



## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

April 2025



### MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

We meet on **Sundays 10.30-11.30 am** at the Open Door, 420 Morningside Road, and remotely by Zoom (hybrid).

Recent notices and late changes are sent by weekly email. Join the email list by clicking the link at <https://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh>

On the **First Thursday** of each month we meet for **30 min at 7.30 pm** by Zoom, followed by chat.

Children are welcome anytime. For details of planned activities, see online.

### Other local meetings

Central Edinburgh and Portobello-Musselburgh are closest. Times are listed in SESAME, but for full info and a map, see <https://quakerscotland.org>

Several South Edinburgh Friends also attend **Midweek Meeting on Wednesdays**, 12.30 for 30 mins at Victoria Terrace meeting house. Tea and coffee available, you can eat your packed lunch.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

Our collection in April is for **Ramallah Friends School**, a remarkable Quaker school in Palestine since 1889. It has suffered severely from recent cuts in USAID, on top of existing burdens on the people of Palestine. [www.rfs.edu.ps](http://www.rfs.edu.ps) is the school website, where you can read more about their history and present day. There a donations button at the top. Deirdre Armstrong will speak to this.

## QUAKER EVENTS

Latest updates at <https://bit.ly/SEdQuakEvents>

**Princes St Gardens Meeting** for witness and worship for peace at the Peace Tree **Sun 13 April**. Between fountain and the Ross Bandstand, 10.30-11.30. Coincides with meetings at Faslane. Dress for weather and bring something to sit on.

**Truth and Integrity – What can Quakers do?**  
The BYM-recognised Quaker group taking forward this concern is holding two international online meetings to share uncertainties, fears, hopes, and ideas.

**Tue 22 April** 9-11 am

**Thur 24 April** 7-9 pm

More info and register at <https://quakertruth.org>

**What is Ministry?** Meeting for learning after MfW on **Sun 27 April**.

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From Rachel Frith of Edinburgh Central:

**Coffee** at Rachel's house, from 10.15 am on first and third Thursdays. Please confirm with Rachel.

**Central Book Group** – third Sundays after soup: April: *Fugitive Pieces* by Anne Michaels.



### Message from Ramallah:

I write to you with a heavy heart yet an unwavering spirit of resilience. As I am sure you all can relate, the events of the past few months have been incredibly stressful, testing our strength and unity in ways we never imagined. While we are not optimistic, we remain hopeful that a just way will open, that the atrocities being committed in Gaza will end, and that we will survive and build a thriving future for our children.



We buy some  
daffodils  
for Mummy.



Left: from *Shopping with Mother*, 1958. Harry Wingfield.

Right: *Changing the battery*, from *Magnets, Bulbs and Batteries*, 1962. Harry Wingfield.

Below: Helen Day with some of her Ladybird book collection. [@lbflyawayhome.bsky.social](https://www.bsky.social/lbflyawayhome)



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Blank for your short story



THIS IS AN OBSERVATION TEST

WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

## THE BIRTHDAY PARTY

The artist has made twelve mistakes. How many can you find? The answers are at the foot of the page.



From Treasure magazine 1963, also via Helen Day. Answers at the foot of page 4. No cheating!



## Other news and future events

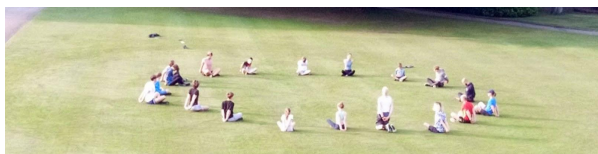
### Quakers in Scotland, SC054060

Registered charity from 13 March 2025

**Quakers in Scotland is formally registered** as a SCIO, a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, charity number SC054060. Latest updates at <https://www.quakerscotland.org/qis> *What should SESAM say?* is likely to be a question at May's Area Meeting (**Tue 6 May**, 7 pm at Edinburgh Meeting House).

**Families Weekend** for Friends from anywhere in Scotland at The Atholl Centre, Pitlochry, **Fri 2-4 May**. Joint self-catering; separate programmes for older and younger children. 2 nights £67-87 per person, free for under-6s and bursaries available. Limited to 36 places, book soon by emailing [QCYPadvocate@gmail.com](mailto:QCYPadvocate@gmail.com) or discuss with Mary Troup [marytroup2001@gmail.com](mailto:marytroup2001@gmail.com)

**Welcome meeting for new South Edinburgh attenders** at the home of Alison Chalmers at 6pm on **Sun 11 May**



**Shindig 2025** for attendees aged 11-17 will again be at FSC Millport, Isle of Cumbrae, **Sat 26 Jul - 2 Aug**. <https://bit.ly/41SrOfP> has more info and the booking form. [summershindig@gmail.com](mailto:summershindig@gmail.com) for other inquiries or questions.

**Wiston weekend** our annual all-age weekend at Wiston Lodge, near Biggar, is **Fri 5 – Sun 7 Sep** on the theme of **Building Community**. £140, or lower for concessions, and bursaries available. We have the whole venue this year, and the event is advertised across Scotland. More info and booking at <https://bit.ly/wiston25> or send Qs to [QuakerWistonWeekend@gmail.com](mailto:QuakerWistonWeekend@gmail.com)

The **Women's silent retreat** for a weekend in Perthshire originally scheduled for 31 Oct has been **postponed to 17-19 April 2026**. Details from Carol Jennings.

## Happy Birthday

To **Jacob**, who will be 14 on April 2nd. With a photo of this interesting variant on Scotch Eggs, from Singapore.



*Our newsletter is published near the last Sunday each month. Multivarious material for May to [neilturn@gmail.com](mailto:neilturn@gmail.com) Find this edition, plus archives of previous, at [www.quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh](http://www.quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh)*

## Too fascinating on the web

**Our Town (Edinburgh) Stories** go beyond text to include historic images, video, audio, which you can spend hours exploring by map or list at [www.ourtownstories.co.uk](http://www.ourtownstories.co.uk)



The foot of the Vennel, Grassmarket, 1914 and now.

cup is upside down. The handle is on the wrong side of the jug. The candle flames are blowing the wrong way. The collar on the woman's dress is odd. The boy is wearing his spectacles upside down. The door handle is on the wrong side.

Answers: The picture on the wall is upside down, and it is only supported on one side. The handles on the flower vase are the wrong way up. The grandfather clock has a beard and moustache. The man's pipe is upside down. The boy's chair has a leg missing. The handle on his