



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

September 2019



MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

South Edinburgh: every Sunday at 10.30 am at the Open Door, 420 Morningside Road, EH10 5HY, with separate children's meeting.

Central Edinburgh – on Sundays holds a small, quiet, shorter meeting at Victoria Terrace at 9.30 am in addition to the main meeting at 11.00 am. Half-hour meetings at 8am on Mon and Fri, Midweek meeting 12.30 Wed.

Portobello: 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11am, Bellfield, 16B Bellfield Street, Portobello, EH15 2BP. With children's meeting. 1st Sunday evening meetings 7.30-8 also at Belfield.

Broughton St Mary's: 4th Sunday. 7pm in the Drummond Room at Broughton St Mary's Church, 22 Bellevue Cresc.

More meetings are listed in Sesame, or see quakerscotland.org

SPECIAL COLLECTION

In September is to support **Wiston Lodge** where many of us will be on the first weekend in September. Deirdre Armstrong will speak to this. <http://wistonlodge.com>

LOCAL QUAKER EVENTS

Area Meeting is at Edinburgh Central Meeting (Victoria Terrace) on **Wed 4 Sep** from 7-9 pm. To receive accounts, and consider a 'Menu for Change'.

South East Scotland Quakers' **Wiston Weekend** is **Fri 6 – Sun 8** September.

General Meeting for Scotland is being held in Aberdeen on **Sat 14 Sep**, 10.30-4.30. The main theme will be the climate emergency.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

Quaker Week is **Sat 28 Sep – Sun 6 Oct** with the theme **Quaker Stories** (one of the stories is how this is a 9-day week). www.quaker.org.uk/outreach

Experiment with Light sessions online on Quaker week evenings – on privilege, sustainability, peace, diversity, simplicity, Mon-Fri from Mon 30 Sep. See www.experiment-with-light.org.uk/events.htm

Rachel Frith offers **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.15 on 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.

Singing group resumes **3 Sep** – it meets at Victoria Terrace on first Tuesdays at 7.30 pm.

Book Group at Victoria Terrace, ~1pm after post-meeting lunch on 4th Sundays. In Sep, *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville. Suggestions for future books welcome, please contact Rachel Frith.



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Who to follow on Twitter

@neilrkaye tweets images like this one.
Greenland: so small.

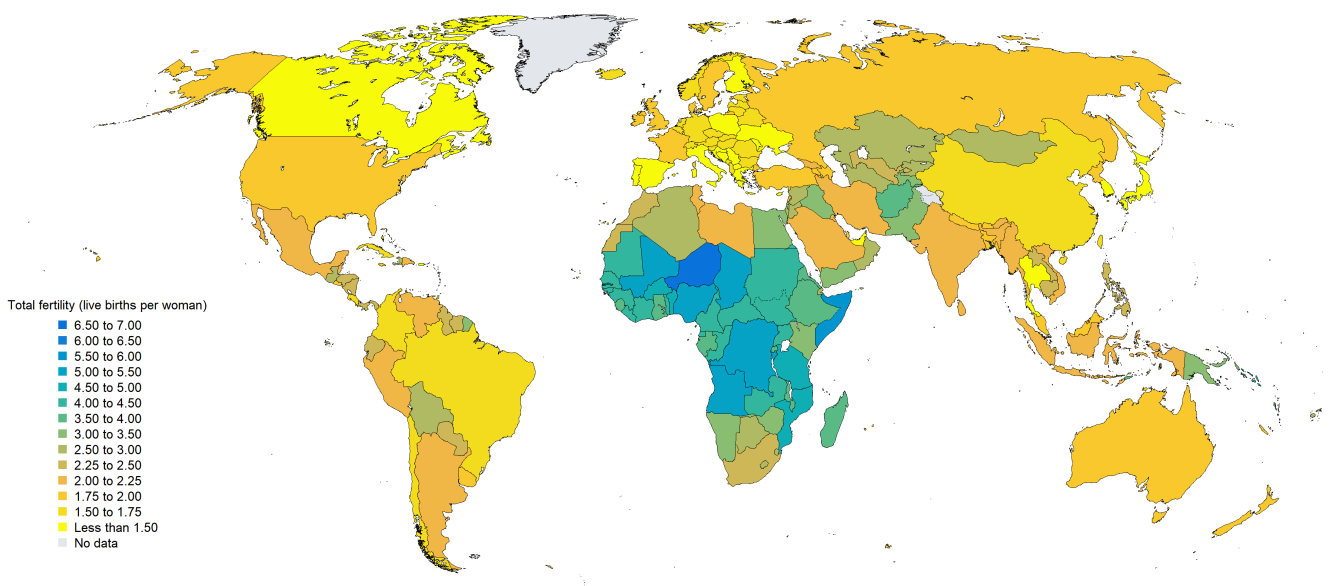


More maps

Fascinating maps from the UN at <https://population.un.org/wpp/Maps> This one shows that the birthrate in almost all countries outside Africa is at or below replacement rate now. Africa's rates are declining too. Total population is affected also by increasing longevity – but stability is in sight. You can drag the date line on the page to show it changing across decades.

Greenland: no data

Total fertility, 2020-2025 (medium-variant projection)



MORE NEWS AND DATES

Peace and Education Teaching Resource

QPSW have produced an impressive pack for use in creating a 'Peace Week' in primary or secondary schools. Looks good. Download a copy plus lesson plans and other info at www.quaker.org.uk/peaceweek Or can buy a paper copy for £10 from the Quaker Bookshop at Friends House.



Our political engagement activity – there is a very short online questionnaire about Quaker advocacy and political engagement – please consider it at www.surveymonkey.com/r/HFQKV76

10 years of pressing for same-sex marriages – Quakers were the first religious organisation to seek this, at Yearly Meeting in York in 2009. The law finally changed in 2014. <http://bit.ly/321XwWm>

Quakers in fiction – Heard enough of dysfunctional Nordic detectives? Suki Ferguson's December selection now has added links to further excellent reader recommendations in response: www.quaker.org.uk/blog/quakers-in-fiction Include EM Forster's *Howard's End*, Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale*, and Sally Nicholls' *Things a Bright Girl Can Do* (young adult-aimed but suitable for all). Most of these involve historic characters. Tales of modern quakers needed. Get writing, friends.

Quaker chaplains (and could you be one?)

A short article by Marleen Schepers (and its links) highlight the rewards and challenges for university, hospital and prison chaplains. Resources and training available include a detailed downloadable guide, a 6-week online course, retreats and meetings for current chaplains. <http://bit.ly/3298hWU>

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FROM THE CHILDREN



Houses for the future. Sorry text is small: you may need to request explanations