

All-together worship at Yearly Meeting

Sunday 28 July 2024, 10:30 to 11:30am

This will be a huge meeting for worship, taking place across Britain. We will come together as a single, loving, inclusive and all-age community across the length and breadth of Britain Yearly Meeting.

We invite local Quaker communities to take part via a live link. We hope to make available a list of participating meetings so that those wishing to attend in person can do so wherever they are in the country. We hope that those unable to connect online will either join others connecting online locally, or worship with us together in spirit.

If your Quaker community wishes to join all-together worship, please read the details below. If an individual or family wishes to join, they should either join a local Quaker community in person, or register to attend Yearly Meeting online.

Please complete the online form by 11 July.

The plan

There will be a shared, pre-recorded introduction based on using our senses to centre into stillness.

Resources to accompany all-together worship will be included in the next issue of Journeys in the Spirit which will be available from 1 July.

We expect that the children will leave at a suitable time to continue age-appropriate activities in their programmes and meetings.

Joining online as a meeting

Option 1: Zoom

You will be able to see and hear all the ministry. As this is a large meeting for worship, it may not be possible for all ministry to be heard, but elders will invite ministry from those in Friends House, online at home, and online at local meetings. Separate details will be provided on how to do this.

You will need:

1. A computer with a webcam and microphone
2. Access to the internet (this could even be a temporary mobile connection)
3. A "Zoom elder"

The role of the Zoom elder

The Zoom elder will ensure the equipment is set up, 'raise hand' (in Zoom) if someone locally wishes to minister, unmute the microphone when asked to. If you are unable to provide a Zoom elder, use option 2.

This option is for those meeting in person only. If you are holding an online or blended meeting, those connecting online will need to register for Yearly Meeting and connect to All-Together Worship directly.

Setting up the equipment

You will need to set up your computer so that those in the meeting are visible and can see the screen. Some people may prefer not to be on screen. That is OK. What is important is that the microphone you use is able to pick up people's voices clearly. If you have not done this before, it is worth testing this in advance.

Option 2: YouTube

You will be able to see and hear all ministry, but it will not be possible to share local ministry with the rest of the yearly meeting.

You will need:

1. A computer (no webcam or microphone required)
2. Access to the internet (either via a broadband connection, a mobile wifi, or a mobile phone hotspot)

All-together in spirit

If you are not able to join us online, you can still use the resources we send you to join in worship with the rest of the Yearly Meeting, in spirit, helping to extend our huge meeting for worship across Britain.

Joining as an individual or family

The online options described above are for local Quaker communities. If you wish to join as an individual or family, you have three options:

1. To attend online, register for Yearly Meeting
2. To attend in person, join a local participating meeting (a list will be published on the YM website by 16 July)
3. To join offline in spirit, use the resources that will be circulated

Next steps for meetings

1. Complete the [all-together worship registration form \(for meetings\)](#) by **11 July**.
2. To find out more about how this will work, you can view the following briefings for all together worship from 2022.
 - [Briefing for meetings on all-together worship \(video 20 minutes\)](#)
 - [Slides from briefing for meetings on all-together worship \(PDF\)](#)

For more information about Yearly Meeting, please visit the Yearly Meeting website at www.quaker.org.uk/ym

If you have any further questions, please contact the Yearly Meeting Office by email: ym@quaker.org.uk