

# **Glasgow Quaker News**

## **February 2026**

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Sun 1 February	11.00 Meeting for Worship In the Renfield Centre and by Zoom 13.00 Local Meeting for Business in the Renfield Centre and by Zoom
Mon 2 February	5.15 Monday Quaker Communtigy by Zoom – see below
Tues 3 February	8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 4 February	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Unitarian House and by Zoom 14.00 Experiment with light – see below
Thurs 5 February	12.00 Quaker Meeting outside at Glasgow University Peace Bench
Sun 8 February	11.00 All Age Meeting for Worship in the Renfield Centre and by Zoom
Mon 9 February	5.15 Monday Quaker Community by Zoom – see below
Tues 10 February	8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 11 February	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Unitairan House and by Zoom 14.00 Experiment with light – see below
Thurs 12 February	12.00 Quaker Meeting outside at Glasgow University Peace Bench
Sun 15 February	11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Renfield Centre and by Zoom
Mon 16 February	5.15 Monday Quaker Community by Zoom – see below
Tues 17 February	8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 18 February	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Unitarian House and by Zoom 14.00 Experiment with light – see below
Thurs 19 February	12.00 Quaker Meeting outside at Glasgow University Peace Bench
Sun 22 February	11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Renfield Centre and by Zoom
Mon 23 February	5.15 Monday Quaker Community by Zoom – see below
Tues 24 February	8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 25 February	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Unitarian House and by Zoom 14.00 Experiment with light – see below
Thurs 26 February	12.00 Quaker Meeting outside at Glasgow University Peace Bench

**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)

**Renfield Centre:** 260 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4JP

**Unitarian House:** 72 Berkeley Street, Glasgow, G3 7DS

## QUAKER BUSINESS MEETING

The next Local Meeting for Business is on **Sunday 1 February** at 1pm in the Renfield Centre. We are not able to provide lunch beforehand for those attending so please bring your own.

## PEACE BENCH

The 20 minute Quaker Meeting outside at Glasgow University Peace Bench will continue every Thursday at 12 midday starting on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Note that there is no Meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>.**

All welcome.

For further information contact Jenny Copsey: [jennifercopsey@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jennifercopsey@yahoo.co.uk)

## CLIMATE CAFÉ

### *Glasgow Quaker Climate Café*

*From Doreen Osborne*

Until we are established in our permanent premises in the Unitarian House, we are keeping in touch via our WhatsApp group. Feel free to post details of upcoming events or reports of what you've been up to there. If you are not on this group, do send your mobile phone number to [climate.cafe@glasgowquakers.org.uk](mailto:climate.cafe@glasgowquakers.org.uk) and we will add you.

In the meantime:

- Do sign yourselves up to the regular email from our Parliamentary Engagement Officer, Lucy Le Roux at [LucyR@quaker.org.uk](mailto:LucyR@quaker.org.uk). Just send Lucy an email to join
- Remember to submit your response to the Scottish Government's Draft Climate Change Plan. This closes on the 25th January. Quakers in Scotland have submitted a response which you can find here

<[https://www.quakerscotland.org/sites/quakerscotland.org/files/documents/Draft%20Climate%20Change%20Plan%20Consultation%20Response%20Quakers%20in%20Scotland\\_0.pdf](https://www.quakerscotland.org/sites/quakerscotland.org/files/documents/Draft%20Climate%20Change%20Plan%20Consultation%20Response%20Quakers%20in%20Scotland_0.pdf)>. Feel free to use this or the Stop Climate Chaos Scotland (SCCS) response

<<https://www.stopclimatechaos.scot/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/SCCS-response-to-Scottish-Government-consultation-on-draft-Climate-Change-Plan-Jan-2026.pdf>> as a source/starting point for your own answers but it's best to use your own words to make your response individual. Jane Booth, the Quakers in Scotland administrator sent a reminder and some guidance about this. That's another useful list to be on. And if you've missed the 25th to respond to the consultation, you can always write to your MSPs, ideally by 29th January.

- For in person meet-ups, consider joining Friends of the Earth Scotland, who are starting to organise get-togethers in Glasgow. The first one is on Monday 26th January: 17.00 at the Royal Concert Hall for a free concert followed by a get-together at the Pipers' Tryst at the National Piping Centre. Contact Sally Clark [info@foe.scot](mailto:info@foe.scot) for details of how to join

## QUAKER WALKS

Dates for the first part of 2026 have now been fixed. They are all on Fridays and I apologise if this excludes anyone.

