

Glasgow Quaker News

April 2026

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Wed 1 April	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Unitarian House and by Zoom 14.00 Experiment with light – see below
Thurs 2 April	12.00 Quaker Meeting outside at Glasgow University Peace Bench
Sun 5 April	11.00 Meeting for Worship In the Renfield Centre and by Zoom 11.00 Invitation to join the Kirk Easter service – see below 13.00 Local Meeting for Business in the Renfield Centre and by Zoom
Mon 6 April	5.15 Monday Quaker Community by Zoom – see below
Tues 7 April	8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 8 April	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Unitarian House and by Zoom 14.00 Experiment with light – see below
Thurs 9 April	12.00 Quaker Meeting outside at Glasgow University Peace Bench
Sun 12 April	11.00 All Age Meeting for Worship in the Renfield Centre and by Zoom
Mon 13 April	5.15 Monday Quaker Community by Zoom – see below
Tues 14 April	8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 15 April	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Unitarian House and by Zoom 14.00 Experiment with light – see below
Thurs 16 April	12.00 Quaker Meeting outside at Glasgow University Peace Bench
Sat 18 April	Quaker Walk on Cumbrae – see below
Sun 19 April	11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Renfield Centre and by Zoom 11.00 Meeting for Worship at Faslane Naval Base – see below
Mon 20 April	5.15 Monday Quaker Community by Zoom – see below
Tues 21 April	8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 22 April	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Unitarian House and by Zoom 14.00 Experiment with light – see below
Thurs 23 April	12.00 Quaker Meeting outside at Glasgow University Peace Bench
Sun 26 April	11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Renfield Centre and by Zoom

Mon 27 April 5.15 Monday Quaker Community by Zoom – see below

Tues 28 April 8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below

Wed 29 April 12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Unitarian House and by Zoom
14.00 Experiment with light – see below

Thurs 30 April 12.00 Quaker Meeting outside at Glasgow University Peace Bench

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

Renfield Centre: 260 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4JP

Unitarian House: 72 Berkeley Street, Glasgow, G3 7DS

EASTER SUNDAY INVITATION

From Linda Cannon (Glasgow Elder)

We have been invited by the members of St Andrews West Kirk, and the Grace Communion Fellowship, with whom we share the building on Sundays, to join together in a united Christian service of worship on Easter morning at 11 am.

The Service will be held within the Kirk itself, which is a beautiful space, set out, not in pews, but, like our own preference, in concentric circles.

All three forms of worship will be included within the Service, which will, for the most part, be a familiar Church of Scotland format.

We have been asked to fill the time, normally allocated to prayer, with our own silent worship, which may take between 5 – 10 minutes, as the Spirit leads. We have requested that the Hymn: “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” be sung, either directly before, or after the silent worship. It was written by a Quaker .

<https://hymnary.org/text/dear lord and father of mankind>

The Meeting for Worship silence will be led by Sheila Semple and Linda Cannon.

We appreciate and recognise that Kirk and Evangelical services are difficult for some, but we hope, in the spirit of ecumenical worship, some of you will be happy to attend with us.

A normal Quaker Meeting for Worship will still be held as usual, upstairs.

The Minister of the Kirk has also invited everyone who would like to join him to an earlier Easter Service at 7.30am, which, apparently, will be followed by a hearty breakfast.

QUAKER BUSINESS MEETING

The next Local Meeting for Business is on **Sunday 5 April** at 1pm in the Renfield Centre. We are not able to provide lunch beforehand for those attending so please bring your own.

INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK – HELP NEEDED

We are looking for someone to manage / moderate the Meeting's Instagram and Facebook accounts. Up to now this has been done by Victoria Ivanenko but she is having to relinquish this for the moment.

If you think you can help, please contact Daphne Wassermann: daphnew@cantab.net.

LUNCH AFTER SUNDAY MEETING FOR WORSHIP

From Hilary Patrick

Some of us have started going to Smile café, just down Bath Street on the left, after Meeting for Worship on Sundays.

Meet at the front door of the building after coffee at about 12.30.

All are welcome, old and new Friends, and visitors very much included.

ALL AGE WORSHIP

The All Age Worship on 12th April will be in the main meeting room.

Those not wishing to join this can meet in the coffee room adjacent to the meeting room.

