

Elmbank Events

June 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.

Sun 1 June	11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom 1.00 Local Meeting for Business
Mon 2 June	5.15 Monday Quaker Community by Zoom
Tues 3 June	8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 4 June	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom 2.0 Experiment with Light
Sun 8 June	11.00 to 11.30 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom
Mon 9 June	5.15 Monday Quaker Community 7.30 Young Friends Epilogue – see below
Tues 10 June	8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 11 June	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom 2.0 Experiment with Light
Sun 15 June	11.00 Meeting for Worship In the Meeting House and by Zoom
Mon 16 June	5.15 Monday Quaker Community
Tues 17 June	8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 18 June	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom 2.00 Experiment with Light
Sun 22 June	11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom
Mon 23 June	5.15 Monday Quaker Community 7.30 Young Friends Epilogue – see below
Tues 24 June	8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 25 June	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom 2.0 Experiment with Light
Sat 28 June	Quaker walk – see below

Sun 29 June 11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House.
No Zoom (5th Sunday)
11.0 Meeting for Worship at Faslane naval base

Mon 30 June 5.15 Monday Quaker Community

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

Change of address

Sarah Brown has moved to 120 Crathes Court, Hazelden Gardens, Muirend, G44 3HE.
Her mobile number remain the same but she has a new landline: 0141 391 5119

QUAKER BUSINESS MEETINGS

The next Local Meeting for Business is on **Sunday 1 June** 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 June**. Details have been circulated by email.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81325629749?pwd=Yu6WflONoa2beUVMysE9SZUB4kWgPH.1>
Meeting ID: 813 2562 9749 Passcode: 451643

General Meeting for Scotland is on **Saturday 7 June** at Aberdeen Meeting House and online.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT QUAKERS

On 21 June Woodbrooke will run a day course called 'Talking Cheerfully'.
Further details from Sheila Semple: sheila.semple@btinternet.com.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP AT FASLANE

Sunday 29 June

Please join us to increase our witness to Peace.

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.

Advice and assistance with transport are available. Please contact Mary Alice Mansell, mamansell54@gmail.com.

Provisional dates for the rest of 2025 are: 21 September, 9 November.

CLIMATE CAFÉ

Monday 23 June.

The Climate Cafe is now regularly the 4th Monday of the month at 5.30 for simple supper then 6.30 for sharing news and views.

Further information from Doreen Osborne glasgowquakers.climatecafe@gmail.com

QUAKER WALKS

The next walk is on **Saturday 28 June**. We plan to get a train to Crianlarich, walk about 9 miles south along the West Highland Way, get the ferry across to Ardlui and return by train. It will be led by Charlotte Wright. This is quite a long day. Let Daphne Wassermann know if you would like details.

For those who want something less demanding, on Saturday 5 July we will do a short walk around Pollok Park and environs. Led by Daphne Wassermann.

Friday 25 July. Route to be determined. All offers welcomed.

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

SCOTTISH FAITHS ACTION FOR REFUGEES

Thursday 19 June at 7pm

Church of the Immaculate Conception: 2049 Maryhill Road, G20 0AA

We invite you to ***Together for Sanctuary***, a special ecumenical Christian worship service held as part of Refugee Festival Scotland. Organised by Scottish Faith Action for Refugees, in partnership with churches from across Scotland, this gathering will bring together people of all backgrounds to stand in solidarity with those who seek sanctuary. General Meeting for Scotland is the Quaker body assisting with this service and we will be giving one of the readings. It will be good if Friends from Glasgow who can, join in too!

The one-hour service will be a time of prayer, reflection, and shared commitment. Together, we will:

- Reflect on our shared calling to welcome the stranger
- Hear powerful testimonies from people with lived experience of displacement
- Pray for refugees and displaced people across the world
- Express a shared commitment to justice, compassion, and welcome

The service will feature music, prayer, and contributions from a rich diversity of voices, including those with lived experience of seeking sanctuary. Following the worship, there will be space to share in conversation, connection, and community. This is an open and inclusive gathering; friends of all denominations and faiths are welcomed to join us as we stand in solidarity and renew our commitment to hospitality and hope in the face of displacement and injustice.

Michael Hutchinson

INTERFAITH NEWS

There will be a summer picnic on Saturday 31st March from 12.30 to 16.00 at the Hidden Gardens, 25A Albert Drive, G41 2PE. You need to book.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/interfaithglasgow/1711111>

Derek Read reports on an interfaith event, 'The Taste of Traditions', at the end of this newsletter.

NORTHERN FRIENDS PEACE BOARD

Peace Round Up & Edinburgh Meeting 28 June

The latest Peace Round Up from Northern Friends Peace Board has been circulated by email. It is a good way of keeping up to date with war & peace issues. Included is the text of the recent Quaker statement on Palestine which says:

'The UK is reportedly in discussions with France and Saudi Arabia over the recognition of a Palestinian state.