On Friday 23 January, we had a walk from Glasgow Botanic Gardens to the canal at Maryhill, up to the new Stockingsfield bridge, on to Maryhill locks and back down the Kelvin.

The following dates are Fridays 27 February, 13 March, 10 April. Please let me have any suggestions for walks.

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

## REGULAR QUAKER MEETINGS

### *Meeting for Worship*

Sundays at 11am in the Renfield Centre and Wednesdays at 12.30 in the Unitarian House. Addresses are above. Both Meetings are also on Zoom – see below.

### *Report on the Wednesday Meeting*

*by Michael Hutchinson*

The Wednesday mid-week meeting at 12:30 pm has now transferred to the Unitarian Church. Someone will be there from 12 noon to let you in. We had 14 Friends (one online) there at our first meeting in the new premises on 21st January! We have a laptop so Friends can come online. A pleasant, warm and comfortable room in the basement. We are still sorting out how to replace our lunch together following the half hour worship. There is no stove, but there are microwaves and limited crockery and so on. We will be able to offer hot drinks but have to bring everything each time, other than kettles and mugs. We think the best for the moment is for anyone coming to the meeting (other than online) to bring their own lunch and we can share things for those who don't know this. We have the room until 2pm.

### **Zoom**

Meetings continue by Zoom on Sundays at 11am and Wednesdays at 12.30. The links are listed below.

*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 room and turn the video off so you aren't distracted by those in the room.*

#### **Sundays (except 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82975187161?pwd=TdNxFMmTcFU9PHsDoc7KxAUGOfg3k7.1>

Meeting ID: 829 7518 7161

Passcode: 394316

#### **Wednesdays**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87099013382?pwd=Zp0rbwnJ0VajlrB3rQcYetL2bSDSXZ.1>

Meeting ID: 870 9901 3382

Passcode: 398094

#### **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 Renfield Centre 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***

**Every Monday, 5.15 to 6.00pm**

Join us for a chat and catch up followed by a period of worship.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84307363243?pwd=TIlv0ACzUMRkZpRRc74hFrSk1iZsr1.1>

Meeting ID: 843 0736 3243

Passcode: 471822

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/81510281536?pwd=yZXNDBnRQRTDc2lXzjJtcDIHmFpnmQ.1>

Meeting ID: 815 1028 1536

Passcode: 519226

## ***Deepening Spirituality***

**Early morning meeting at 10am on 1 and 15 February**

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***

Organising WhatsApp group for this community: Ren Clark - 07837787988

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KjASlZWGm0xJ8SK7oDvz10>

Please contact Ren for information on future meetings.

## ***Experiment with light***

**Wednesdays 2pm to 4pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86119430599?pwd=nZJR58aEOye59nfMNmXbYfLmqFCIfh.1>

Meeting ID: 861 1943 0599

Passcode: 710072

## ***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.

## **OTHER EVENTS**

### ***Hexham Debates***

***From Daphne Wassermann***

Friends might be interested in these online debates, organised by Hexham Quaker Meeting.

On January 17<sup>th</sup> Michael Clark talked about the challenges of a growing global disorder. A sobering but necessary topic for discussion.

February's Debate is still being confirmed but on March 14<sup>th</sup> they have Alice Wiseman talking about food security.

Further information from: [northumbriansforpeace@gmail.com](mailto:northumbriansforpeace@gmail.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.

Collections can also be made in person after Meeting for Worship.

The structure of Quakers in Scotland has changed with the laying down of General Meeting and the initiation of a new charity, Quakers in Scotland (QiS). Information on giving via QiS where gift aid can be claimed has now been issued. For further details contact Bronwen Currie: [bron.currie@gmail.com](mailto:bron.currie@gmail.com).

### ***Special Collections***

The Special Collection on **25<sup>th</sup> January** is for the **Barlinnie PlayStation**, introduced by Kate Philbrick.

