

Monthly Mailing – September 2017

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your September 2017 mailing.

Area meeting clerks have received the same material to help you discuss it with them if needed. Please send any feedback or queries to Gaby Scott: gabys@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1045.

NB: The next monthly mailing, for **October 2017**, will be sent out on 26 September 2017.



action required by clerk for meeting business



printed material is included relating to this item (number of sheets to right of icon)



this item is also relevant to area meetings



All PDF documents for this mailing are at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-sep17

Listings, magazines and programme preview

- **Books of the Month September 2017** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke upcoming courses: Upcoming events and courses September 2017**
Please display this courses listing. Booking details are given on the listing.
- **Among Friends Issue 139, Summer 2017** This issue includes: the epistle and photos of EMES Annual Meeting in Bonn; the epistle of Nordic Yearly Meeting; reports of Church & Peace AGM and Central European Gathering; news from Woodbrooke and QCEA.
- **Earth and Economy Issue 10, Summer 2017** This issue includes a look at movement-building, plus updates on fossil fuel divestment, new economy work and the support available to meetings wishing to take action.
- **Swarthmoor Hall 2018 Residential Programme Preview** A handy guide to the Swarthmoor Hall programme in 2018. Courses cover early Quaker history & spirituality, vocal ministry and Quaker Theology. Swarthmoor Hall also runs retreats and Quaker pilgrimages. New for 2018 is a pilgrimage for German speakers. For further copies contact Jane Pearson, info@swarthmoorhall.co.uk.

Clerks calendar 2018

To help you plan for 2018 the clerks calendar is included in this mailing, earlier than in previous years. Please keep it for reference and planning purposes. Please pass it to your successor if your service ends before the end of 2018.

We suggest some items in this letter are read out as notices. Please pass enclosures to relevant people or add to your noticeboard or newsletter where possible.

Many thanks to the Friends from Luton & Leighton Area Meeting who help to collate this mailing.

Children and young people

1. Engaging with Families – an event for elders, overseers and other interested Friends

*Saturday 11 November 2017, Friends House, London &
Saturday 2 December 2017, Lancaster Meeting House*

An event bringing together elders, overseers and others to explore how meetings might engage imaginatively with families and encourage them on their spiritual journeys. Each day will include short presentations with opportunities to take part in open and creative conversations in small groups. We don't aim to provide simple answers or identify the 'next new thing' to do. Together we will think deeply about how our Quaker meetings might reach out to, connect with and be enriched by families. The day is free, including refreshments and lunch. Advanced booking essential: book by 30 October for London and by 20 November for Lancaster.

For booking details see <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/families> or contact 020 7663 1013, cypadmin@quaker.org.uk



Announce in notices, leave leaflet out or put up on notice board please.

Safeguarding

2. Safeguarding Contacts at Friends House

There are new staff responsible for safeguarding matters. Gill Sewell is safeguarding adviser to meetings and happy to take phone calls on 020 7663 1017. Neil Jarvis is Governance Manager and works on DBS/PVG clearance processes, he can be contacted on 020 7663 1192. Both can be emailed on safe@quaker.org.uk whilst Michael S Booth no longer works on safeguarding matters. Neil is currently procuring a new provider for 2018 for our Quaker DBS/PVG checks; more details to follow.



Make sure AM safeguarding co-ordinators are aware of these updated contact details.

Spiritual practice

3. God, words and us

A book about Quakers in conversation about religious difference is coming soon. Please let elders know of this book, as it may help with your meeting's spiritual preparation for Yearly Meeting 2018.

Quaker Centre Bookshop, www.quaker.org.uk/resources/bookshop
020 7663 1030/1125, quakercentre@quaker.org.uk



Please share flyer and make elders aware of this book.

4. Sharing our treasures at Woodbrooke!

17–19 November 2017, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

How are we nourished and nurtured to live out our Quaker faith in the world? What keeps us grounded and feeds our inner lives? How do we tell our stories and share our experience with others: in our meetings and in our lives? Reflective, practical and experiential, this weekend will be an opportunity to explore and deepen our own spiritual practice. We will experience and experiment with ways of deepening our encounters and gain some ideas to help us share our life stories and Quaker journey with others. Led by Alistair Fuller, Gill Sewell and Caro Humphries.

Bookings and details at <https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/item/something-to-be-treasured-something-to-be-shared/>



Announce in notices.

