



Malvern Quaker Meeting Newsletter



January 2019

Meeting for Worship is at 10.30 every Sunday

DATE	TIME	EVENT (at the Meeting House unless otherwise stated)
Every Wednesday	9.30 to 12.30	Open Morning in the Meeting House for gathering and fellowship.
Sun 6th		No Meeting for Worship for Business
Thur 10 th (2 nd Thur)	6.00–7.00	Monthly Evening Meeting for Worship
Wed 16 th	12 – 2.00	Workshop to discuss Guilt. Facilitated by Judith Badman and Paula Kingston. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be available. All are welcome. This follows on from the successful workshop on anger. The workshop will take a similar approach, using a broad framework for discussion of the issues by participants.
Sat 19 th (3 rd Sat)	10.00–1.00	Malvern Hills Repair Café
Sun 20 th	12.00	Sale of Traidcraft Fairtrade Goods after Meeting for Worship
Wed 23 rd	7.30 pm	Prayers for Unity Week This is a Meeting for Worship to which other churches are invited. We will ask people to reflect on our stewardship of the earth and its resources as this is the theme of that day in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity..
Sat 26 th	6.30 pm	Meeting Social – Supper and Entertainment Come and bring your families and friends to watch Quakers make fools of themselves/dance and play together, (and dine well!). Contact Liz Flanagan (07854 244591) re food or Melanie Jameson (01684 572466) re contributions – humorous, musical, poetry....
Sun 3 rd Feb	After MfW	Meeting for Worship for Business

Contributions to me for the next Newsletter by Tuesday 29th Jan

If you are not on the e-mail list and would like to be, or have changed your e-mail, please contact me.

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Special Collection for Dec & Jan: Maggs Day Centre, Worcester

See <http://www.maggsdaycentre.co.uk/>

Area Meeting News

The next Area Meeting will be at Worcester Meeting House Saturday February 9th 11.00 - 16.00

There are likely to be two AM social events in 2019 on 30th March and 17th or 24th August, at Bewdley Meeting House.



Inclusion and diversity survey

Yearly Meeting 2017 minuted “a call to examine our diversity” and a diversity and inclusion coordinator was appointed to look at the current makeup of the Quaker community in order to help us to develop in more inclusive ways. The inclusion and diversity survey has been put together to help with this work. See www.quaker.org.uk/blog/diversity-where-are-we-now

Please complete the survey now, (by 28 March 2019 at the latest). It is completely anonymous and the results will be collated at BYM: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/quakersurvey

Message from Campaign Against the Arms Trade: Thank you for resisting the arms trade in 2018

Both in the UK and internationally, 2018 was another turbulent year. But – in the face of uncertainty and injustice – it was also a year of grassroots movements and campaigners around the world coming together to stand up for peace, equality and human rights.

During 2018 we saw some real successes in the struggle to stop the horror that is the arms industry and end its catastrophic impact on people all over the world. With your support, we secured a 2019 date at the Court of Appeal to pursue our case against government-sanctioned arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

See full list of 2018 campaign successes at www.caat.org.uk/events/reports/highlights/2018

Concerned about Climate Breakdown

Richard Bartholomew

A friend of mine who recently has been involved in the Extinction Rebellion Civil Disobedience. He is a Catholic and he has prayerfully reflected on his multiple arrests in the last month.

He took part in a two-week program with members of Christian Climate Action (CCA) which included extensive civil disobedience, to impress upon government and civil society the urgency and seriousness of halting and reversing the developing climate catastrophe.

‘It is probably the most satisfying fortnight of my life. Working for my grandchildren’s generation, for the poorest peoples of the earth and against the immense damage currently being done to other-than-human nature, engaged me fully. Many of us are now breaking the law in order put politicians of all parties, and particularly the present Government, on notice that the inaction currently being demonstrated is no longer acceptable. This movement can only grow - our love for our descendants will ensure that.’

He has written stories from these protests. How about inviting him up to talk with us some time in 2019?

Advices & Queries No 20

Do you give sufficient time to sharing with others in the meeting, both newcomers and long-time members, your understanding of worship, of service, and of commitment to the Society’s witness? Do you give a right proportion of your money to support Quaker work?