

Glasgow Quaker News

August 2026

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Sun 2 August	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 3 August	5.15 Monday Quaker Community by Zoom – see below
Tues 4 August	8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 5 August	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Unitarian House and by Zoom 15.00 Experiment with light – see below
Thurs 6 August	12.00 Quaker Meeting outside at Glasgow University Peace Bench
Sat 8 August	Quaker walk – see below
Sun 9 August	11.00 Meeting for Worship In the Renfield Centre and by Zoom
Mon 10 August	5.15 Monday Quaker Community by Zoom – see below
Tues 11 August	8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 12 August	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Unitarian House and by Zoom 15.00 Experiment with light – see below
Thurs 13 August	12.00 Quaker Meeting outside at Glasgow University Peace Bench
Sun 16 August	11.00 Meeting for Worship In the Renfield Centre and by Zoom
Mon 17 August	5.15 Monday Quaker Community by Zoom – see below
Tues 18 August	8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below
Wed 19 August	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Unitarian House and by Zoom 15.00 Experiment with light – see below
Thurs 20 August	12.00 Quaker Meeting outside at Glasgow University Peace Bench
Sun 23 August	11.00 Meeting for Worship in the Renfield Centre and by Zoom
Mon 24 August	5.15 Monday Quaker Community by Zoom – see below
Tues 25 August	8 am Time for Stillness by Zoom – see below

Wed 26 August	12.30 Meeting for Worship in the Unitarian House and by Zoom 15.00 Experiment with light – see below
Thurs 27 August	12.00 Quaker Meeting outside at Glasgow University Peace Bench
Sat 29 August	11.00 Labyrinth gardening in Maryhill – see below
Sun 30 August	11.00 Meeting for Worship In the Renfield Centre - no Zoom 11.0 Southside Meeting – see below
Mon 31 August	5.15 Monday Quaker Community by Zoom – see below 7pm Young Friends Epilogue at the Unitarian House

Email circulation – If you wish to have something circulated within the Meeting, please email it to Clive Potter at 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 Meeting for Worship for Business is on **Sunday 2 August** at 1pm in the Renfield Centre. We are not able to provide lunch beforehand for those attending so please bring your own.

SOUTHSIDE MEETING

From Rosemary Morgan

As an extension to our monthly midweek meetings, the Southside Fellowship Group are planning on holding a small meeting for worship in one of our homes in the Pollokshields area on Sunday 30th August from 11am to midday - a day when there is no online zoom.

The venue is accessible.

If you would like to join us, please could you get in touch with Rosemary Morgan. We will be limiting the numbers to 10 - both because this is a nice comfortable number for a small informal meeting which is what we are comfortable with, and because our members homes will accommodate 10 without overcrowding.

Please email me at rosemary.morgan1@gmail.com if you would like to come along as I will need to know who to expect beforehand.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We have a new generic email address socialmedia@glasgowquakers.org.uk

If you would like any information to be posted on our Facebook or Instagram accounts, you can email it to this address. The moderators will pick it up and post your message.

INTERFAITH 10th ANNIVERSARY – BUILDING BRIDGES

Callum Sutherland attended this event on 29th June.

His report of this is at the end of the newsletter.

NEWS OF FRIENDS

Mark Coleman is performing at the Edinburgh Fringe playing Donald Trump in “With the Possible Exception of Abraham Lincoln”.

More information at <https://share.google/Ya2w3X3xfZfph4Vf7>

NORTHERN FRIENDS PEACE BOARD

Barry Mills reports on the new co-ordinator and more at the end of this newsletter.

LABYRINTH GARDENING

Weeds and plants grow apace at this time of year. Do you fancy a spot of communal gardening?

The labyrinth was created on empty ground in Maryhill by Stephen Koepplinger. Some of us go up to help with weeding and other tasks a few times over the summer for a couple of hours. Tools can be provided or bring your favourite ones.

The next date is Saturday 29 August at 11.00.