Outreach cluster

5. Join the QLN Network Outreach Cluster

Are you part of the Outreach Cluster of the Quaker Life Network? We hope every meeting will have at least one Friend signed up for the outreach cluster newsletter! Get regular updates on leaflets, posters, outreach initiatives and read stories of other meetings' activities. These regular emails also share information, tips and opportunities for sharing outreach experience! Keep up to date with Quakers in Britain outreach, be inspired and have a chance to share your challenges and successes with other Quakers.

Sign up at www.quaker.org.uk/outreach



Please let Friends and Outreach Committee know that they can sign up to this.

Migration and sanctuary

6. You can be a Sanctuary Meeting

The Quakers' new national migrants' rights programme has launched. Any local or area meeting that wants to can become a Sanctuary Meeting. If you want to become a Sanctuary Meeting, you will be supported through training, networking and retreats to help welcome newcomers to Britain, build alliances against racism and work together for political change. A Q&A is enclosed.

Send any questions – or indeed your decision to become a Sanctuary Meeting to sanctuary@quaker.org.uk



Consider at next business meeting. Distribute Q&As first so people can be thinking about it.

Grants

7. QPSW Relief grant and Simmons grant applications open next month

QPSW Relief grants of up to £4,000 per year for a maximum of three years will be available for projects both overseas and in the UK for peace-building, and addressing relief of people who are suffering as a result of social and economic deprivation, natural disasters, climate change, war or conflict but not immediate crisis relief. Simmons grants of about £1,500 for one year will be available to aid Quakers' support / involvement in overseas projects helping rural young people become self-sufficient, or with a similar educational purpose.

The deadline for applications is the end of February.

020 7663 1053, annp@quaker.org.uk



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Peace calendar

8. FWCC peace calendar

Friends World Committee for Consultation and the Quaker Arts Network have created a beautiful calendar to celebrate the diverse peacemaking activities of Friends around the world, and to inspire and strengthen further witness.

We hope that calendar sales will raise funds for FWCC in support of Quaker work, and also serve as inspiration and outreach. It has been designed as a wall calendar to hang in the meeting house, office or home, and would be a lovely gift for Friends or others this Christmas.



Announce in notices – see flyer for order form.

Quaker funerals

9. A Quaker funeral (leaflet)

Quaker Life has produced a new leaflet that meetings can use when holding a funeral or memorial meeting. The leaflet has been written in plain English and is easy for non-Quakers to understand. One copy of the new leaflet is enclosed. Quaker Life is encouraging meetings to order this leaflet instead of printing the previous version.

Please contact the Quaker Centre, quakercentre@quaker.org.uk, to order copies of this new publication for your meeting.

Oliver Waterhouse, 020 7663 1007, oliverw@quaker.org.uk



Display flyer /
order more copies
from the Quaker
Centre.

Quaker Week 2017

30 September–8 October

'In turbulent times be a Quaker'



1. Resources for Quaker Week 2017

It's getting close! Don't leave things to the last minute! If you need leaflets, balloons or zip hoodies (zoodies) – order them now! You can see examples of leaflets on the resources page of the Quakers in Britain website.

Email wendyt@quaker.org.uk with details of any leaflets and balloons you wish to order.

Go to <http://bookshop.quaker.org.uk> to order your zoodies.

Visit www.quaker.org.uk/resources/free-resources/outreach-materials to see examples of free materials on offer

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Pass to your outreach team.

2. Quaker Week 2017 – postcards

Please find enclosed a pack of ten postcards to use during Quaker Week to spread the Quaker word. Ask Friends to take a postcard and send it to a non-Quaker during Quaker Week.

outreach@quaker.org.uk

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3. Dressing your meeting house for Quaker Week 2017

Need to restock on leaflets or add more posters to your worship venue? Please find enclosed a yellow poster order form and a white leaflet order form to request these.

You can send these forms to the Outreach Team at Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ or quakercentre@quaker.org.uk or phone 020 7663 1030 or 020 7663 1125.

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Order leaflets and posters this week.

4. New Quaker Week 2017 Poster

The new poster for Quaker Week 2017 'In turbulent times be a Quaker' will be sent direct to all local meeting clerks in September 2017 ready to be displayed outside your worship venue so you don't need to order these.

Wait for your poster to arrive.

5. Promoting local Quaker events

Quaker Week and throughout the year

Are you planning an outreach event for Quaker Week 2017? Have you thought about publicising the event on your local meeting Facebook page? If so we can help you with funding for boosts. Up to £50 per meeting available. Contact Jon on jonm@quaker.org.uk for more assistance. We also hold the details of 10,000 past enquirers, so if you have an upcoming event you can email outreach an e-flier and a list of local postcodes and we can send your promotional flier onwards. Please note we cannot accept paper fliers and we cannot pass the data on to you.

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