

CHELTENHAM QUAKER

JULY 2010

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Cheltenham: Sundays at 10:30. Children are always welcome in our Sunday meetings for worship. If during the hour parents feel it is appropriate, they can go with them to the children's room, where they will be joined by one of the children's meeting volunteers. Fifth Sunday shared lunch.

Thursdays, 12:30 to 1:00 Meeting for Worship, followed on First and Third Thursdays (1st and 15th) by shared lunch.

DIARY (ALL OF THESE MEETINGS AT THE MEETING HOUSE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

June

Sa 19 2.00 **Meeting for Worship for the Solemnisation of Marriage**, Dorothy Colwill and Rowland Carson.
Th 24 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.

July

Th 1 12.30 **First Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch
Su 4 11.30 **Local Meeting**
Mo 5 8.00 **Christians at Work:** Debbie Spencer on "County Community Projects" at Glebe Cottages, Leckhampton Church
We 7 2.30 **Peace Group** at the Meeting House. All welcome
Th 8 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour
Sa 10 2.00 **Area Meeting** at Nailsworth FMH
Tu 13 10.30 **Ecumenical Prayer Group** at the White House, Gotherington Lane, Bishops Cleeve
Th 15 12.30 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch
Su 18 12.00 **Meeting for Learning:** Meetings for Worship for Business, facilitated by Ann Caro
Th 22 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour
Th 29 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.

August

We 4 2.30 **Peace Group** at the Meeting House. All welcome.
Th 5 12.30 **First Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch
Tu 10 10.30 **Ecumenical Prayer Group** at the White House, Gotherington Lane, Bishops Cleeve
Th 12 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour
Su 15 12.00 **Meeting for Learning:** Dealing with Dementia, facilitated by Elma Detheridge
Th 19 12.30 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch

July Collection for Quaker charities: Quaker Peace Centre Capetown, Jasmine House, 7 West Terrace, Richmond, N. Yorks, DL10 4EQ

Christians at Work, Monday, 5th July

This month Debbie Spencer will speak on "County Community Projects (CCP)" CCP exists to improve the lives of children, young people, families and vulnerable adults with multiple and complex needs. They work in partnership with the person and other agencies to provide a package of care and support networks, running a range of crisis and preventative services across the county. Debbie is Workforce Development Manager, and has been with CCP for seven and a half years. Roy Crompton

Notes from LM

Nominations Committee: The names of Jo Teakle and Nan Dower were brought forward for appointment to Nominations Committee. For the next eighteen months John Cross has additional commitments with the Archive and Study Centre in connection with the Heritage Lottery project, and so expressed a wish to stand down. We thanked him for his service. Philip Paull agreed to act as Convenor for Nominations Committee and to represent us at Area Meeting. The nature of Quaker links with universities is clarified in a document from Friends House, and the Nominations Committee and Elders have had detailed discussions about a representative from Cheltenham LM, and will be carrying this forward.

Quinquennial Survey: Report from Premises Committee: The surveyor had spent half a day at the Meeting House, and indicated that the property is generally well maintained. However, it could benefit from a professional spring clean to deal with items such as kitchen hygiene and the walls. Some problems had arisen out of the installation of the new boiler, and the heating contractor will be contacted about this. More urgent work that will need attention within the next year includes the overhaul of roof covering and flashings, the cleaning and repair of gutters and mending cracks in the boundary wall.

Becoming Friends: Several Friends have expressed interest in forming two study groups to work through "Becoming Friends", a package intended primarily for enquirers, but also valuable for established Friends. A sign-up list for those interested will be put up on the notice board, and Friends will also be able to purchase a copy of the text at £10.

A Men's Group: It was agreed that the possible formation of a Men's Group open to the whole Area Meeting would be announced at Area Meeting, and those interested are encouraged to contact Mike Lang.

Quaker Song Book: Maureen Steffen reminded us that our Meeting had purchased a number of copies of the Quaker Song Book, and Friends are asked to return any copies they have as soon as possible.

Area Meeting, Thursday 10th June: The Clerk expressed her gratitude to those Friends who had come forward to take on the various jobs involved in hosting Area Meeting. She outlined the draft Agenda, and asked Friends to note that there will probably be no Local or Area Meeting in January, 2011, and these will instead be held on Sunday, 5th December, and Sunday, 12th December, 2010. John Cross