If anyone would like to find out more, please speak to Kath Allan or Mary Troup.

PEACE BENCH

The 20 minute Quaker Meeting outside at Glasgow University Peace Bench will continue every Thursday at 12 midday. All welcome.

For further information contact Jenny Copsey: jennifercopsey@yahoo.co.uk

THE QUAKER HEALING GROUP

The group meets regularly by Zoom from 7.30 - 8.30pm on the first Monday of each month. All welcome.

Further details from Nicola James Maharg: nicola.james53@gmail.com

We have a core group of regular attenders such as Myfanwy Thomas (in Paris!), Sheila Semple and myself and some who come when they can.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP AT FASLANE NAVAL BASE

We met on 22 March in glorious sunshine.

The remaining dates for 2026 are 19th April, 17th May, 28th June, 27th September, 8th November.

Faslane Naval Base houses the Trident Nuclear Submarines. We meet for an hour from 11am outside the North Gate as a witness to peace and against nuclear weapons.

There are some rocks to sit on or you can bring a folding chair. Parking is available outside the Faslane cemetery on the right just past the north gate.

For more information and to share lifts, contact Mary Alice Mansell: mamansell54@gmail.com

YOUNG FRIENDS MONDAY NIGHT EPILOGUES

From Rosemary Morgan

Young Friends Epilogue is now meeting on the last Monday of each month at the Unitarians, 72 Berkeley Street from 6pm on for food and then a meeting for worship from 7.30pm to 8pm.

All 18 to.35ish young friends are very welcome to come along.

CLIMATE CAFÉ

Glasgow Quaker Climate Café

From Doreen Osborne

Until we are established in our permanent premises in the Unitarian House, we are keeping in touch via our WhatsApp group. Feel free to post details of upcoming events or reports of what you've been up to there. If you are not on this group, do send your mobile phone number to climate.cafe@glasgowquakers.org.uk and we will add you.

QUAKER WALKS

The next walk is on Saturday 18th April around the Isle of Cumbrae, led by Martin Mansell.

You can get the train from Central Station to Largs at 9.45 and then we hope to catch the ferry at 11.10. Failing that the next ferry is 11.30. Alternatively meet in Largs for the 11.10 ferry.

Please let Martin Mansell (mamansell69@gmail.com) and Daphne Wassermann know if you wish to join the walk.

If you would like to be added to the new mailing list and for further details, please contact Daphne Wassermann – daphnew@cantab.net

REGULAR QUAKER MEETINGS

Meeting for Worship

Sundays at 11am in the Renfield Centre and Wednesdays at 12.30 in the Unitarian House. Addresses are above. Both Meetings are also on Zoom – see below.

Zoom

Meetings continue by Zoom on Sundays at 11am and Wednesdays at 12.30. The links are listed below. Note that there is no Zoom on the 5th Sunday.

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 room and turn the video off so you aren't distracted by those in the room.

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/87099013382?pwd=zp0rbwnJ0Vajlrb3RQcYetL2bSDSXZ.1>

Meeting ID: 870 9901 3382

Passcode: 398094

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 Renfield Centre 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=Tllv0ACzUMRkZpRRc74hFrSk1iZsr1.1>

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=yZXNDBnRQRDc2lXzjJtcDIHmFpnmQ.1>

Meeting ID: 815 1028 1536

Passcode: 519226

Deepening Spirituality

Early morning meeting at 10am on 1 and 15 March

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

Experiment with light

Wednesdays 2pm to 4pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86119430599?pwd=nZJR58aEOye59nfMNmXbYfLmqFCIfh.1>

Meeting ID: 861 1943 0599

Passcode: 710072

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 online Meeting for Worship

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.

They should now be sent to Quakers in Scotland: Cooperative Bank, Sort code: 08-92-99, Account number: 67436963.

Please use GLA followed by your surname and first initial as the reference, and inform Bronwen Currie of any allocation of the funds: bron.currie@gmail.com.

The Quakers in Scotland Contribution Schedule will be sent out shortly and contains all the details as well.

Please also change any standing orders from the Glasgow bank account to the Quakers in Scotland bank account, above, so we keep all the contributions and book keeping in one place.

Collections can also be made in person after Meeting for Worship.

