

# Elmbank Events

## April 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.

Tues 1 April	8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 2 April	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom 2.0 Experiment with Light
Sun 6 April	11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom 1.00 Local Meeting for Business
Mon 7 April	5.15 Monday Quaker Community
Tues 8 April	8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 9 April	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom 2.0 Experiment with Light
Sat 12 April	10am to 5pm. Kindlers workshop in the Meeting House and by Zoom
Sun 13 April	11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom
Mon 14 April	5.15 Monday Quaker Community 7.30 Young Friends Epilogue – see below
Tues 15 April	8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 16 April	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom 2.00 Experiment with Light
Sun 20 April	11.00 Meeting for Worship In the Meeting House and by Zoom 11.00 Meeting for Worship at Faslane naval base
Mon 21 April	5.15 Monday Quaker Community
Tues 22 April	8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 23 April	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom 2.00 Experiment with Light
Sun 27 April	11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom

Mon 28 April	5.15 Monday Quaker Community 5.30 Climate café – See details below 7.30 Young Friends Epilogue – see below
Tues 29 April	8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 30 April	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom 2.00 Experiment with Light

**Reminder** – If you wish to have something circulated within the Meeting, please email it to Clive Potter at [Mailinglist@glasgowquakers.org.uk](mailto:Mailinglist@glasgowquakers.org.uk)

## QUAKER BUSINESS MEETINGS

The next Local Meeting for Business is on **Sunday 6 April** at 1pm in the Meeting House. Lunch will be provided beforehand for those attending.

West Scotland Area Meeting will be held In Dumfries and by Zoom on **Saturday 26 April**.

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

## POSSIBLE VISIT BY DONALD TRUMP

General Meeting for Scotland is holding an online meeting for Friends interested in witnessing to peace during the visit of President Donald Trump to Scotland to meet the King. This visit is not yet scheduled, but may take place later this year or early next.

The online meeting will be held at **7pm on Monday 31st March**, with this link:  
Topic: President Trump visit meeting

Time: Mar 31, 2025 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81243563037?pwd=ubwqnb90lq14GCgbsPIVwBBoiULhMQ.1>

Meeting ID: 812 4356 3037

Passcode: 426405

## FIND OUT MORE ABOUT QUAKERS

On Saturday **12 April 2025** in Glasgow Meeting House and blended, the Kindlers will run a day on the topic of 'Listening'. The Kindlers are a Quaker group. We particularly encourage newcomers and younger Friends to attend this session.

On 21 June Woodbrooke will run a day course called 'Talking Cheerfully'.

Joining details will be circulated before each meeting.

# LIBRARY

From Hilary Patrick, Librarian

## Off the shelf

Friends may know that Robin and I are trying to make a bit more space in the library for some of the wonderful books we have. This should make it easier for people to find what they are looking for and give the place a slightly less cluttered feel.

So we are starting to remove some social interest books which we do not feel are essential to a Quaker library. They may be outdated or replaced by newer books. (They are in a box in the library and you are welcome to have a look and take anything you like the look of. OR tell us you really think a book should be kept. After a while they will go to a charity bookshop.)

I took home two of these books to read before they were consigned to the plastic box.

Karen Armstrong's *The Spiral Staircase* was her second, and much admired, autobiography. Her story is gripping, and very unusual. Having entered a convent at the age of 17, she left, traumatised, after seven years and for many years lived a life in which God was either ignored or resented. Her life as a young, bright, woman in the London of the 1970s and 80s as she struggles with ill health and precarious job prospects is vividly recreated. I will not spoil the ending but I found it very powerful and with quite a lot to say to us Quakers.

Bernhard Schlink (author of *The Reader*) was an East German law professor until he retired to concentrate on his novels. His *Guilt about the past* is a series of six essays about how countries and their people can come to terms with past crimes. What should our response be? And what about future generations? What is their guilt? Should we keep alive the memory of the horror? Or can that cheapen it as the events recalled become more remote with the passage of time? Schlink looks at forgiveness, reconciliation and retribution. He also considers the role of fiction. Can you write a comedy about the Holocaust, for example? Can you portray a good SS officer? While obviously based on his own experience, his arguments are relevant to us today. Should states apologise for past atrocities? How meaningful is saying 'we are sorry'?

Both these books are now on their way back to the plastic box. I hope you might be tempted.

## MEETING FOR WORSHIP AT FASLANE

**Sunday 20 April**

This is Easter Sunday. We hope that a good number of Friends will join us. Meeting for Worship is held outside the North Gate of Faslane Naval Base. Bring suitable clothing and something to sit on. There are some large boulders as well.

