



# Malvern Quaker Meeting Newsletter

September 2019

Meeting for Worship is at 10.30 every Sunday

DATE	TIME	EVENT (at the Meeting House unless otherwise stated)
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> September	After MfW	<b>Meeting for Worship for Business</b>
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed)	12.00–12.40	<b>Monthly Midday Meeting for Worship</b>
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thur)	6.00–7.00	<b>Monthly Evening Meeting for Worship</b> 30 minutes MfW followed by drinks
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.30	<b>Progressive Christianity Network Meeting: Telling the Truth About God</b> by Rhiannon Grant, who is Tutor for Quaker Roles at Woodbrooke and Deputy Programmes Leader for the Centre for Research in Quaker Studies. At Christ Church Hall, Avenue Rd, Malvern
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	11.30	<b>Marriage of Peter Thomas and Barbara Steele</b> All Malvern Quakers are welcome to attend the simple ceremony with light refreshments afterwards.
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 – 4.00	<b>Area Meeting at Telford</b>
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	12.00	<b>Sale of Traidcraft Fairtrade Goods and Shared lunch</b> Soup or a hot dish to be provided, please bring other contributions. Co-ordinated by Judith Badman or Liz Flanagan
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	<b>A Turbulent Priest: Drama at St James Church, Colwall</b>
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	12.00	<b>Peace vigil followed by talk – see below</b>
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> <b>Note change of date</b>	<b>2 – 5 pm</b>	<b>Malvern Hills Repair Café</b>
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 to 4.00	<b>Area Meeting Day at Church Stretton</b> following last years Residential Meeting: See below.
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	12.00	<b>Fifth Sunday Lunch and talk</b> Chris Mesley from Christians Against Poverty Malvern will be giving us an update.

If you are not on the e-mail list and would like to be, or have changed your e-mail, please contact me. Contributions to me for the next Newsletter by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept

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## Special Collection: Sanctuary appeal

Since it started, Sanctuary Everywhere has caught the attention of Quakers: now 97 meetings – that's more than one in five of all local and area meetings in BYM – are signed up as Sanctuary Meetings. Friends across the country have set up refugee accompanying and befriending schemes, provided accommodation, offered English lessons and campaigned to end deportations. We use the practical work done by meetings in our lobbying of government, strengthening our arguments and connecting up Quaker work in this area.

Sanctuary Everywhere was conceived of as a two-year project and is funded until December 2019, when it is currently due to finish. We want to keep this work going, and we know there are Sanctuary Meetings that want this too. We are looking for cost savings within BYM's budget and external sources of funding to help pay for a year's extension, but to ensure the programme can continue throughout 2020 we need to raise £76,000.

## **International Day of Peace**

This United Nations initiative takes place annually on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Malvern Churches Justice & Peace Group will be holding a Prayer Vigil for World Peace at the Peace Pole in the grounds of the Meeting House at noon. This will be followed by a talk given by David Terry from Droitwich and discussion on "Can we avoid climate catastrophe?" Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided.

## **Area Meeting Day: Creativity, Community and Holy Work Melanie Jameson**

Last September, around ninety people from our Area meeting assembled at the Pioneer Centre, Cleobury Mortimer for an extra-ordinary weekend under the overall title of 'Unwrapping Our Gifts and Tapping into the Spirit'. It was an opportunity to explore our spiritual gifts and launch into new creative experiences. Although I was one of the organisers, I was impressed by how the weekend flowed organically from one activity to another. The presence of the children was a delight and their contribution was the focus of the Sunday Meeting for Worship.

I am writing about this now because, one year later, we have organised a follow-up day, which will be accessible to those who could not attend the original event. This takes place at the URC Church Hall, Church Stretton SY6 6BY

The programme has already been circulated by our newsletter editor and is available on the Whiteboard in the Meeting House. It combines worship with creative activities, a shared lunch, circle dancing, singing and a focus on our Holy Work. How do we sustain and this and keep up our spiritual energy?

We are hoping that as many people as possible will come along and enjoy the fellowship. In addition to car-sharing, travel options include train [8.45 from Great Malvern, arrive 10.36. Return 1602, arrive GM 1810] OR a minibus, to combine with Worcester Meeting if enough people are interested – and we have a driver.

If you think you'll be able to make it, please email Melanie Jameson on [mj@dyslexia-malvern.co.uk](mailto:mj@dyslexia-malvern.co.uk) with preferred mode of travel.

## **Ending the Arms Trade**

### **No Faith in War : Roots of Resistance Day of Action**

Tuesday 3 September, at the ExCel Centre, in London. There will be two meetings for worship on Tuesday 3 September at 9am and 2pm. Each will be followed by singing protest songs. There will also be time for some Quaker worship and reflection from 18:30 in an 'equinox' evening gathering.

**Quaker-organised Young People Witness for Peace vigil Monday 9 September**

## **Quaker Week: Events at the Meeting House on Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct:**

**Volante Strings: 11.30 and 1.30:** A recital with Jennie Jones (violin) and Josie Bedford (piano) to include music by Elgar and his contemporaries.

**Raise the Roof: 6.30 to 8.00pm:** A 45 minute spoken word piece by Lucy Aphramor. Coming to Malvern Friends Meeting House after 2017's critically acclaimed debut at the Edinburgh Fringe, this is a hard-hitting look at food, body respect and professional complicity in a post-truth world. Linking body shame, Grenfell and the Black Lives Matter movement with lyrical abandon and astute acuity, this is a mesmerising and unashamedly queer exploration of the ways we connect with ourselves and each other.. Followed by discussion facilitated by Rosie Carnall. Publicity for these will be considered at September Local Meeting for Worship for Business

**Active Peace Education** are urgently seeking new volunteers to work 2 hours per week in term time on this exciting project. All training will be provided, and an opportunity to shadow project leaders will begin in September. Contact Liz Flanagan [flanaganelizabeth63@gmail.com](mailto:flanaganelizabeth63@gmail.com)