# **Elmbank Events**

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# September 2024

**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 September Sun 1 Sept	<ul><li>11.00 Meeting for Worship by Zoom</li><li>11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House</li><li>1.00 Local Meeting – blended</li></ul>
Mon 2 Sept	7.30 Young Friends Epilogue – see below
Tues 3 Sept	8.00 Time for Stillness
Wed 4 Sept	12.30 Meeting for Worship by Zoom and in the Meeting House
Sat 7 Sept	11.00 Labyrinth – see below
Sun 8 Sept	11.00 Meeting for Worship by Zoom 11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House
Tues 10 Sept	8.00 Time for Stillness
Wed 11 Sept	12.30 Meeting for Worship by Zoom and in the Meeting House
Sun 15 Sept	<ul><li>11.00 Meeting for Worship by Zoom</li><li>11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House</li></ul>
Mon 16 Sept	7.30 Young Friends Epilogue – see below

Tues 18 Sept	8.00 Time for Stillness
Wed 19 Sept	12.30 Meeting for Worship by Zoom and in the Meeting House
Sun 22 Sept	<ul><li>11.00 Meeting for Worship by Zoom</li><li>11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House</li></ul>
Mon 23 Sept	5.00 Climate Café – see below
Tues 24 Sept	8.00 Time for Stillness
Wed 25 Sept	12.30 Meeting for Worship by Zoom and in the Meeting House
Sun 29 Sept	11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House (no Zoom)
Mon 30 Sept	7.30 Young Friends Epilogue – see below

# Elmbank People: September 2024

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# **BRITAIN YEARLY MEETING**

The annual gathering of Friends in the whole of Britain was held in July. Their Epistle, can be found at

https://www.quaker.org.uk/documents/epistle-of-britain-yearly-meeting-2024

# SWARTHMORE LECTURE

Each year a lecture is given at the time of Yearly Meeting.

The 2024 Swarthmore Lecturer, Ben Jarman has delivered his lecture: Getting what we deserve? Imprisonment and the challenge of doing justice.

Ben explores the myth and reality in how society responds to serious crimes, charting the uses and abuses of society's responses to crime: retributive

punishment, rehabilitative intervention, public protection, and calls for incremental or radical reform. Drawing on personal and rofessional experiences, He invites Friends to reflect on where current prison conditions belong in the longer flow of Quaker witness on penal reform, and to ask: who (if anyone) gets what they deserve from the institutions we have?

The whole lecture can be watched on YouTube <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwqolkC0nnc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwqolkC0nnc</a>

# WORK PARTY IN THE MEETING HOUSE

Friday 13 September, 11.30 to 4.00

We are looking for volunteers to help wash and paint some internal walls.

Further information from Charlotte Wright <a href="mailto:charlmorayplace@outlook.com">charlotte Wright</a> <a href="mailto:charlmorayplace@outlook.com">charlotte Wright</a> <a href="mailto:charlmorayplace@outlook.com">charlmorayplace@outlook.com</a>

Please let her know if you plan to come.

# **HELP WANTED!**

The role of Glasgow LM Nominations Committee is to find Friends willing to have their names put forward to be appointed by LM to various committees and posts enabling the Meeting to function.

The Nominations Committee does this through a process of *discernment*– finding a good fit between vacancies, those offering service, Friends' skills and the needs of the Meeting using worshipful approaches.

At the moment, Nominations would like to hear from any Friend who has a leading to offer service and who may have specific skills.

We currently need Friends to serve on the wardenship and lettings and the health and safety committees; but we'd like to hear from anyone who is interested in helping the Meeting function - and you don't need to be a member! We can put you in touch with existing postholders for an informal chat as to what is involved as well as offering support in a new role.

Please contact Neil McKechnie, Clerk of the Nominations Committee, in the first instance (mckechnienm@yahoo.co.uk), or any member of the Nominations Committee (Neil McKechnie, Tina Cunningham, Sheila Semple, Maureen Waugh, Phillida Ball, Terri Sutherland).

Quaker Faith and Practice 3.22 to 3.25 (6<sup>th</sup> edition) might be helpful reading as background.

Neil McKechnie.

# **QUAKER BUSINESS MEETINGS**

The next Local Meeting for Business is on 1 September 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.

General Meeting for Scotland will be held on Saturday 21 September in Inverness.

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

## **NEWS OF FRIENDS**

Congratulations to Francesca Ball who was 100 on 20 August. Phillida has written about her life at the end of this newsletter.

#### MEETING FOR WORSHIP AT FASLANE NAVAL BASE Sunday 22 September

This forms part of our Quaker witness for peace. We hold a quiet meeting for worship outside the gates where Trident submarines are based. We hope that more Friends will be able to join us. We can arrange transport there.

Gather at the north gate at 11am for an hour of worship. Bring suitable clothing and something to sit on if you wish. (There are some large rocks there.)

Further information from Mary Alice Mansell (mamansell54@gmail.com) or Daphne Wassermann (<u>daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com</u>).

The following date is Sunday 10 November.