As David Lammy says, "It is unacceptable for any group of people to have lived with no state for longer than I've been alive."

In 2014, the UK parliament voted to recognise Palestine. Since then, no government has taken that step.

With the Israeli government pushing full steam ahead with policies to annex Palestinian land – in violation of international law – any chance of a two-state solution is now hanging by a thread.

Over a decade since Quakers first called on the UK government to take this historic step, we once again urge our leaders to play their part in bringing the 58-year occupation to an end and recognise the state of Palestine with immediate effect.'

NFPB has produced a new publication Responses to War –Contemporary Quaker Reflections to provide Friends and other readers with a resource that will help in opening up issues in relation to our peace testimony.

Order the book online via <https://nfpb.org.uk/product/responses-to-war/>

The next Board meeting will be in person at Edinburgh Meeting House on **Saturday 28 June** and also on Zoom.

For further information look at the Northern Friends Peace Board website. Their email is Philip Austin: nfpb@gn.apc.org

Barry Mills is the NFPB Correspondent for Glasgow Meeting and can be emailed at millsbcp@ptotonmail.com

FOR PEACE! exhibition at Glasgow Women's Library

Featuring campaigns from the last 100 years, the exhibition combines original printed materials, banners, badges, handicrafts, photos, audio interviews and video footage.

<https://womenslibrary.org.uk/event/for-peace/>

The exhibition opened on 17th April and runs until 5th July.

Rastko Novaković gave an interview to Quakers about the exhibition and how he came to Quakers:

https://mcusercontent.com/7506c29d95944ba554b4871f8/files/54a0f3d0-4623-8d97-bf37-2abccb6affe1/rastko_2.mp3

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/88247219711?pwd=U24RIWuWWwOM7mfDHmFXM6x8DBFaso.1>

Meeting ID: 882 4721 9711

Passcode: 259401

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/88234938362?pwd=sy9Pa9GevLFHTTxTlkpb0gfwvxjC5y.1>

Meeting ID: 882 3493 8362

Passcode: 916844

Deepening Spirituality

Early morning meeting at 10am on 1 and 15 June.

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

9 and 23 June

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 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 **25 May** will be for Medical Aid for Palestinians, introduced by Young Friends.

Palestinian lives in Gaza continue to be at critical risk from illness, starvation, and a lack of access to healthcare due to the Israeli military's systematic dismantling of Gaza's health system. Meanwhile, Israeli military attacks continue in the occupied West Bank.

Medical Aid for Palestinians provide vital supplies, medicines and humanitarian aid to the occupied Palestinian territory and Lebanon. MAP is also committed to bearing witness to the injustices caused by occupation, displacement and conflict. They speak out in the UK and internationally, and ensure Palestinian voices are heard at the highest levels, to press for the political and social barriers to Palestinian health and dignity to be addressed.

If you wish to donate online the link is <https://www.map.org.uk/?form=FUNFXHDCJPK>

The **Special Collection** on **29 June** will be for **Quaker Service Northern Ireland** and will be introduced by Michael Hutchinson.

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/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

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

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 June "Elmbank Events" by Monday 23 June to Daphne Wassermann 0141 357 0396 daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com

Glasgow Quaker Meeting House

Thirty-eight Elmbank Cres, Glasgow, was built between 1850 and 1860. During that same period 2 million people died in Ireland when the potato harvest failed. Britain was then the richest country in the world, and this tragedy should never have been allowed to happen. Quakers in Ireland did what they could to help their fellow men during this unwarranted catastrophe.

As the building neared completion, the American Civil War began, and it eventually cost the lives of 700,000 men over the issue of whether one man had the right to own another man and to deprive him of his human rights. Quakers have always been at the cutting edge of the struggle against slavery.

General Robert E. Lee, who owned 200 slaves, said, "The greatest mistake I ever made was in choosing a military career." Lee ended his days as a school teacher, and his estate at Arlington is now a military cemetery where the 60,000 young Americans, average age 19 who died in an illegal war in Viet Nam, are commemorated. Robert McNamara, who was Secretary of Defence during the conflict, later went to speak to the Vietnamese leaders after the war. They told him, "We were fighting for our freedom, we have been fighting the Chinese for a thousand years." McNamara later wrote a book titled, *The Fog of War*.

In 2003 President George W. Bush claimed that God told him to attack Iraq. No God that I am aware of would tell any American President to attack anyone. It seems to me that if the Christ teaches us to love our enemies, then dropping bombs on innocent people is simply not included in this manifesto. Quakers have consistently seen warfare as a complete violation of the Laws of God, and are 'convinced' about the validity of the central message of the New Testament. The Romans who drove their iron nails into the flesh of rabbi Yeshua failed realise that with every blow of the hammer they were beginning a process that would ultimately destroy the brutal Empire of which they and their Caesars were a part.