Special Collections

The Special Collection on 26th April will be for Freedom from Torture, introduced by Daphne Wassermann.

Therapy: Torture causes long-lasting mental and physical pain. It can take many years for someone to recover from it. Our aim is to help people come to terms with their experiences and enjoy lives that are as full and happy as possible. Our counsellors, psychotherapists, doctors, care coordinators and pain management specialists help people through the long recovery journey. We offer one-to-one therapy, group activities and other support including for physical pain. Our services are offered to men, women, children and young people, as well as to families and couples.

Activity groups: We provide a number of creative and group activities across our centres, including gardening, music, art, football and cooking. These activities have excellent health and social benefits for people who have fled torture and been forced to leave their friends and family behind.

Write to Life: Write to Life is the world's only long-running creative writing group for survivors of torture. Our members meet each week to explore stories and share ideas.

The headquarters are in London and there are also branches in Glasgow, Manchester, Newcastle and Birmingham

For further information and **on-line donation** go to: <https://www.freedomfromtorture.org/>

The Special Collection on **29th March** was for the **Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP)**, introduced by Martin Mansell.

AVP started over 50 years ago in a US prison when a group of Quakers got together with a group of inmates to look at the problem of violence among prisoners, especially among younger inmates. They devised a series of workshops which are now being used in nearly 50 countries in the world. These workshops help the participants to focus on the underlying causes of their violence, which are often due to the experience of violence at home as well as a lack of trust and communication skills. The workshops are firmly based on Quaker principles in that they focus on recognising the intrinsic value of each person and build trust and empathy and communication skills. We have run workshops in several prisons as well as in the community with participants referred to us by social work and community justice teams.

As a result of the disruption caused by the Covid pandemic we developed online versions of the workshops which have been surprisingly effective. Although they lack the inter-personal contact, they make it much easier to run workshops without the need for travelling or accommodation. However, we still run our face-to-face workshops, mainly in London.

Although all our facilitators are volunteers, it can cost over £1000 to run a workshop ... but if we prevent one person from going to prison for a year that is a saving of over £40,000.

There is more information on the AVP website [www. https://avpbritain.org.uk/](http://www.https://avpbritain.org.uk/) where there is a **JustGiving** icon which can be used for donations.

Alternatively, the AVP Bank details are:

S/C: 40-52-40

A/C: 00013670

A/C Name: Alternatives to Violence Project Britain

Please add the reference 'Glasgow Quakers' to any bank transfer.

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
Communications@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Nominations@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Climate.cafe@glasgowquakers.org.uk
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

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

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.

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 May "Elmbank Events" by **Thursday 23 April** to **Daphne Wassermann.**

0141 357 0396

daphnew@cantab.net (note new email address)

Glasgow Quaker Meeting Rotas: April 2026

	Sunday 5 th	Sunday 12 th	Sunday 19 th	Sunday 26 th
Clerk (for notices)	Joyce Taylor	Janey Andrews	Janey Andrews	Hilary Patrick
Elders in the Renfield Centre and welcoming after Meeting	Hilary Patrick and Neil McKechnie Elders in St Andrews West Kirk: Linda Cannon and Sheila Semple LM Elder Neil McKechnie or Rosemary Morgan	Rosemary Morgan and Mary Troup (All Age Worship) Silent Meeting for Worship in outer room: David Thomas or Linda Cannon	Sheila Semple and David Thomas (A&Q)	Daphne Wassermann and Linda Cannon
Zoom host in the Renfield Centre	Martin Mansell	Daphne Wassermann	David Garfield	Frank Vaughan
Warden	Martin Mansell	Ren Clark	TBC	TBC
Doorkeeper	TBC	Janey Andrews	Janey Andrews	TBC
Pastoral Care	Mary Cox	Alastair Trainor	Diane Scott	Ren Clark
Tea/coffee	Tom Hair	Tom Hair	Ruth Wilkinson	Tom Hair
Children's Meeting lead	Mary Troup	Mary Troup	Mary Troup	Mary Troup
Children's Meeting helper	TBC	TBC (All Age Worship)	TBC	TBC

Wednesday Meetings for Worship

Meetings are held every Wednesday in the Unitarian House and by Zoom.
There is no longer a designated host as this meeting is quite small.
Anyone can join using the link circulated.