## BOOK OF DISCIPLINE REVISION COMMITTEE Update and consultation: Thursday 5 September

Mary Woodward and Nuala Watt, two of our WSAM representatives on this committee, will present an update on the work of the committee, and will consult with us on the particular section on which they are working. That section is 'Relationships', which in the current Red book is headed 'Close Relationships'. We'll find out what's behind this change of title and be able to make suggestions and respond to any questions they want us to consider.

This will be on Zoom only, on Thursday 5 September. We can gather informally from 7.15 and will start the main part of our session at 7.30. Here is the link:

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# TREES FOR LIFE

Last year we had a special collection for Trees for Life, a Scottish rewilding charity established 30 years ago with the aim of working to restore the Caledonian forest in the Highlands. Glasgow Quaker Meeting purchased an initial grove of trees which has been added to by individuals and now stands at 92 trees in total.

You can donate at any time by purchasing a tree or trees at £6 each and add a message, if you wish, in celebration of an anniversary, a birthday, as a gift or in remembrance. Some have planted trees to remind themselves of their carbon emissions from their car journeys.

The website <u>https://treesforlife.org.uk/</u> has a 'search for grove' option where you can insert Glasgow Quaker Meeting, or go to <u>https://treesforlife.org.uk/groves/457932/</u>

The website has lots of information on their rewilding activities including opportunities to visit, attend an event or stay at their Dundreggan Rewilding Centre in Glenmoriston.

# **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)

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Wednesdays

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#### 5th 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. <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7462365700?</u> <u>pwd=S005RkJkYkQ0eDUzd3RmNGU4L05hdz09</u> 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!

To join the mailing list, please contact Sheila Semple at <u>Sheila.semple@btinternet.com</u>

### 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 f/Friends in Stillness.

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#### **Deepening Spirituality**

Early morning meeting at 10am on 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### Young Friends Monday Night Epilogues

2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30th September

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.

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Organising WhatsApp group for this community: <a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/KjASIZWGm0xJ8SK7oDvz10">https://chat.whatsapp.com/KjASIZWGm0xJ8SK7oDvz10</a>

#### **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 h t t p s : / / u s 0 2 w e b . z o o m . u s / j / 8 8 5 5 5 0 7 1 0 1 2 ? pwd=WWRyT1Z0U1ZtMitvRnIyY0FwYVU3QT09 Meeting ID: 885 5507 1012 Passcode: 421947 For further information contact Mary Troup, <u>marytroup2001@gmail.com</u> 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.

<<u>https://zoom.us/j/5493321030?pwd=YnVDMnpKZEhXcTZYUmNadHorN3MrUT09</u>> 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 7 September, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> September

We meet again on Monday September 23. We hope to see you at 5.30 for a light supper and 6.30 to share news and views.

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 31 August.** Margaret Munro will lead a walk up Cloan Glen from Auchterarder. This is about 7 miles with 700 ft of climbing.

Those wishing to travel by train can be collected from Gleneagles or Bridge of Allan stations.

Further dates are Friday 27 September, Saturday 19 October, 16 or 23 November and Friday 13 December.

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

# 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 **25 August** will be introduced by Gisela Creed and is for the Quaker Council for European Affairs (QCEA), based in Brussels.

#### www.qcea.org

#### Overview

Europe, like the world, faces complex crises: climate, conflict, inequality. We need a sustainable, just Europe that engages globally with non-violent solutions, respects all people, and safeguards our planet. Quakers, truth seekers, believe answers lie in open dialogue across differences. We offer our commitment to peace, justice, and equality to support European institutions in building a better world

At present their work concentrates on 3 areas:

Climate Justice and Peace

#### **Dialogues for Transformation**

**Migration and Peace,** where for example QCEA brings a peacebuilding approach to migration, striving to eliminate violence against people on the move. Our goal is to influence European policies for safe and fair migration, promoting lasting peace. We advocate for policy changes, highlight successful practices, and emphasise the connection between migration and conflict dynamics in EU initiatives.

**Finance**: the work is supported through 40% of donations from European Quaker Meetings and individuals and the rest from charitable trusts.

#### You can contribute in person in the Meeting House

Alternatively, to make a bank transfer in Pounds Sterling, please use the following account details:

British Friends of Quaker Council for European Affairs Account no: 00004748 Sort code: 40-52-40 CAF Bank

# **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 Mominations@glasgowquakers.org.uk Glasgowquakers.climatecafe@gmail.com Safeguarding@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 - <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/684886601939198</u> Instagram - <u>https://www.instagram.com/glasgowquakers</u> Website - <u>https://www.quakerscotland.org/glasgow</u>

# 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 <a href="https://teamup.com/ksshsgwcufaxdb49gf">https://teamup.com/ksshsgwcufaxdb49gf</a>

#### Other newsletters and websites

West Scotland Quaker News and more information on our Area Meeting are available at <u>www.quakerscotland.org/west</u>

Scotland General Meeting

Scottish Friend newsletter is online at <u>http://www.quakerscotland.org/general-meeting</u>

All the Britain Yearly Meeting newsletters can be accessed at <u>quaker.org.uk/newsletters</u>

Glasgow Local Meeting website is now part of the General Meeting website. <u>www.quakerscotland.org/glasgow</u>

## Keeping in touch

If you want to be on the Meeting email distribution list please contact Jennifer Ramsay, glasgowquakeremails@icloud.com.

