

Elmbank Events

October 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.

Glasgow Quaker Meeting has its own website at www.glasgowquakers.org

2024

October

Wed 2 Oct	12.30 Meeting for Worship by Zoom and in the Meeting House
Sat 5 Oct	11.00 Labyrinth – see below
Sun 6 Oct	11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom 13.00 Local Meeting for Business
Tues 8 Oct	8.00 Time for Stillness
Wed 9 Oct	12.30 Meeting for Worship by Zoom and in the Meeting House
Sun 13 Oct	11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and by Zoom
Mon 14 Oct	7.30 Young Friends Epilogue – see below
Tues 15 Oct	8.00 Time for Stillness
Wed 16 Oct	12.30 Meeting for Worship by Zoom and in the Meeting House
Sat 19 Oct	Quaker walk – see below
Sun 20 Oct	11.00 Meeting for Worship In the Meeting House and by Zoom
Mon 21 Oct	5.00 Climate Café – see below
Tues 22 Oct	8.00 Time for Stillness
Wed 23 Oct	12.30 Meeting for Worship by Zoom and in the Meeting House
Sun 27 Oct	11.00 Meeting for Worship In the Meeting House and by Zoom
Mon 28 Oct	7.30 Young Friends Epilogue – see below
Wed 30 Oct	12.30 Meeting for Worship by Zoom and in the Meeting House

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STREETCARE VOLUNTEERS

From Ben Blain

Streetcare Volunteers is the only group that proactively searches the streets of Glasgow seeking to engage with people who are unable or unwilling to access standard homeless services.

We are active on Wednesday evenings, 8 to 10pm, 52 weeks a year, in the city centre and the West End. The group is staffed entirely by volunteers. Volunteers typically aim at doing ONE Wednesday evening per month.

We offer assistance in three forms:

1. Providing a listening ear to those living in isolation, vulnerability, loneliness and insecurity on the streets
2. Distributing hot drinks, food and warm clothing
3. Collecting and distributing unsold food from supermarkets and restaurants to people in need

We need volunteers! There are a variety of roles in Streetcare.

We need people to carry out the "T-Walk" walking around the streets to engage with homeless people.

We also need *drivers* to make the rounds of our partner shops and restaurants to collect unsold food.

And we need people to work *behind the scenes*, assembling our "goody bags" of food and toiletries, sorting clothing, and managing our storage, along with other jobs like website management etc.

Streetcare Volunteers is strictly non-religious. We don't choose who we serve. We work with anyone presenting a need.

If you would like to know more about volunteering with Streetcare, please have a look at the website:

<https://streetcarevolunteers.co.uk/>

...or speak to Ben Blain at weekly meeting on Sundays

To apply, email Craig Campbell:
CraigCampbell@StreetCareVolunteers.Co.Uk

QUAKER BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

The next West Scotland Area Meeting is on Saturday 5 October in Ayrshire. Friends in Ayrshire are offering hospitality overnight on the Friday and Saturday, giving the opportunity for Friends to enjoy a weekend event with social activities and a ceilidh.

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

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=cnpKY2VOUndydGJYKythaFI4bjNCUT09>

Meeting ID: 834 0492 8649

Passcode: 030793

5th Sundays (September 29th)

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

For the last 2 years, a group of Friends in the West End of Glasgow have been meeting for chat and worship early on a Monday evening. It's now been agreed that this can be open to any Glasgow Friend (which includes attenders) who would like to take part.

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 6th and 20th September.

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=enZDWS9iRHNHUIlZR2dBb3N2YjBoZz09>

Meeting ID: 761 379 8296

Passcode: EwLWed

Young Friends Monday Night Epilogues

14th and 28th October

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.

REGULAR EVENTS

Labyrinth

Saturday 5 October, 11am to 1pm

Parking in Duncruin Street, G20

Get out into the fresh air and meet others over a spade or trowel. Steve Koepplinger has created a wonderful labyrinth, water feature, orchard and fruit garden on the previously derelict hillside in Maryhill.

