



MALVERN QUAKER NEWS SHEET

FEBRUARY 2016

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wed 3rd	12.00 – 12.40	Monthly Midday Meeting for Worship
Wed 3rd	1.30 – 3.00	Swap & Share Book Group: Focus on books' beginnings
Sun 7th	From noon	Quaker meeting for Business
Wed 10th	8.00 – 9.00	Monthly Evening Meeting for Worship
Sat 13th	11.00 – 16.00	Area Meeting at Shrewsbury
Sun 14th	11.00 – 11.30	Home Meeting for Worship Tel. Betty 594685
Sun 14th	After Meeting	Sale of Fairtrade Goods
Sun 14th	3.00 – 4.30 Somers Park Avenue Methodist Church	Churches Together <i>Justice & Peace Group</i> Responses to Climate Change & the Paris Agreement
Wed 17th	10.30 – 12.30	Share thoughts on Quaker Faith & Practice, Chs 5 & 6
Sat 20th	10.00 – 2.00	Malvern Hills Repair Café at the Meeting House
Sun 21st	After Meeting	Informal talk by Kevin Rolph
Tues 23rd	12.30 – 1.30	Soup lunch to raise funds for Syrian Refugees SEE OVER
Sat 27th	From noon, London	CND Stop Trident March Contact mgt2800@hotmail.com

SCIENCE AND FAITH WEEKEND on COMPASSION

MALVERN 4th – 6th March.

Compassion in Education, Science, Healthcare, Economics, Wisdom & Compassion in Buddhism.

Reflections on Compassion at our Meeting House, Sunday 6th March 3.00-5.00

Full details at www.scienceandfaith.org.uk



Fairtrade Fortnight 29th Feb – 13th March

Fairtrade is best known for providing producers with a minimum price for their product, one which aims to cover what it costs them to grow it, and an additional amount, the Fairtrade Premium, to be invested by the producers as a group, however they see fit.

Malvern Fairtrade Group will be organising various events and displays during the fortnight including Fairtrade breakfasts. More in next News Sheet.

Report on Loss and Absence Workshop January 23rd Liz Flanagan

About 15 of us joined to hear Maggie, a celebrant at Tapestry Ceremonies, lead a workshop on myths and truths around burials/cremations and funerals. The main message was that you should discuss your funeral wishes with your nearest and dearest, and respect the needs of those mourning you.



After a healthy lunch of soups and fruit salad Robert Standfield, Head of Education at St Richard's Hospice gave us an overview of the historical development, current services, roles, funding and future plans. He dealt with some tough questions on the lack of provision in some areas. Again we learnt of the importance of making your wishes known and recording them appropriately.

Our next session is at the planning stage: please share thoughts and ideas on "loss" and "absence" and let Liz or Eoin know what would be most helpful for you

Climate Justice: Public Meeting 14th February (Malvern Churches Justice & Peace Group)

What do you love about living in Malvern? What about the world brings you joy and hope? From the diversity of humanity to misty mornings on the Malverns, we live in a world of beauty.

And yet, our climate is changing all around us. Within the last month, flooding in Britain affected our national family and flooding in India affected our global family. Drought and famine threaten subsistence farmers, wildfires destroy forests and homes. Atmospheric pollution is endemic. But a new story of hope is slowly emerging - clean, accessible energy and brighter futures built on the technology of tomorrow, not the smog of the past.

The recent meeting of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Paris has produced an Agreement which is a major milestone on the road to tackling climate change. John Cooper from Christian Aid will lead a creative afternoon during which we can share what we love and consider how to safeguard it for the future. We'll hear about the Paris Agreement and how we individually can take steps towards a more sustainable future.

Venue: Somers Park Avenue Methodist Church, 3.00 to 4.30. Refreshments, collection

Update on a student who has benefited from the support of our Meeting Betty Hudson

A number of our members have contributed to the day to day expenses of Connie Akiror, a Ugandan student who is now studying Immunology and Immunotherapy at Birmingham University. It is a very intensive 1 year course for a Master's Degree. Connie seems to be coping remarkably well in Birmingham, though she hasn't a lot of time for socialising - which is a pity. She was formerly in charge of laboratory testing in 2 hospitals in Uganda.

Press release on the Syrian Resettlement Scheme (extracts):

Council leaders across Worcestershire have agreed to go ahead with a formal bid to the Home Office to relocate Syrian refugees across the county, with the aim of hosting up to 50 people in Worcestershire by the end of 2016.

The arriving refugees will be housed within the private rented sector, to minimise the impact on social housing supply / other vulnerable groups. Worcestershire Leaders said: "Much work needs to be done to ensure infrastructure and support networks are in place before we can accept our first families. A decision on how many more refugees will be housed in Worcestershire over the next four years will be made once the initial families have arrived and begun to settle in".

Simple lunch for the benefit of Syrian Refugees, Tues 23rd February 12.30-1.30, QMH

Hester Bate and Liz Flanagan offer a simple lunch of bread, soup and water in the Quaker Meeting House to raise money for Syrian refugees. A donation of £5, if you can afford it, is suggested, otherwise give what you can. It is hoped that this will become a monthly event, and that soups will be provided by various people, some Quaker and some not.

Difficult conversations - how to discuss what matters most March 7th (6pm) - 11th March
Unpicking the basic, universal difficulties of hard conversations & practising effective approaches
Glenthorne Quaker Conference Centre, Grasmere. Contact eoin.mccarthy@decisiontrust.org