**The Playstation is a charity that supports children who are visiting Barlinnie Prison in Glasgow - and offers advocacy on behalf of those children to ensure that their needs are met. Members of Glasgow Quaker Meeting have been involved since Sarah Brown started the scheme 38 years or so ago.**

#### ***THE CHILDREN WHO VISIT***

Thousands of children visit family members in Barlinnie every year – some come only once, others we get to know over many months. Growing up when someone in your family is in

prison presents huge challenges; visiting them can be stressful and even frightening. The calm, playful atmosphere in The Playstation play area can help to make visiting as happy and family-friendly as it can be. Many carers say they would not bring the children if we were not there. Children need relationships with their fathers and other significant adults in their lives.

### **WHAT WE OFFER**

The Playstation provides a welcoming space in the ordinary prison visits room where children can play and relax, supported by a team of trained play volunteers and two members of staff, who all work to ensure that every child's experience is positive. The play area also offers an opportunity for the children to meet others in a similar situation - Something that might not be possible otherwise.

The Playstation volunteers and committee bring varied experience and talents to support the playworkers, the organisation and each other to ensure our work can continue to support the dignity of children whose lot it is to have parents in prison. We offer child-led play to all children visiting HMP Barlinnie and we aim to contribute to reframing hopeful and positive futures for all these children.



The words on the steps Playstation decorated partly with Quaker donations in 2024 remain our guide-

**See the end of the newsletter for stories of three of the children.**

The Playstation is still revelling in the stairs and the messages it gives children of their importance. Now the funding climate remains very tough and any money you can give will help to keep us going.

Please give through the donate button on <https://www.theplaystationbarlinnie.com/>

The Playstation is a project run by Toybox Lee Avenue SCO2 2669

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The collection on **22<sup>nd</sup> February** is for the **Quaker Housing Trust** and will be introduced by Hilary Patrick.

### **Quaker Housing Trust, a practical response to the housing crisis**

QHT gives advice, support, loans and grants to small charitable organisations to help them provide safe, decent and affordable homes.

In the last year we funded 13 projects ranging from retrofitting affordable housing in Raasay to a small grant to enable Weston-super-Mare meeting to draw up plans to convert their meeting house to provide homes for local people.

We fund housing for people in need, often those most at risk of exclusion from mainstream housing. Projects like Ella's, which works with women who have survived trafficking or sexual exploitation. Follow this [link](#) to watch Laura tell her story.

QHT is our Quaker response to the housing crisis. We would love to see more Friends supporting our work.

**Regular donations**, however small, would increase the number of projects we can fund. Or we might want to leave a **legacy** for when we no longer need housing ourselves.

**How to make a donation:**

You can make a donation in **cash** after Meeting for Worship

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  
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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  
[Climate.cafe@glasgowquakers.org.uk](mailto:Climate.cafe@glasgowquakers.org.uk)  
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***

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GlasgowQuakers>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/glasgowquakers>

Website - <https://www.quakerscotland.org/glasgow>

There is also a Young Friends WhatsApp group. To join contact Ren Clark: 07837787988

### ***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.



## ***Other newsletters and websites***

Quakers in Scotland (formerly Scotland General Meeting) *Scottish Friend* newsletter is online at

<https://www.quakerscotland.org/qis>

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 Quakers in Scotland website.  
[www.quakerscotland.org/glasgow](http://www.quakerscotland.org/glasgow)

West Scotland Area Meeting has been laid down but information and newsletters can still be found at

<https://www.quakerscotland.org/west>

## ***Keeping in touch***

If you want to be on the Meeting email distribution list please contact Clive Potter, [mailinglist@glasgowquakers.org.uk](mailto:mailinglist@glasgowquakers.org.uk)

<p>Please send items for February "Elmbank Events" by <b>Monday 23 February</b> to <b>Daphne Wassermann</b>. 0141 357 0396 <a href="mailto:daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com"><b>daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com</b></a></p>
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## The history of 38 Elmbank Crescent

The impending departure of Glasgow Friends from Elmbank Crescent has reminded us of a fundraising activity undertaken when the building was acquired. Ian and Helen Macdonald (now of Wigtown Meeting) ran *The Gleniffer Press*. They published tiny books and they collaborated with the late Glasgow novelist Margaret Thomson Davis, also a member, to produce a “wee book” entitled *The Cross*. It was produced with a print run of 260. We have number 9. We wonder how many others are still around?