We meet on the first Saturday of every month to tidy and weed the area. All are welcome to join in this community venture. Bring gardening equipment if you can.

Further information from Steve Koepplinger (skoepplinger@gmail.com) or Gisela Creed (jgcreed@btinternet.com).

Climate Café

Monday 21st October

October Climate Cafe will be October 21st. As usual, join us at 5.30 to share a light supper and at 6.30 to share news of what Climate-related action you've been involved in and views on recent developments..

In the meantime, do check the Google Drive for updates, and suggestions for action.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1G98-18PHbhGg2hNAa0nyx98SgNXY4DK-?usp=drive_link

Keep active and keep in touch.
Doreen Osborne

Quaker Walks

The next date is **Saturday 19 October**. Martin Mansell will lead a walk up Ben Ledi. This is a significant hill with a height of climb of about 760m. However, the climb starts from a cycleway and those wanting a flat walk can walk along to the Falls of Leny and back through woodland or up a smaller hill.

Subsequent dates are 16 November (a walk along the Clyde with Elspeth McCue) and Friday 13 December.

For further information and to get on the mailing list contact Daphne Wassermann - daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com

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 **29 September** will be introduced by Derek Read and Liz Anderton and is for Interfaith Glasgow.

This coming Sunday 29th September Liz Anderton and I will be making an appeal on behalf of Interfaith Glasgow (IG) to help continue their wonderful work in fostering good community relationships between the varied faith and belief communities in Glasgow and beyond. Below is an extract from their current Publication "Flourish" which gives a brief insight into their current work and aspirations:-

" This past year last has undoubtedly been IG's most challenging yet, as we've to struggled to keep core programmes running following the loss of our Glasgow Communities Fund grant. But thanks to the overwhelmingly generous response from our supporters, ongoing Scottish Government funding and a number of new grants, we've made it through another year and achieved a more stable position from which to continue our efforts.

A key success has been winning a major National Lottery Community Fund grant - with UK partners Faith and Belief and Why me?- to undertake a ground-breaking 3 year project exploring Restorative Justice approaches to religious aggravated hate incidents and faith based conflicts. Given the huge spike in faith-based hate we have seen since events erupted in the Middle East last Autumn, this could not be more timely. Responding to the unprecedented strain placed on interfaith relations we have also doubled down on our commitment to creating sensitively facilitated 'brave spaces' in which people from different communities can come to discuss the impact on their communities. When so many factors threaten to divide us, it's vital we keep up the hard work of listening to each other so we can find ways to live together in solidarity."

One of the practical ways Interfaith Glasgow brings people together is the innovative Weekend Club which tackles social isolation and assists integration for refugees, asylum seekers and new migrants through a varied programme of events supported by a volunteer team of individuals from many different belief and cultural backgrounds

During the recent wide spread community unrest riots and racial and religious hate crimes sparked by the far right mainly in England, Interfaith Glasgow and the Weekend Club members worked tirelessly to reassure vulnerable groups of their support and to join with others in response to attempts to stir up hatred recently in Glasgow.

There is no doubt that Interfaith Glasgow is a powerful force for good in these troubled times. We would ask Friends to contribute generously using the link below or in person on Sunday.

<https://interfaithglasgow.org/donate-now/>

Derek Read and Liz Anderton Interfaith Representatives, Glasgow Meeting

The collection on **27 October** will be for the Quaker Housing Trust, introduced by Hilary Patrick.

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>

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/ksshsgwcufaxdb49gf>

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 Jennifer Ramsay, glasgowquakeremails@icloud.com.

<p>Please send items for September "Elmbank People" by Wednesday 23 October to Daphne Wassermann 0141 357 0396 daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com</p>

Many Mansions

John (not his real name) spent his life as a minister of the Kirk, however John was a Pentecostalist at heart. I have known him for over seventy years and we were in Bible-class together as teenagers.

