

Cotteridge Meeting Newsletter

Meeting for Worship every Sunday 10.30am

Children's Meeting in term time

Diary Dates - January/February 2019

18 - 25 January, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

19 January, Reflections in the Garden, 10.00 - 12.00

19 January, Area Meeting, Bull Street, 2pm

27 January, Meeting for Worship, Northfield Meeting House, 6.00 - 7.00

27 January, Singing in the Spirit 12.00 - 1.00

31 January, Coffee Morning, Anne A's home, at 10.30 - 12, All welcome

2 February, Creative Day, Northfield Meeting House, 10.00 - 4.00, all welcome

3 February, Local Business Meeting, 12 noon: *Library, Sustainability Group, Appeals consideration group*

10 February, Mindful Gardening, 8.30 - 10.00

16 February, Reflections in the Garden, 10.00 - 12.00

17 February, Shared Lunch



Sunday 10 February

following meeting at 12 noon Harriet will facilitate a "**Quakers' Questions**" for anyone interested. It is an opportunity for us to ask questions of each other about any aspect of our Quaker practice or belief and, in turn, to give our answers.

Cotteridge Meeting Weekend Away

Purley Chase

11-13 October 2019

Following the pattern of previous years, Cotteridge Meeting will be having a weekend at Purley Chase Conference Centre this autumn. The dates are Friday 11 October to Sunday 13 October.

The planning group will be organising a programme of sessions involving craft, workshops, discussion groups and plenary sessions and worship, and just time together.

If you have any suggestions for themes or activities, feel free to speak to any of the members. We will be meeting shortly to start the planning.

Further details will be circulated in the spring.

**Join us to
#ShowTheLove on
17th Feb - see page 2**





You are warmly invited to:

#ShowTheLove

3:00-4:30pm Sunday 17th February 2019

at Birmingham Central Mosque,
180 Belgrave Middleway, Birmingham, B12 0XS

Speakers sharing their thoughts:

- Climate Coalition;
- Footsteps
- BAHU Trust;
- Quakers;
- Catholic – Papal Encyclical;
- Video message from faith leaders.

Plus conversation on:

- what we care about,
- what we want to protect from climate change and
- what can we do together.

Tea and soft drinks provided, bring some cakes that you love to share.

This is a free event: all welcome! Please register to help us plan for numbers:

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[Register for #ShowTheLove](#)

Main sponsors: Footsteps, Bahu Trust & Central England Quakers. Part of [Climate Coalition's #ShowTheLove campaign](#).

There is an optional tour of the mosque at 2:30 – please indicate when registering.

If you have not visited the Central Mosque before, please take a moment to [read their guidance for visitors](#) to ensure we are respectful to our hosts.

Central England Quaker Newsfeed

Friends may not all be aware that it is possible to get a weekly email featuring news & events by going to : <http://centralenglandquakers.org.uk> and scrolling down a little until you see Subscribe to our Newsfeed on the right. It is useful for providing reminders and details of events , which are sometimes hard to incorporate into notices at the end of Meeting.

Joe to speak at Quaker Disability Equality Group at Yearly Meeting

Joe has been asked to speak for about ten minutes at a special interest meeting to be held by the Quaker Disability Equality Group at Yearly Meeting on Sunday 26 May, at 12:30 pm. He will be talking about how he is able to participate in and serve Cotteridge Meeting, and what barriers, if any, he experiences. He will be one of a panel of four Quakers with a range of disabilities.

Can anyone help with travel arrangements?

Gill writes: *I will be at Yearly Meeting already, and I am wondering if a Cotteridge Friend might be willing to bring Joe to Friends House on that day, and take him home again - all expenses paid.*

If you can offer assistance please contact Gill

Climate Action Network West Midlands compare clean energy suppliers: <http://bigcleanswitch.org>

Is anyone interested in joining a 'Carbon Conversations' Group (see December newsletter)

Cotteridge Friends

Informal Social

activities

Nominations committee revisited the question of whether we need a socials co-ordinator. We concluded that self-initiated, informal gatherings are the way forward and Cathy asked Friends for ideas. The following have been suggested:

- * **Shared breakfast before Meeting occasionally**
- * **A curry evening, either in the Meeting House or at a nearby restaurant (presumably a take-away would be an option if no-one wanted to cook)**

* a local walk ending at a cafe

* An outing with a picnic in the summer

* Trips to art galleries, concerts, theatre, films etc for anyone interested

Any activities in the Meeting House would need to be approved at a business meeting in advance, but other activities could simply be advertised in notices or the newsletter. Please bear this in mind, if you have spaces in your diary, and invite others to share something that you enjoy. The idea is to be as inclusive as possible, but naturally not everything will suit everybody.