The book measures 3.9 cm by 5.1 cm, contains 30 pages of text set in 5 point Times and is beautifully bound.

38 Elmbank Crescent was built around 1840. Initially it was a family residence. A doctor was a resident and held his surgery there. Then it became the offices of LNER railway. After World War 2 it became the Royal Artillery Club (RAC) until the Quakers purchased it. The story starts with Eddie, a veteran of World War 1, who had been awarded a Victoria Cross for service in Gallipoli. He valued membership of the RAC and each year he and his wife had enjoyed a Christmas lunch there. When it closed, he wanted to treat his wife to a lunch somewhere else but money was short so he had to face the prospect of selling his VC. The first person who expressed interest was a Quaker whose wife ran an antiques business. Eddie was aghast – Quakers were so alien to his values so he decided not to sell the medal. When he took the medal box back, he found a bank note in it - enough to pay for the Christmas lunch. Meantime his wife had paused outside the Quaker Meeting House and been invited in for a bowl of soup. She stayed for the Wednesday meeting for worship and felt a sense of peace. When Eddie started going on about the loss of the old values he espoused and the “Ruddy weak-kneed pacifists – a motley crew who hold vigils for peace” (that’s us!), Cath was able to persuade him that *‘It takes all kinds ...’*

Felicity and Philip Bryers (Perth Meeting)

## **Here are stories of three children who have visited the Playstation in Barlinnie prison: Case studies**

Child A is now 5. She has been coming to the prison for around eight months. She is a nonverbal autistic child. She comes into the Playstation and loves the kitchen area. When she first came to visit Dad, she wouldn't go to see him at the table. We allowed Dad into our play area to say hello and goodbye. Eight months later she has become a bit more vocal and is engaging with her Dad a lot more. She started school in the new term and she seems to be really settling so the parents are not so worried about her going to mainstream school.

Child B is just under 2, she is at the age where she can't concentrate on anything for any length of time and wants to toss everything on the floor. Her parents try everything to keep her at the table to let her spend time with her Dad but she just won't stay. I had a meeting with the family contact team to get her a dedicated child's visit so Dad can move around with her. She now has this visit once a week, and in the larger general visits hall, where Playstation mostly operates, if we prepare some small favourite toys she will sit for at least 20 minutes now .

Child C aged 12 visits with her siblings aged 5 and ,7 .To try and maximise their time with their Dad who they can only see once a week now he is convicted, we have agreed after speaking to their Mum, that they will come into the Playstation before the visits starts, and return to the play area for 10 minutes towards the end of the visit; they really enjoy the Playstation and like to draw and play with everything we have to offer. The 12 year old is a very talented artist; she keeps an eye on the clock to ensure she keeps to the agreed times and counts time down for her younger siblings so they know when they are going to go between the Playstation and the visit table.



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	<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>
Clerk (for notices)	Martin Mansell	Ruth Wilkinson	Joyce Taylor	Ruth Wilkinson
Elders in the Renfield Centre and welcoming after Meeting	Hilary Patrick and Neil McKechnie. (LM Elder Daphne Wassermann)	All age worship. Mary Troup (if not prevented) and Rosemary Morgan. Elder for silent alternative meeting David Thomas	Rosemary Morgan and David Thomas (A&Q)	Linda Cannon and Neil McKechnie
Zoom host in the Renfield Centre	Daphne Wassermann	Martin Mansell	Frank Vaughan	David Garfield
Warden	To be confirmed when arrangements in the Renfield Centre are known			
Doorkeeper	tbc	Anthony McEachen	Huw Lloyd Richards	Janey Andrews
Pastoral Care	Mary Cox	Mary Alice Mansell	Ren Clark	Mark Coleman
Tea/coffee	To be confirmed when arrangements in the Renfield Centre are known			
Hospitality	Not required			
Children's Meeting lead	Rosemary Morgan	Mary Troup, Rosemary & Morgan (Elder)	Mary Troup	Mary Troup
Children's Meeting helper	Mary Troup	All Age Worship	TBC	Kath Allan

### Wednesday Meetings for Worship

Meetings are held every Wednesday in the Unitarian House and by Zoom.  
There is no longer a designated host as this meeting is quite small.  
Anyone can join using the link circulated.