

Elmbank Events

December 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.

2024 December

Sun 1 Dec	11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom 13.00 Local Meeting for Business
Mon 2 Dec	6.30 Climate café - see below
Tues 3 Dec	Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 4 Dec	12.30 Meeting for Worship by Zoom and in the Meeting House
Sun 8 Dec	11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom 12.30 Gallivanterers – see below
Mon 9 Dec	7.30 Young Friends Epilogue – see below
Tues 10 Dec	Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 11 Dec	12.30 Meeting for Worship by Zoom and in the Meeting House
Fri 13 Dec	Quaker walk – see below
Sun 15 Dec	11.00 Meeting for Worship In the Meeting House and by Zoom
Tues 17 Dec	Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 18 Dec	12.30 Meeting for Worship by Zoom and in the Meeting House
Sun 22 Dec	11.00 Meeting for Worship In the Meeting House and by Zoom
Wed 25 Dec	No Wednesday meeting
Sun 29 Dec	11.00 Meeting for Worship In the Meeting House - No Zoom

QUAKER BUSINESS MEETINGS

A special ONLINE ONLY General Meeting for Scotland is called for Saturday **30th November** from 4pm to 6pm. This is an extra one-topic meeting to consider the guidance from Area Meetings in response to the QiSCG Community Subgroup paper "Possible patterns of relationship between meetings of Scottish Friends". Further information from Jane Booth, GM Administrator, 07747-396 456 or scotfriends@gmail.com

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

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

Details of these meetings will be circulated nearer the time.

LEARNING GROUPS, AND A QUESTION

Dates for your diary!

On **Saturday 15 February 2025** in Glasgow Meeting House, and blended across the Area Meeting, Ben Pink Dandelion speaking on 'Essentials of Quakerism'. This is a day organised by Woodbrooke, the Quaker Study Centre.

And Saturday **22 March 2025**, also in Glasgow Meeting House and blended, the Kindlers will run a day on the topic of 'What Does Love Require of Us?: Quaker promptings towards love in action'. The Kindlers are a Quaker group; they have produced a booklet based on this topic.

Glasgow Friends may wonder what has happened to the regular discussion groups we have had over the years? The Glasgow Learning Group was extended to become the West Scotland Area Meeting group, and our focus has been on developing learning across the Area Meeting. But the Glasgow learning group members of this group will be meeting shortly to consider what we can plan for Glasgow Friends. So, if you have any ideas for topics, please let me know as soon as possible!

Sheila Semple sheila.semple@btinternet.com

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.

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

GALLIVANTERS LGBTQ+ GROUP

The group had its first meeting after MFW on Sunday 10th November. There were only 7 people present (one a visiting Friend from Lancaster), so we decided to hold another meeting on **December 8th** after Meeting for Worship, to give more people the opportunity to come along and help decide future events for the group.

For this meeting we decided to make it a potluck event. So, please come along and help get the group going and bring something to eat, doesn't have to be home made!

In Friendship, David Garfield

QUAKER WALKS

The next date is **Friday 13 December**.

The walk will probably be led by Don Spaeth around the Burncrooks Reservoir from Eden Mill near Carbeth. Further details will be circulated.

If you would like to join this walk or wish to be added to the mailing list, please contact Daphne Wassermann - daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com

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.

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=cnpKY2VOUndydGJYKythaFI4bjNCU09>

Meeting ID: 834 0492 8649

Passcode: 030793

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 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=S005RkJKYkQ0eDUzd3RmNGU4L05hdz09>

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

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 1st and 15th December.

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

9th December

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.

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 **Special Collection** on 24 November is Money for Madagascar (MfM) and will be introduced by Neil McKechnie.

Donations to MfM between midday Tuesday 3 December and Tuesday 10 December will be doubled twice by other funders. For example, MfM will receive £40 from a £10 donation.

MfM is a charity launched by Welsh Quakers in 1986 to support Malagasy solutions to Malagasy problems.

Staying true to its original values it is strengthening its capacity to do good and its commitment to locally led development and conservation.

- A new 10 year strategy with a registration makes it accountable to both the UK and Malagasy governments.
- A new collaboration with **Solar United Madagascar consortium** will use solar power to develop health and education projects. With a focus on improving

educational outcomes, 80 schools are in the pilot phase and there is potential for large scale roll-out of off grid energy reaching rural areas across Madagascar.

- A new CEO is a Malagasy woman with 20 years experience in conservation and development.

During COP 26 our B&B scheme hosted three delegates from SAF, a Malagasy Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) which works with MfM. Many Glasgow Friends met them and were touched to hear first-hand the environmental and political challenges they faced and inspired by their long-standing commitment to their people.

MfM asks for donations between **noon on Tuesday 3 December and Tuesday 10th December** via their Big Give Christmas Challenge. These donations will be doubled by the Big Give and then doubled by a Foundation that is committed to support MfM's Education for Life programme.

All funds go to activities in Madagascar. 70% of the population live in poverty exacerbated by climate extremes. At a time of widespread worrying news, this campaign is a chance to deliver something really positive: greater empowerment of Malagasy communities to tackle very real, very serious, challenges of climate catastrophe and poverty, and improve lives, health and prospects.

Real life stories and achievement statistics are available on the website and are a cheering read: <https://moneyformadagascar.org>

A target of £30,000 in donations would mean £120,000 becomes available to give 3,000 children in 10 remote communities the chance to access a life-changing education.

The live link for donations will open here on the 3rd December:

<https://moneyformadagascar.org/big-give-christmas-challenge/>

Once the £30,000 target is reached and outwith these dates donations will go to this appeal but will not be doubled on the Big Give site.

Donations collected after Meeting on Sunday 24th by Neil McKechnie will form a bulk donation from Glasgow Quaker Meeting.

The **December collection** will be for a charity chosen by the Children's Meeting.

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/ksshsgwcfaxdb49gf>

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.

Please send items for January "Elmbank Events" by **Monday 23 December** to
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daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com

Note that because of Christmas Elmbank Events will be issued later than usual.

Glasgow Quaker Meeting Rotas: December 2024

	Sunday 1 st	Sunday 8 th	Sunday 15 th	Sunday 22 nd	Sunday 29 th
Clerk (for notices)	Joyce Taylor	Martin Mansell	Ruth Wilkinson	Martin Mansell	Ruth Wilkinson
Elders in the Meeting House and welcoming after Meeting	David Thomas and Sheila Semple <i>Local Meeting:</i> Kate Philbrick	Daphne Wassermann and Zem Moffat (A&Q)	ALL AGE WORSHIP Leilani Rabemananjara and Kate Philbrick (David Thomas in the library)	Sheila Semple and Rosemary Morgan	Daphne Wassermann and David Thomas
Zoom host in the Meeting House	Charlotte Wright	David Garfield	Charlotte Wright	Martin Mansell	No Zoom
Warden	Ren Clark	Martin Mansell	Ben Blain	Tom Hair	tbc
Doorkeeper	Hilary Patrick	Sarah Brown	Layla Alroomi	Tina Cunningham	Charlotte Wright
Welcoming Friend downstairs	Mary Cox	Elsbeth McCue	Maureen Waugh	Mary Alice Mansell	Mark Coleman
Tea/coffee	Mary Cox	Sarah Brown	Tom Hair	Tom Hair	Ben Blain
Hospitality	LM – Diane Scott		Pot luck lunch Mary Alice Mansell		
Children's Meeting lead	Mary Troup	Mary Troup	Mary Troup	Mary Troup	Mary Troup
Children's Meeting helper	tba	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.

NOTE THAT THERE IS NO WEDNESDAY MEETING ON 25TH DECEMBER