Cathy invites you to join her for a walk around the park at 10.30am on Thursday 24th January, meeting in Rowheath Pavilion car park and ending at Rowheath café about half an hour later. Rowheath Pavilion is on Heath Road, Bournville B30 1HH (10 minutes walk along Mary Vale Rd from the 11 bus stop on Linden Rd, or down Hawthorne Rd from the 18 bus stop on Northfield Rd) If the weather is bad, we could simply go to the café!

Message from Harriet W

*Hi. Please can you pass on thanks to meeting for a very kind Christmas card. Malawian post is quite slow, so only just received it. Thank you.
Harriet*

Harriet would like to thank Cotteridge Friends for their donations of money (£169) and several bags of clothes and toys for the children she is supporting in Malawi.

She writes:

“Thank you so much. This is actually amazing. If it’s ok with you I would like to spend the money on some clothes and toys, but also a day trip for the kids to Malanji, the third biggest mountain in Africa. We went to a place called Zomba before and they loved it. You are honestly too kind. I’ll keep you all updated on my work and the children. Have a great Christmas and New Year. And thank you again.”

News from CTB30

CTB30 stretches across a large area with several churches participating, some churches have struggled for some time with the task of delivering CTB30 cards. Decisions were taken to make the load lighter where necessary and also the information more relevant to specific areas. Consequently two versions were designed for December 2018. Churches felt this new arrangement worked well.

Churches reported that Christmas Services and events were very well attended and it is thought that approximately 6,000 people attended the Carols on the Green. In addition to being a lovely and well organised event, approximately £4,000 was raised for local charities.

Tea Rota

20 Jan	Anne Ullathorne
27 Jan	Jill Stow
3 Feb	Sarah and Peter F.
10 Feb	Cathy and Richard
17 Feb	Sue Thompson

Forthcoming events:

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, 18th - 26 th January.

Friday 18th and Sat 19th 24 hours Prayer at Carr’s Lane Church
#Pray24Brum see BCT website for details

Sunday 20th Taize Prayer 6.30 pm at St.Francis Church Bournville.

Weds 23rd Jan 10.30 a.m Unity Service at URC Beaumont Rd.

Friday March 1st -World Day of Prayer. Details to follow(formerly known as Women’s World Day of Prayer)

Inclusion and Diversity Survey

Yearly Meeting 2017 heard “a call to examine our diversity” and to that end a baseline audit is being conducted. The aim is to remove all barriers to participation in the Society of Friends. Please complete the online survey at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/quakersurvey, one form for yourself and one for each child or young person under 16) for whom you are responsible. The survey asks for personal details,

but none that can be traced to you as an individual; it is completely anonymous. The data will be collected, stored and analysed by Edwina Peart (Inclusion and Diversity Co-ordinator) If you would prefer a paper version of the survey, please tell Cathy Tuckett. Responses are needed by 28th March at the latest.

Staying Friends

Wednesday 23 January
7:30 - 9pm
Northfield Meeting House

Staying Friends is a small ecumenical group that meets at Northfield Quaker Meeting House, usually on the third Wednesday of each month (though note 23rd Jan).
Angels: Encounters, Biblical References & Roles

The first of a series of four topics suggested by current members of the group. Each topic will be introduced by one of our members to be followed by general discussion.

Exploring the Quaker Testimonies

Bournville Meeting House
13 February 10.30 - 11.30
with tea/coffee available before and after

Equality

Revising Quaker Faith & Practice Study Sessions

11 February 7.30-9.30
Northfield Meeting House

We will be discussing Journeys into Membership - how to help young people and adults on their spiritual journey and when considering membership.

Do we help young people create a portfolio of Quaker experiences and should a similar idea help adults into membership?

Newcomers welcome. You may consider reading the chapter on membership in the current edition of "Quaker faith & practice".

Any questions contact: Tina

Upcoming Events - see quaker.org.uk News and events page

All Age Outreach Conference 2019 -15 - 17 February 2019, Hertfordshire

We invite appointed people from Area Meetings and also individual bookings from interested individuals and those involved in Quaker groups or communities.

Bookings are now open - see quaker.org.uk

Cost: £245 for adults, £80 for 0-17 year olds

All Are Welcome - Engaging with Quaker Families 2 March 2019, London

A day to explore how the resource All Are Welcome has been used since its launch. This will be an engaging, creative and interactive day; a time to share stories, ideas, hopes and experiences.

An event for anyone wanting to find out about using the resource and everyone wanting to explore building an all age community.

Godly Play / Faith & Play Storytelling Workshop 9 March 2019, Beaconsfield

This training day considers an approach to storytelling known as 'Godly Play', which puts children's responses at the heart of the experience. The workshop will explore the place of theological reflection in our work with children and offer the opportunity to experience and try out Godly Play stories and explore the Faith and Play Quaker stories.

The cost of the workshop is £5 per person payable on the day. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Next Newsletter: Sunday 17 February

Contributions by: Wednesday 13 February please

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