



# MALVERN QUAKER NEWS SHEET

## NOVEMBER 2014

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EVENTS IN THE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE unless otherwise stated

| DATE                 | TIME             | EVENT   |
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| Tues 4th             | 10.45am          | Margaret Wynn's funeral at Worcester Crematorium  |
| Wed 5th              | 12.00 – 12.40pm  | Monthly Midweek Meeting for Worship   |
| Wed 5th              | 7.00 – 9.00pm    | <b>Q Discussion group:</b> 'Groupthink' & Discernment   |
| Sun 9th              | 11.00 - 11.30am  | Home Meeting for Worship  |
| Mon 10th             | 7.30 - 9.00pm    | Friends Fellowship of Healing   |
| Wed 12th             | 8.00 – 9.00pm    | Monthly Evening Meeting for Worship   |
| Thurs 20th           | 2.00 – 3.30pm    | Moving Prayer, Autumn session with Mary Callaway  |
| Wed 26th             | 7.00 – 9.00pm    | <b>Q Discussion group:</b> Bystander experiences  |
| Wed 26th             | 12.45 – 2.30pm   | Swap & Share Book Group, picnic lunch and discussion. Contact Liz, <i>more info overleaf</i>                    |
| Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> | 11.00am – 6.00pm | Central England Quakers, Bull St, Birmingham:<br>"Food Banks are not enough" <i>full -names on waiting list</i> |
| Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> | From 12.30pm     | Shared Lunch and talk by Karen Scott 'The Theologia of Transparent Objects'                                     |

PRISONS WEEK 2014, 16-22 Nov. THEME: *Building Hope* [www.prisonsworld.org](http://www.prisonsworld.org)

**Contributions for December's edition:** any time before deadline of 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.

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News of friends & short items welcome.



Our website [www.malvernquakers.org.uk](http://www.malvernquakers.org.uk) will show any updates or changes

## NEWS AND VIEWS

### **Art for Amnesty – Cally**

Several people have asked me how much was raised at the August Art for Amnesty Exhibition. We have now been told that it was another great success, with approximately £1,500 being raised. A big thank you to all who helped to steward the exhibition or who were involved with its setting-up and dismantling. It couldn't happen without you all.



### **Discussion Groups – Liz and Paul**

Two very interesting discussion groups took place in October. Those who attended valued the opportunity to share ideas about such issues as the importance of shared beliefs, the concept of belonging and how our values are expressed in various areas of our lives. We don't often have the chance to share our thoughts in such depth so, if the idea appeals to you, then please come to the next two groups to be held in November and the two for December.

5th Nov Groupthink & Discernment: an exercise to help get a sense of the range of views we hold.

26th Nov Bystander experiences: This session explores the difference between 'apathy' and 'intervention' and asks how we nurture spiritual practices in ourselves and others that enable us to act when the moment requires it?

3rd Dec Mapping our own communities: Addressing questions such as "How many of your social/spiritual/cultural needs can be met?" (17th Dec Concerns about communities and Review.)

### **Book-Share Group - Liz (07854244591)**

The Wednesday lunchtime discussion and book-share group continues to give us another chance to socialise, recommend Good Reads and inspire one another to extend our range of reading. The most recent meeting focused on War Poetry. I would like to share the poem WASTE by Rev G.A Studdert Kennedy, also known as "Woodbine Willie", who was the vicar of St Paul's Church in Worcester. He was well known for his care of the poor, his compassion for the soldiers sent to their almost inevitable death, and his horror of war itself:



WASTE

Waste of Muscle, Waste of Brain, Waste of Patience, Waste of Pain  
Waste of Manhood, Waste of Health, Waste of Beauty, Waste of Wealth,  
Waste of Blood & Waste of Tears, Waste of Youth's most precious Years,  
Waste of ways the Saints have trod, Waste of Glory, Waste of God,  
WAR!

### **Moving Prayer for Autumn - Mary (892482)**

Come to Moving Prayer, Thurs 20th November, for simple dance and movement to lovely music.

### **Visit to the Elim Pentecostal Centre - Melanie**

On a rainy Oct 13th a small group of four Quakers paid a return visit to the International Elim Pentecostal Centre / Regent's College. We were led to the chapel where we had a very warm welcome from about 30 students and 2 staff with whom we shared a short musical introduction to worship. After some moving testimonies we had the chance to put our questions. We have been invited back for a tour in the New Year and were provided with an outline of their approach to faith.

### **Prisons Week: 16th – 22nd November**

This year's Prisons Week comes at a time of unprecedented change for prisoners in England & Wales. The 35 Probation Trusts have now been dismantled; prisons are subject to re-organisation and on-going spending cuts in a climate of growing incidences of suicide, self-harm and staff shortages. The government's Transforming Rehabilitation programme marches on, despite dire warnings, enabling the private sector to win huge 'Payment by Results' contracts. Melanie will provide a quick update at Meeting For Worship.

Let us hold prisoners and criminal justice staff in the Light at this difficult time.