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

#### Francesca Ball is a hundred years old!

One or Two facts about Francesca (you may or may not know!)

Our mother was born in S.E London 20<sup>th</sup> August 1924. Her mother told her that she 'borned herself', that is without a midwife present so it appears she had an independent spirit from the beginning!

She was the middle child of 3 children, her older brother Charles was 4 years older and her younger brother Stuart was 4 years younger. Sadly both her brothers and her father died at 72 years.

Our mother was rather a tomboy as a child, perhaps partly being the only girl and it seemed that boys were also rather favoured in those days.

As a child she said she used to spend hours and hours in the tree in the garden sometimes contemplating 'what's nothing for ever and ever'. It seems that her enquiring and philosophical mind has never left her!

There was also a railway embankment at the back of the garden over the wall which she sometimes climbed over with her friend Alastair who lived down the road. If the signalman saw you, you were in trouble!

She used to play cricket in the garden with Alastair but if the ball went over the wall into Mrs Gamble's garden you lost a few points and if Mrs Gamble saw you she would open her window, clap her hands and tell you how naughty you were especially if she heard you saying rude words like 'bum', she would threaten to tell mother and then our mum would bend down on her knees pleading with her not to!

Our mum attended the first Rudolph Steiner School in Britain aged 6 years, then went to Saffron Walden Quaker School at 12 or 13 years where she stayed only a year. She wanted to be a violinist so had to get lessons in London. War then broke out so she went to live in Dorking where she was billeted with the Fry family where she made lifelong friends especially Biddy who also became a musician.

At 16 years old mum was accepted into the Royal Academy Music School where the teachers were very strict and she worked very hard. As it was war time she spent most of her time alone practising her violin and she felt very lucky to be doing what she wanted to do especially as many people she knew were conscripted into the war. Her brother Charles at this time was also conscripted but was sent to prison for being a conscientious objector as their father had been during the WW1.

Mum received a gold distinction from the Academy at 19 years old and being war time, there was a lot of work for musicians as the government had 2 projects for promoting music and the arts.

She met her husband Keith in Aylesbury at a Quaker discussion group when she was 16 years old having moved from London after the windows at home were blown out twice. He was 9 years older and was working at Stoke Mandeville Hospital at the time. 5 years later they were married at Westminster Quaker Meeting.

Mum continued to work as a musician though mainly deputising for orchestras as she was also busy being a mum! Later she spent a lot of time playing in Northern Ireland with the BBC Orchestra.

Besides music she has always had other interests and took up studying Czech in her early 40s and has maintained her friendships in the Czech Republic and Slovakia

since then. She has a great gift for making and keeping friendships and has friends she still keeps in contact with from as far away as Japan and America.

As part of her interest in people she decided to do an MA in Peace Studies with Bradford University which she received when she was 70. Her dissertation was based on Gypsies in Slovakia, whose cause she tried to find a way of supporting. This wasn't always easy!

Mum also had a stint of teaching English to Foreigners having made her qualification. She spent some years teaching English mainly to Japanese women in her local area in London.

She also took a huge interest in supporting Keith in his medical causes of preventative medicine, coronary heart disease and ASH (Anti Smoking and Health), often searching and cutting out relevant articles for him to use.

Two or three years after Keith died in 2008, Francesca moved up to Glasgow to live nearer her two daughters Rachel and Phillida where she has settled happily.

She has felt particular welcomed by Friends from Glasgow and Milngavie Meetings which have helped her to feel at home in Glasgow.

Mum, we are very proud of you and we love you very much.

Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

Phillida Ball

# **Glasgow Quaker Meeting Rotas: September 2024**

	Sun 1st	Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sun 15th	Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>
Clerk (for notices)	Joyce Taylor	Ruth Wilkinson	Martin Mansell	Joyce Taylor	Ruth Wilkinson
Elders in the Meeting House and welcoming after Meeting	Rosemary Morgan and Zem Moffat <i>Local</i> <i>Meeting:</i>	Sheila Semple and Daphne Wasserman n (A&Q)	David Thomas and Alastair McIver	Zem Moffat and Kate Philbrick	Alastair McIver and Rosemary Morgan
Zoom host in the Meeting House	Daphne Wasserman n	Charlotte Wright	Martin Mansell	David Garfield	No Zoom
Warden	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
Doorkeepe	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
Welcomin g Friend downstairs	Mary Cox	Mark Coleman	Elspeth McCue	tbc	Mary Alice Mansell
Tea/coffee	Mike Nellis	Mary Cox	Ben Blain	Ben Blain	Mike Nellis
Hospitality	LM – Diane Scott				
Children's Meeting	Mary Troup	Mary Troup	Mary Troup	Mary Troup	Mary Troup

# 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 Meeting ID: 746 236 5700 Passcode: 086276