



Malvern Quaker Meeting Newsletter

August 2018

Meeting for Worship is at 10.30 every Sunday

DATE	TIME	EVENT (at the Meeting House unless otherwise stated)
Wed 1st August (1 st Wed)	12.00–12.40	Monthly Midday Meeting for Worship (No reading group)
Saturday 4 th	11 – 12.00	Hiroshima Vigil in Malvern. Meditation in the Priory church at 11.00 followed by vigil at 11.30 in the grounds
Sun 5 th	2 pm	Invitation to Quaker Camp (see below)
Thur 9 th (2 nd Thur)	6.00–7.00	Monthly Evening Meeting for Worship
Sun 12 th	12.00	Sanctuary Workshop at Bewdley (see below)
20 – 26th		Meeting House Activities Week (see below)
Mon 27 th	3.00	Invitation to Quaker camp (see below)
Sat 1 st Sept	From 10.30	Invitation to Ludlow Meeting (see below)
Sun 2 nd	After MfW	Meeting for Worship for Business
Sat 8th	11:00-16:00	Area Meeting at Telford
Sun 9th		Visit to Church Stretton – invitation to join their meeting and shared lunch (lift available - contact Eion McCarthy)

Deadline for next Newsletter: Tuesday 28th August

Dates and contributions to Newsletter@malvernlqm.org.uk or phone 01684 564448

Exhibition at the Priory 30th July to 11th August: Abolition of Slavery

This will be open daily from 9 – 5 see <http://www.lansdownemethodist.org.uk/newsletter/whats-happening-events-coming-up/slavery-today-exhibition-3808.php>

Special Collection: West Mercia Women's Aid

WMWA exists to support women and children affected by domestic abuse, and is the lead specialist agency in Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire working with victims of domestic abuse. They have a branch in Worcester.

See <http://westmerciawomensaid.org/services>

Quaker Camp at Hanley Castle

The Luton & Leighton group sets up on 28th July with most campers arriving on the Tuesday. Friends from our Meeting, and hopefully the family from Iraq, are invited to one of their events on the field, provisionally on Saturday 5th August. They will be having a Sanctuary Workshop one evening of the week 6th August. Contact Melanie Jameson if you're interested in either of these.

Herts and Hitchin Meeting will be there from 11th for a week, and then Jordans Meeting. Some will be attending our Meetings on the Sunday and they are having a visitor afternoon on Bank Holiday Monday from 2.30 - with tea and cake.

If you'd like to visit please let them know so they have a rough idea of numbers: Email Clare on claregelsthorpe@yahoo.co.uk

Directions for finding the camp at Cliffey Farm: Proceed towards Upton via Barnards Green to the Rhydd, turn Right on B 4211. After ½ mile, immediately after large wood (Cliffey Wood) on left, turn left down drive, opposite lay-by, towards River Severn. Suggest you park behind buildings and walk down the rough track to left to find camp at the bottom.

Meeting House Activities Week

The Meeting House committee have agreed that there will be an Activities week from 20 to 26 August. The following were agreed as suitable/necessary activities to undertake during the week.

- 1 – Redecorate men's toilet
- 2 – Clear rear tarmac area of weeds and vegetation
- 3 – Cut back/prune hedges at rear
- 4 – Clean all internal windows
- 5 – Assist DS with oiling external woodwork
- 6 – Clear guttering

The first action is to establish which activities would attract volunteer participation and how much of it. Once that was known, coordination/management would be designed accordingly.

So please sign up on the sheets in the Meeting House

If you will not be at Meeting and are able to volunteer please contact Chris Dyer chrisd2010tz@gmail.com

Sanctuary Workshop at Bewdley

Tatiana Garavito will be running a workshop on becoming a Sanctuary Meeting (which Malvern now is). She will explain what it involves, and the process of how we might become part of the initiative. The workshop will begin after lunch, which will be a bring-your-own picnic, and will follow on from MfW in the morning.

See <http://www.quaker.org.uk/our-work/social-justice/migration>

Visit to Ludlow

Ludlow Elders and Overseers have offered Friends from our Area Meeting a reciprocal invitation after enjoying our visit to those Meetings on 28th April 18. We are invited to Ludlow Meeting House on Saturday 1st September and follow that pattern, as it worked so well. Doors will be open from 10.30 for a Meeting for worship at 11am. There will be a shared lunch and Ludlow friends offer to take anyone who wanted to see Ludlow a guided tour starting about 1.30pm.