Further details from Daphne Wassermann (daphnew@cantab.net) or Charlotte Wright (charlmorayplace@outlook.com).

CLIMATE CAFÉ

From Doreen Osborne

The Climate Cafe continues online via our WhatsApp group until we have completed our move

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 and we will add you.

LUNCH AFTER MEETING FOR WORSHIP

From Hilary Patrick

Some of us have started going to Smile café, just down Bath Street on the left, after Meeting for Worship on Sundays

Meet at the front door of the building after coffee at about 12.30.

All are welcome, old and new Friends, and visitors very much included.

PEACE BENCH

The 20 minute Quaker Meeting outside at Glasgow University Peace Bench will continue every Thursday at 12 midday. All welcome.

For further information contact Jenny Copsey: jennifercopsey@yahoo.co.uk

THE QUAKER HEALING GROUP

The group meets regularly by Zoom from 7.30 - 8.30pm on the first Monday of each month. All welcome. Further details from Nicola James Maharg nicola.james53@gmail.com

MEETING FOR WORSHIP AT FASLANE NAVAL BASE

The remaining dates for 2026 are 27th September, 8th November.

Faslane Naval Base houses the Trident Nuclear Submarines. We meet for an hour from 11am outside the North Gate as a witness to peace and against nuclear weapons.

There are some rocks to sit on or you can bring a folding chair. Parking is available outside the Faslane cemetery on the right just past the north gate.

For more information and to share lifts, contact Mary Alice Mansell: mamansell54@gmail.com

YOUNG FRIENDS MONDAY NIGHT EPILOGUES

Young Friends Epilogue continues to meet at the Unitarian House in Berkeley St on the last Monday of each month at 7pm for chat with tea coffee and snacks, and at 7.30 for a half hour meeting for worship. The next date is August 31st. All friends of 18 to 35 ish are very welcome to come along.

QUAKER WALKS

The next walk is on Saturday 8th August. The following date is Saturday 5th September. The locations will be decided later but if you have any preferences or suggestions, please contact Daphne Wassermann.

Also if you would like to be added to the mailing list and for further details, please contact Daphne – daphnew@cantab.net

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.

Zoom

Meetings continue by Zoom on Sundays at 11am and Wednesdays at 12.30.

The links are listed below. Note that there is no Zoom on the 5th Sunday.

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 5th 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=zp0rbwnJ0Vajlr3rQcYetL2bSDSXZ.1>

Meeting ID: 870 9901 3382

Passcode: 398094

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 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

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/81611576903?pwd=FKiwGpJesg9zoahnkszvOH5yGYQGti.1>

Meeting ID: 816 1157 6903

Passcode: 750267

Deepening Spirituality

Early morning meeting at 10am on 7 and 21 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

Experiment with light

Wednesdays 3pm 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 or 07776146265

Sunday evening online Meeting for Worship

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.

Monday Quaker Community

These meetings are restarting on August 3rd. Every Monday from 5.15. to 6p

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

COLLECTIONS

We are grateful to those Friends who have been able to make donations to Glasgow Meeting funds by bank transfer.

They should now be sent to Quakers in Scotland: Cooperative Bank, Sort code: 08-92-99, Account number: 67436963.

Please use GLA followed by your surname and first initial as the reference, and inform Bronwen Currie of any allocation of the funds: bron.currie@gmail.com.

Please also change any standing orders from the Glasgow bank account to the Quakers in Scotland bank account, above, so we keep all the contributions and book keeping in one place.

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

Special Collections

The collection on 30 August 2026 is for **Scholarships for Street Kids (S4SK)**, introduced by Neil Barton. The trustees for S4SK, a British registered charity, belong to Keighley and other Yorkshire Quaker Meetings.

S4SK is active in Myanmar/Burma, the first country to leave the British Empire/Commonwealth, in January 1948. Unfortunately there have been civil wars almost continuously since then, with occasional formal peace negotiations. There have been multiple military coups, the most recent being in February 2021, which have often been followed by harsh military junta rule ignoring the needs of the population and making outside assistance difficult.