Provisional dates for the rest of 2025 are: 18 May, 29 June, 21 September, 9 November.

For further details and to offer or request a lift, please contact Mary Alice Mansell, [mamansell54@gmail.com](mailto:mamansell54@gmail.com).

# SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES

## Refuweege

As many of you know this local charity provides a welcome and support to asylum seekers and refugees in Glasgow. Glasgow Friends have offered support through special collections and donating items. Refuweege have recently moved to more extensive premises in George Square and had temporarily suspended collections but are now up and running.

Items they are most in need of at the moment are prams/buggies for new borns but more generally the following

- Toiletries (all mens and womens)
- Nappies (size 3 and up)
- Household items (clean)
- Kids warm jackets and shoes (all sizes)
- Comfy & warm menswear (esp. trainers and jackets)
- Women's jackets and accessories i.e handbags, scarves)
- Suitcases, Bags for Life, Backpacks

Please note they are no longer taking egg boxes

Items can be dropped off at 24 George Square, G2 1EQ Monday - Friday from 9.30am – 5.00pm, Tuesdays until 7.30pm.

I can collect items from Friends or they can be left in E Fry for me but if they're big or heavy let me know in advance.  
Mary Cox 07719923197

## CLIMATE CAFÉ

Monday 28 April, 5.30

The Climate Cafe is now regularly the 4th Monday of the month for our usual light shared supper at 5.30, followed by sharing news and views from about 6.30 until 8.00 pm.

However, we haven't yet decided about May because it conflicts with YM.

We also have a 'film night' on **Wednesday 2 April** at 6.00 for tea, coffee and biscuits (sorry no shared meal this time as we're upstairs, but do bring your own sandwiches or chips if you like) then 6.30 for the films – two short documentaries. We're pleased to have the filmmakers, Owen and Nick with us.

• 'Treading the Line' <<https://vimeo.com/1065152009>> - two friends cycle the length of the East African Crude Oil Pipeline. They discover the destruction Total Energies are causing to people, wildlife and environment in Uganda and Tanzania.

• 'My Name is Swallow' <<https://vimeo.com/1025170490>> – Swallow is on her way to stand trial as a climate activist. She contemplates the sacrifices she has made and whether it was all worth it.

We hope to advertise the film night via an Eventbrite link later but come anyway, even if you don't get round to registering.

And a reminder that the WhatsApp group is the place to keep up with news and reflections in the meantime

Further information from Doreen Osborne [glasgowquakers.climatecafe@gmail.com](mailto:glasgowquakers.climatecafe@gmail.com)

## QUAKER WALKS

The next walk is on Saturday **29 March**. This will be up Glen Finglas, led by Margaret Munro. Let Daphne Wassermann know as soon as possible if you would like details.

No walks are planned for April as we had two in March. Dates for May, June and July will be circulated shortly, once the doodle poll is complete.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please contact Daphne Wassermann - [daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com](mailto:daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com)

## FROM LAST TIME

### Bill Taylor Trust

As of summer 2024 new Trustees are looking after the Bill Taylor Trust: Janey Andrews, Kate Mooney and Alistair Trainor. Former member of Glasgow Meeting Bill Taylor made a trust in favour of "Supporting work for the training, education, well being or advancement of young people living in Glasgow". In the past requests have usually been to support Young Friends to attend Shindig. However, Trustees would welcome creative requests from young Friends to support activities like social outings, teaching materials, visits to the theatre, whatever the Young People would like the Trust would like to support. Trustees would welcome financial requests from the children, parents and guardians up until 31st of May 2025.

All requests should be sent to Kate Mooney at [37rowallan@gmail.com](mailto:37rowallan@gmail.com).

## ADVANCE NOTICE

### WISTON WEEKEND Fri 5 - Sun 7 Sept 2025: First Call.

The Quaker Wiston Weekend organising group invites all Friends and attenders across Scotland for a weekend for 'Building Community' in the year that Quakers in Scotland is incorporated.

We will have a mix of activities, fellowship and worship for Friends of all ages. Simplicity and Sufficiency are to be the values we explore.

5.00pm for 6.00pm Friday 5th to 2.00pm Sunday 7th September 2025 at Wiston Lodge, Millrigg Road, Wiston, near Biggar, South Lanarkshire ML12 6HT.

[QuakerWistonWeekend@gmail.com](mailto:QuakerWistonWeekend@gmail.com)

# 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sundays**

Local Meeting agreed that on the 5<sup>th</sup> 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=S005RkYkYkQ0eDUzd3RmNGU4L05hdz09>

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](mailto: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 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

## ***Young Friends Monday Night Epilogues***

**14 and 28 April**

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**

For further information contact Mary Troup, [marytroup2001@gmail.com](mailto: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 Collections***

The **Special Collection** on **27 April** will be for **Freedom from Torture** and will be introduced by Daphne Wassermann.