The address is St Mary's Lane, (off Lower Broad Street) Ludlow SY8 1DZ

Area Meeting Residential Weekend: September 28 - 30

Please contact David Rolfe with payment, the deadline is approaching. david@daverolfe.org

Malvern Welcomes'

Malvern has received its first family which arrived on Tuesday 26 June from Iraq. The family are Syrian Orthodox Christians and have two boys aged 12 and 14. They are now not referred to as 'refugees' but as 'a family which has moved into Malvern'. Their mobile phone translates between English and Arabic allowing understandable texts to be received and sent with the Malvern Welcomes group. Vivienne had received a text which read "We thank God for His grace and we thank you for helping us".

Holly Mount United Reform Church

For some years the congregation at Holly Mount United Reformed Church in Queens Drive have been dealing with a church building built in the 1880s that requires an increasing amount of expensive work to maintain it. A recent Architect's report on the fabric has identified a number of items of work that are urgently required and after due consideration the Elders with much sadness, following the procedures of the United Reformed Church, proposed to our Church Meeting on Sunday 22nd July that Holly Mount URC should leave the Building in Queens Drive and seek alternative premises in Malvern. This was carried by a majority of 75% of the Members present.

We will leave the building at Queens Drive, on or before 31st March 2019.

Holly Mount United Reformed Church is continuing as a congregation and we are looking for new premises in Malvern to meet and carry on and grow our work.

Your prayerful support at this time is much appreciated.

If further information is required please contact the Church Secretary hm@stevenson.ch

The Elders, Holly Mount URC

Peaceful Schools movement update

Hanley Castle High School are progressing plans for Remembrance Day and Peace Week in November. They will run a WW1 day on the Friday 9th November where each lesson is themed around an aspect of WW1. They are hoping to also run this concurrently with a Peace Week which will be run by the sixth formers and in particular the new Holocaust remembrance society and will look at aspects of conflict resolution and end with the remembrance/WW1 day at the end of the week. This will involve various tutor activities and assemblies. Watch this space.



News from Friends House

1. Faith in the media

10.30am to 4.30pm, Saturday 1 September, Friends House, London

A one-day workshop to learn to use the media and social media to share Quaker faith in action. Sharpen skills in social media to attract new Friends to your meeting. Find out what journalists need from you. With Jon Martin (outreach marketing officer) and Anne van Staveren (media officer) for BYM.

Anne van Staveren, annev@quaker.org.uk, 07958 009703

[@mediaquaker](https://twitter.com/mediaquaker)

2. Exploring Quaker Chaplaincy, it may be for you!

7-9 September 2018, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

Whether you are considering or starting Quaker chaplaincy work in hospital, prison, school or university or in any other work or community setting, or you have years of

experience, at this weekend you will be able to reflect on your work, share your experiences, ideas and insights, and come away refreshed.

Book with Woodbrooke: www.woodbrooke.org.uk/item/exploring-quaker-chaplaincy

For more information about Quaker chaplaincy:

Marleen Schepers, marleens@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1143

www.quaker.org.uk/chaplaincy

3. Help us find the right Friends to re-write the Book of Discipline

Central Nominations Committee is looking for Friends to serve on the committee which will rewrite the Book of Discipline (Quaker Faith & Practice). We do not want to miss Friends across Britain who are not known to us. They could be younger, less confident Friends. Or a stalwart member of your meeting who would never presume to put their name forwards. In all cases they will be well grounded Quakers, with a deep understanding of Quakerism.

We ask you to put the names of those Friends forward. You can do this as an individual Friend or as a meeting. Please email nominations@quaker.org.uk with the Friend's name and their AM or worship group **By Sept 1st**

You can also fill in the form at:

<https://forms.quaker.org.uk/interest-in-the-book-of-discipline-revision>

UK Peaceworkers 2 into 3 A big thank you!

We are very pleased to announce that we have exceeded our target and have been able to employ a third Peaceworker! This year's peaceworker placements will be at Child Soldiers International, the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament's (CND) Peace Education Programme and British American Security Information Council (BASIC).