During one of the peace negotiations, in 2007, Dr John McConnell from the Department of Peace Studies in Bradford University was in Myanmar assisting one of the NGOs. He came to realise that a significant proportion of primary school age children never completed even primary education but became the breadwinner for the family. These children are out of school not by choice, but because their families cannot afford the opportunity loss of income were the children to be in class for 3-6 hours each day. It is often a choice between education or food.

S4SK and its partners in Yangon run informal education classes for the children and also supporting their families, whose income is usually less than £3 per day.

The work of the charity is described in <https://www.s4sk.org.uk> You can make a donation in **cash** after Meeting for Worship. Or through the donations webpage via CAF.

FOR NEWCOMERS

Enquirers Day: October 3rd, 10.00 to 3.30

Quakers in Scotland are holding an Enquirer's Day on Saturday October 3rd at the Subud Centre in Perth from 10 - 3.30. It is aimed at those who have been attending for a while or those who've recently encountered us (i.e. not new off the street!).

More information about how to apply will be circulated to Clerks. Please let them or a Pastoral Friend know if you are interested.

Discovering Quakers

This initiative provides simple, friendly ways for newcomers to connect with Quakers. It includes weekly "Quaker Lives" Zooms, enquirer packs, and a welcoming website. Whether someone is spiritually searching or simply curious, this is a great starting point.

Website: discoveringquakers.org.uk

What Is the Quaker Way?

Gentle, one-hour monthly Zoom sessions introducing Quaker worship, values, and spiritual practice.

These welcoming and reflective gatherings are ideal for people exploring whether Quakers are their spiritual home.

Register:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=MGHYU_KJUq_K4_1UYIBaC6sKC-7eK5LkJYiC58JmldURTFKRihIRk8zNlhKNkVEVFdFNVFITEpaVi4u&route=shorturl

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
Communications@glasgowquakers.org.uk
LMnominations@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Climate.cafe@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Safeguarding@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Safety@glasgowquakers.org.uk
Socialmedia@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

Information on Quakers in Scotland (formerly Scotland General Meeting) is online at <https://www.quakerscotland.org/gis>

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

Glasgow Local Meeting website is now part of the Quakers in Scotland website. 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

Please send items for September "Elmbank Events" by Sunday 23 August to Daphne Wassermann. 0141 357 0396 daphnew@cantab.net (note new email address)
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NORTHERN FRIENDS PEACE BOARD

Northern Friends Peace Board (NFPB) trustees are pleased to announce the appointment of Irenée Rajaona-Horne as their new Coordinator. With the current Coordinator, Philip Austin, due to retire at the end of 2026, Irenée will be starting in October, working initially with Philip for a three-month long handover period.

Irenée has most recently worked as the Chief Executive Officer for Money for Madagascar. Irenée is a Member of Lancaster Quaker Meeting, and says, in anticipation of starting her new role: "I have long admired the work of NFPB. As a Young Quaker in the 1990s, NFPB was a source of hope and inspiration to me, as I was seeking my path into peace and international development work. A few decades on, it is an honour to take on the coordination of this highly respected peace-building organisation. I am aware that I have big shoes to fill with the retirement of Philip. But I am also very excited to bring my own deep experience of growing charities and catalysing community change, which I hope will help Northern Friends to flourish in their pursuits of Peace. I love to work through synergies, collaborations and partnerships. What is more, I cannot do this alone! So I urge any fFriends who have a calling for Peace to get in touch and get involved... we need all of you! Together we can make a difference!"

NFPB will be meeting in Glasgow on Saturday 26 September at either Renfield Centre or the Unitarian Centre - further details on this when available.

For any questions or comments about the work of the Peace Board, please email the rep for West Scotland, Barry Mills millsbcp@protonmail.com.