John once told me that I needed to be 'Baptised in the Holy Spirit' and learn to 'speak in tongues'. I had some reservations about this and asked him a few questions in this regard, since some other distinguished ministers of the C.of.S with whom I was also acquainted seemed not to subscribe to this proposal.

I said to him, 'The population of the Earth is estimated to be a little over eight billion human beings, John, and several billion humans lived and died before Jesus was born. Can you tell me what happened to those who lived and died before the Christ-figure lived on earth as a man?'

Without any hesitation he replied, 'When Jesus was placed in the tomb after his crucifixion, he went to Hell and preached to them to give them another opportunity to be saved.' The difficulty with this argument is of course that it implies that Jesus spoke to more people during his time in the tomb than he did in the thirty-odd years of his biological lifespan, and indeed in the whole of his earthly ministry.

I am convinced that John was a very sincere and committed Christian who honestly believed as he did. Today John has Dementia and doesn't know what day of the week it is. His condition is such that *any* theological argument is now beyond his ability to comprehend or indeed to participate in. He no longer speaks in tongues, but he is cared for by people who love him.

Jesus preached the establishment of the kingdom of God on earth. This was a simple message which today we can interpret as 'the fair and just society'. This can only come about when we each learn to love our neighbour as we love ourselves, and this means 'shirt-sharing'; it does *not* mean developing our fallible and divisive human constructs, or indeed the accumulation of wealth.

" Whose head is on the coin?"

Today Mammon is being worshipped and the result is that 'The establishment' lives a life of luxury whilst the poor and the disenfranchised continue to suffer. Therein lies the root of unrest, conflict, and (ultimately) war. Jesus was *not* a capitalist, and he clearly was to opposed violence and warfare.

We are *one* people on *one* tiny planet and our 'divisions' are man-made. Currently our activities are having a negative effect on society and indeed **life** itself. This of course is contrary to the principle teachings of the Christ-figure.

'In my fathers house are many mansions (faiths?), if it were not so, I would have told you.'

We are fallible human beings. We make mistakes, but as Alexander Pope's poem reminds us, 'To err is human, to forgive is divine'.

Bill Bingham - Glasgow

Glasgow Quaker Meeting Rotas: October 2024

	Sun 6 th	Sun 13 th	Sun 20 th	Sun 27 th
Clerk (for notices)	Joyce Taylor	Ruth Wilkinson	Ruth Wilkinson	Martin Mansell
Elders in the Meeting House and welcoming after Meeting	Leilani Rabemananjara and Daphne Wassermann <i>Local Meeting:</i> Daphne Wassermann	Sheila Semple and David Thomas (A&Q)	Zem Moffat and Alastair McIver (All age worship)	Kate Philbrick and Rosemary Morgan
Zoom host in the Meeting House	Charlotte Wright	Daphne Wassermann	David Garfield	Martin Mansell
Warden	Jim Burns	Terri McGuigan	Michael Hutchinson	Martin Mansell
Doorkeeper	Layla Alroomi	Sarah Brown	Jenny Copsey	Maureen Waugh
Welcoming Friend downstairs	Gisela Creed	Mark Coleman	Mary Cox	Mary Alice Mansell
Tea/coffee	Tina Cunningham	Tom Hair	Tom Hair	Ben Blain
Hospitality	LM – Helen Minnis and Jenny Copsey			
Children's Meeting lead	Kath Allan (no PVG)	Mary Troup	Mary Troup	Mary Troup
Children's Meeting helper	Paul Lynch (no PVG)		Zem Moffat All Age Worship	

Note: on 6th October, neither of the Children's Meeting leaders have completed their background checks so we ask that one parent stays in Children's Meeting with each child in line with our safeguarding policy.

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.

Fifth Sundays – 29th September

Meeting for worship in Glasgow is not blended on the fifth Sunday.

If you wish to worship by Zoom you are invited to join Milngavie Meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7462365700?pwd=S005RkJKYkQ0eDUzd3RmNGU4L05hdz09>

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