frontline workers trained on refugee and asylum rights

525 people trained to making recruitment fairer and more accessible to refugees

If you can please support their fundraising events – **No Borders Comedy night on 28th November** and a ceilidh and festival later in the year.

<https://scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/>

Mary Cox October 2024

Quaker Interfaith events in Scottish Interfaith week 11- 18 November.

This year Quakers in Glasgow are preparing two events for Scottish Interfaith week (SIFW). The first takes place at the St Mungo's Museum on 11th November from 6.15 -

8pm (doors open at 6.00pm) and features 3 prominent members of our Meeting - Nuala Watt poet and disability activist, Alastair MacIntosh writer academic and ecological activist and Mark Coleman artist actor and director.

The theme of the event is the Power of Silence - and how Quaker worship based on Silence acts an impetus for activism, witness and spiritual nurture. The use of Silence is a feature of many spiritual traditions and practices and in the spirit of Interfaith Dialogue there will be opportunities to reflect on the thoughts of speakers and in discussion with fellow participants about different approaches to Silence in different religious practices. This will also be an opportunity to share fellowship across different faiths in the spirit of Discovery - the theme of this years SIFW - a curiosity to learn and share insights across different faiths and beliefs.

In addition, on the 13th November, we are inviting people to join us in our regular Wednesday Meeting for Worship at the Meeting House at 12.30pm to share the stillness for a half hour and then share a simple meal. Afterwards there will be time for informal discussion and fellowship for those able to stay.

In both events we are hoping that Quakers will be willing to support us in coming to the events and sharing their experiences. The event at St Mungo's can be booked on Eventbrite. In planning and organising these events we have been greatly helped by Linda Haggerstone who has many years experience in Interfaith work.

Both events are listed here, together with other events.
<https://scottishinterfaithweek.org/event>

Derek Read and Liz Anderton, Interfaith Representatives

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.

Now that the Meeting House is open, collections can also be made in person.

Special Collections

The collection on **27 October** will be for the **Quaker Housing Trust**, introduced by Hilary Patrick.

The Quaker Housing Trust was set up by Yearly Meeting in 1967 in response to Friends' concerns about housing and homelessness.

We help create comfortable, secure and long term homes for people in need. We make grants and loans to small and medium-sized charities which provide housing for vulnerable people, particularly people at time of transitions in their lives.

During 2023, QHT made awards totaling just over £140,000. The projects we support are life changing: housing for refugees and asylum seekers, for women who have been trafficked, and for people experiencing street homelessness. Their new homes

are built to high energy efficiency standards; so their running costs are lower, and this also fulfils our sustainability testimony.

Over the years Scottish charities have particularly benefited from QHT grants and loans. Street Connect Glasgow's move on housing for people with drug or alcohol issues. Rural housing projects in Arisaig, Strathglass and the Western Isles. And of course WSAM was one of the first in Britain to receive one of our new Quaker Asset feasibility study grants to see if part of our meeting house could be converted into social housing.

QHT's funding programmes are oversubscribed. There are brilliant charities out there creating housing and we wish we could support more of them. All our money comes from donations and from repayment of loans we have made in the past.

Unfortunately, in recent years, there has been a significant fall in donations made by Meetings and individual Friends. This severely limits what we can do.

Many in our Meeting are concerned about the housing crisis. Supporting QHT could be our Quaker response.

Regular donations, however small, would increase the number of projects we can fund.

Many of us fortunate enough to own our own home have seen house prices increase massively over the past few decades. Friends might consider passing some of this gain onto QHT if they **downsize** or move to a cheaper property. Or leaving a **legacy** for when we no longer need housing ourselves.

We are also encouraging local meetings to consider making QHT one of their **regular special collections**.

How to make a donation:

You can make a donations in **cash** after Meeting for Worship

Visit the QHT **website**, <https://www.qht.org.uk> where you can also sign up to make a regular standing order.

You can give by **cheque or CAF voucher**, which I can collect or you can post to the Quaker Housing Trust, Friends House, 173-177 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ.

You can make direct **bank transfers** to:

Quaker Housing Trust Limited

Sort Code 40-52-40

A/C number 00016171

(If you can put in the reference that you come from Glasgow Meeting, that would be helpful.)

Many thanks for your generosity.
Hilary Patrick

The collection on **24 November** will be for Money for Madagascar, introduced by Neil McKechnie.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Generic email addresses

Clerk@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Pastoralcare@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Elders@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Children@glasgowquakers.org.uk
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
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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/ksshsgwcufoaxdb49gf>

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 September "Elmbank People" by Saturday 23 November to Daphne Wassermann 0141 357 0396 daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com</p>

POETRY CORNER

Sunday 13th October worship

The music of the dog lapping-
the Meeting already gathered - prompted ministry
a picture of Early Friends -the shepherds and their dogs
contained in worship : the witness of war's destruction- its
searing pain- and the points of new growth in our city- contained
in a precious hour

Derek Read

Tumbling Walls

Tumbling walls
the bugle calls
and men march off to war.

Tumbling walls
the bugle calls
we've seen it all before..

Tumbling walls
the bugle calls
and nations flag's fly high.

Tumbling walls
the bugle calls
and rockets fill the sky.

Tumbling walls
the bugle calls
the carpenters make ready.

Tumbling walls
the bugle calls
a line of coffins steady.

Tumbling walls
the Ram's Horn calls
"Enough ! Enough ! Already!"

W.J.B.

Oliver Cromwell carried out a genocidal attack on Drogheda. Oliver believed he was another 'Joshua'. The Letter to Hebrews condones the attack on Jericho. Today Israeli conscripts are read passages from the Book of Joshua before attacking the inhabitants of Palestine. The rams horns of Israel are much more deadly than ever before as man continues on the path of war. Benjamin Netanyahu retains 'The Samson Option'.

And God saith unto Cain, "Where is thy brother Abel?"

Glasgow Quaker Meeting Rotas: November 2024

	Sun 3 rd	Sun 10 th	Sun 17 th	Sun 24 th
Clerk (for notices)	Ruth Wilkinson	Joyce Taylor	Joyce Taylor	Ruth Wilkinson
Elders in the Meeting House and welcoming after Meeting	David Thomas and Daphne Wassermann <i>Local Meeting:</i> Zem Moffat	Zem Moffat and Kate Philbrick (A&Q)	Sheila Semple and Rosemary Morgan	Leilani Rabemananjara and Kate Philbrick
Zoom host in the Meeting House	Charlotte Wright	David Garfield	Daphne Wassermann	Martin Mansell
Warden	Ren Clark	Michael Hutchinson	Ben Blain	Tom Hair
Doorkeeper	Jenny Copsey	Layla Alroomi	Sarah Brown	Layla Alroomi
Welcoming Friend downstairs	Mary Alice Mansell	tba	Elsbeth McCue	tba
Tea/coffee	Elsbeth McCue	Mike Nellis	Tom Hair	Ben Blain
Hospitality	LM – Paul Lynch and Jenny Copsey	Wednesday 13 November Interfaith Mary Alice Mansell and Jenny Copsey		
Children's Meeting lead	Mary Troup	Mary Troup	Mary Troup	Mary Troup
Children's Meeting helper	tba	tba	tba	tba

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.