INTERFAITH 10TH ANNIVERSARY

By Callum Sutherland

On 29th June 2026, Interfaith Glasgow (IG) held an event at Glasgow City Chambers to celebrate the organisation's ten-year anniversary entitled 'Building Bridges'. Whilst formally a celebration of the organisation's work over the last ten years (and more), the event was largely an opportunity to fill-in attendees regarding IG's key activities over the last year and to begin discussion and review of IG's newly published 2026-2030 strategic plan.

After a civic welcome from Bailie Marie Garrity and response from IG Chair Andrew Lal, proceedings began with an update on finances, highlighting - in particular - the increasingly trying fiscal landscape and diminishing opportunities for securing grants. Streams of potential income were highlighted including delivering more training workshops (IG offer training on interfaith engagement, religious diversity, cultural sensitivity, and dialogue amidst conflict), increasing donations, and winning awards. If Friends would like to support IG on this front, then search "Interfaith Glasgow 10 Year Anniversary Appeal".

Overviews of IG's ongoing work were then presented. They were impressively wide ranging and informative. Attendees learned that IG are convening, amongst other things, (i) the Interfaith Food Justice Network which has been foregrounded as a case of best practice by the Good Faith Partnership and Hope Not Hate, (ii) Interfaith Climate Justice Scotland, and (iii) the Interfaith Restorative Justice Project which partners with Why me?, the Faith and Belief Forum, and Glasgow City Council's Hate Crime Working Group. IG have also convened broad consultation practices for the St. Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art's upcoming exhibit 'Religion in the Home' and co-ordinated with Religions for Peace UK.

The overviews were followed by half an hour of discussion in small, facilitated groups, addressing two questions, (i) What are some of your favourite interfaith memories?, and (ii) What do you hope that IG will focus on over the next few years? The discussion group I was a part of included Muslims, Sikhs, Roman Catholics, and Episcopalians and we discussed the importance of demonstrating how fun interfaith work and events are, common values such as the innocence of children, and of standing in solidarity against the rise of the far-right. On this last point, we discussed the importance of both condemning the far-right's use of religion as a dividing line and of ensuring that safe spaces and people are identifiable to those most at risk from far-right violence. Scottish Faiths Action for Refugees was highlighted as a key organisation working on this issue.

If Friends would like more information on IG's work over the last ten years, their annual magazine 'Flourish' is available if you navigate to IG's homepage then select 'Information', followed by 'Publications' from the drop-down menu. If you would like to read their Strategic Plan for 2026-2030, ask Callum Sutherland for a copy.

Glasgow Quaker Meeting Rotas: August 2026

	Sunday 2nd	Sunday 9th	Sunday 16th	Sunday 23rd	Sunday 30th
Clerk (for notices)	Joyce Taylor	Janey Andrews	Martin Mansell	TBC	TBC
Elders in the Renfield Centre and welcoming after Meeting	Sheila Semple or Linda Cannon and David Thomas (LM Mary Troup)	Neil McKechnie and Mary Troup (All age Worship)	Rosemary Morgan and Daphne Wassermann (A&Q)	Linda Cannon and David Thomas	Sheila Semple or David Thomas and Daphne Wassermann
Zoom host in the Renfield Centre	Martin Mansell	Frank Vaughan	David Thomas	Samir Abdalla with Daphne Wassermann	No Zoom (5 th Sunday)
Warden	Martin Mansell	Ren Clark	Callum Sutherland	Terri McGuigan	Callum Sutherland
Doorkeeper	Layla Alroomi	Morgan Cowley	Doreen Osborne	Morgan Cowley	Tom Hair
Pastoral Friend	Mary Alice Mansell	Mary Cox	Alistair Trainor	Ren Clark	David Thomas
Tea/coffee	Anthony McGuigan	Janey Andrews	TBC	Janey Andrews	Tom Hair
Children's Meeting lead	Mary Troup	Mary Troup	Mary Troup	Mary Troup	Mary Troup
Children's Meeting helper	Kath Allan	Ren Clark	Mary Alice Mansell	Ren Clark	Paul Lynch

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.