Freedom from Torture (FFT) is the only UK-based human rights organisation dedicated to the treatment and rehabilitation of torture survivors. Their main office is in London but they also have branches in Manchester and Glasgow. The Glasgow branch is in the Adelphi Centre near Florence Street.

FFT provides counselling, group therapy and ongoing support for survivors of torture. In addition they provide a number of creative and group activities across their centres, including gardening, music, art, football and cooking. Further information from: [www.freedomfromtorture.org](http://www.freedomfromtorture.org).

There will be a collection box in the Meeting House and I have set up a just giving page if you wish to donate online.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/daphne-wassermann-10>

The special collection on **30 March** is for **Quaker Housing Trust** and will be introduced by Hilary Patrick. Details were in the March Elmbank Events

### **How to make a donation:**

You can make a donations in **cash** after Meeting for Worship on 30 March.

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

(reference Glasgow Meeting Appeal.)



## 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  
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](http://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](http://quaker.org.uk/newsletters)

Glasgow Local Meeting website is now part of the General Meeting website.  
[www.quakerscotland.org/glasgow](http://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](mailto:glasgowquakeremails@icloud.com).

Please send items for May "Elmbank Events" by **Wednesday 23 April** to **Daphne Wassermann**  
0141 357 0396  
[daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com](mailto:daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com)

## **Thought for the month from Bill Bingham**

The people who built the slave ships also built the concentration camps.

Which of these crimes against humanity was the worst?

Nelson's Navy protected the slavers, and the first concentration camps were established via the colonialists in South Africa.

Crucifixions come in many guises.

"You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free !" -

Gospel according to John.

## **Muriel Robertson 21/5/1929-17th February 2025- “Aunty Em”**

She was the best of us - Matriarch of Healers- Great Grandma of the Robertson clan  
“Aunty Em” to all who cried her thus far and wide  
Friend to the ordinary extraordinary the profound  
Found the best in folk - seeking answers to difficult questions  
Knowing what she knew  
Curious loyal steadfast humorous and witty  
A bonny fecher ‘ gainst injustice - Scottish and true  
The Rock in Dumbarton - Edinburgh hewn  
No time for fools but patient and kind to all that she loved  
Wise and joyous with an agile mind - voracious reader  
Lover of books and ideas - a whizz at Scrabble  
Crosswords and puzzles University Challenge  
A connector and collector of people and places  
Poems and quotations held in her memory and versified  
The old Nun of Norwich run through with wisdom-  
“All shall be well and all be well and all manner of things shall be well”  
Elder and Organiser cook and provider  
A listening ear and pastoral carer - representative in other faiths gatherings  
Constant companion at our healing groups excursions- enthusiast enabler entertainer  
Well travelled and trained .in her long life - Nauru Africa and Australia  
- helpmate to Angus but not “the little woman” - her Aura was huge!!  
We’ll greatly miss her but she’s more than done her bit.  
In the love that she’s left us her place is in the stars  
In whatever is beyond lie her twinkling eyes

Derek Read March 2025

## Glasgow Quaker Meeting Rotas: April 2025

	<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>
Clerk (for notices)	Joyce Taylor	Ruth Wilkinson	Martin Mansell	Ruth Wilkinson
Elders in the Meeting House and welcoming after Meeting	Sheila Semple and Leilani Rabemanajara	Linda Cannon and Daphne Wassermann (A&Q / QFP)	Rosemary Morgan and Linda Cannon David Thomas (library AAW)	Neil McKechnie and David Thomas
Zoom host in the Meeting House	Martin Mansell	Charlotte Wright	David Garfield	Daphne Wassemann
Warden	Ben Blain	Michael Hutchinson	Tom Hair	Martin Mansell
Doorkeeper	Janey Andrews	Sarah Brown	David Garfield and Yasushi	Layla Alroomi
Pastoral Care	Mary Cox	Mark Coleman	Ren Clark	Gisela Creed
Tea/coffee	Donald Water	Mike Nellis	Tom Hair	Ben Blain
Hospitality	LM: Tina Cunningham and Helen Minnis	12th : Kindlers Helen Minnis and Mary Alice Mansell		
Children's Meeting lead	Mary Troup	Mary Troup	All age Worship in the meeting room	Mary Troup
Children's Meeting helper	Mary Alice Mansell	Paul Lynch		Kath Allan
Other Events		Fair Trade Stall	Meeting for Worship at Faslane	

### 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.