Glasgow Meeting House was, for a time, occupied by the Royal Artillery Club until it was purchased in 1991 by the peace-promoting Quakers of 'No Mean City'

Bill Bingham - Glasgow Meeting

And also

'I read recently about a Jewish mother who, every year on her son's birthday, would leave the birthday party, go into the privacy of her bedroom, and cry, because her son was now one year closer to military service, one year closer to making her one of the thousands of Israeli parents who would stand at the grave of a child fallen in battle'

Extracted from 'When Bad Things Happen to Good People.' by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner

Bill Bingham

Interfaith Glasgow Event “The Taste of Traditions” 18/5/25 St Mungo’s Museum

This event brought together representatives from 5 Faiths (Islam, Christianity, Sikh, Hindu and Jewish) to discuss the importance of food, sacred meals and rituals around the sharing of food in their different traditions. The representatives were seated at 5 tables and participants were invited to join a table and then discuss the topic with the people there. There were 5 volunteers/facilitators assigned to ask questions and ease discussion and they moved with the participants as they visited each faith group’s offering of food and discussion.

Liz and I joined the Islamic group first and we were joined by Angela from the Buddhist community who has recently joined the Interfaith Glasgow Board and was our facilitator. Our Islamic friends talked about some of the traditions surrounding Ramadan and the reasons for fasting during the daylight hours. The fast is often broken with dates which are very nutritious: they are good to break the fast with no food or drink allowed before evening meal at sunset. Dates are very important in Islamic culture and are mentioned in the Quran 22 times and are associated with Miriam (Mary) and can guard against poison and problems of pregnancy!. Seven medjool dates are recommended as daily amount for good health!

The next table was Christianity and we were given an offering of cross buns - symbol of the crucifixion and different spices and given at Easter but we went on to discuss the importance of hospitality in churches and faith groups and projects like food banks. We also discussed the importance of Chocolate in Quaker communities and witness against the scourge of alcohol in the 19th century and the favourable treatment of workers in chocolate factories like Bourneville (our host had read “The Chocolate Wars”!!).

The next table were the Sikhs famed for their hospitality and the daily vegetarian meal known as the Langer instituted by the 3rd Guru as obligatory to all Sikhs to help support this endeavour. It is a symbol of equality offered to all, eating together, men, women, rich and poor. It is described as the Divine Kitchen of Equality - and in the Golden Temple in the Punjab ten of thousands meals are served each day. The samples served were tasty and very generous!

Moving on we shared a taste of Hinduism - a round ball sweet known as a Ladoo beloved of Lord Ganesh made with graham flour and milk and sugar. Our hosts had reduced some of the sugar content for western taste. These sweets are often given as presents in family celebrations. At all the tables participants were asked to describe their favourite food - curry featured in a lot of answers!

The final table for us was the Jewish table where our hosts described one of the most important festivals of Judaism, the festival of the Passover and the Seder meal. There are special plates and dishes celebrating different stories of that time in exile in Egypt and different symbolic foods. A main feature is the unleavened bread, matzos which has to be baked for 18 mins exactly to prevent rising. We shared some of these with a helping of hummus and a small tasting of the traditional wine.

In the break all the hosts were encouraged to share the others food. It was very relaxed and participatory event with a lot of curiosity, enthusiasm - and much good humour - and certainly we’re all left fed in mind body and spirit. As usual it was very organised and we left no longer “strangers”. We found out after the end that one of our Edinburgh Friends - Kate Arnot had joined us and it was good to see her.

Please keep your eye out for future events and consider joining Interfaith Glasgow’s mailing list.

Derek Read

Glasgow Quaker Meeting Rotas: June 2025

	Sunday 1st	Sunday 8th	Sunday 15th	Sunday 22nd	Sunday 29th
Clerk (for notices)	Ruth Wilkinson	tbc	Martin Mansell	Joyce Taylor	Ruth Wilkinson
Elders in the Meeting House and welcoming after Meeting	Linda Cannon and Neil McKechnie David Thomas Local Meeting On line elder when not prevented: Zem Moffat	Sheila Semple and David Thomas (A&Q / QFP)	Rosemary Morgan and Daphne Wassermann Linda Cannon in library	Sheila Semple and Rosemary Morgan	Neil McKechnie and Leilani Rabemananjara
Zoom host in the Meeting House	Daphne Wassermann	Frank Vaughan	Martin Mansell	Daphne Wassermann	
Warden	Ren Clark	Terri McGuigan	Michael Hutchinson	Martin Mansell	Tom Hair
Doorkeeper	Layla Alroomi	Maureen Waugh	Kyla Bretherton	Layla Alroomi	Morgan Cowley
Pastoral Care	Mark Coleman	Maureen Waugh	Mary Cox	Mary Alice Mansell	Ren Clark
Tea/coffee	Mark Coleman (Tom or Tina to assist)	Ben Blain	Tom Hair	Ben Blain	Tom Hair
Hospitality	Local Meeting: tbc				
Children's Meeting lead	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	
Children's Meeting helper	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	
Other Events		Fair Trade Stall	All Age Worship		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.