

# Gloucester Quaker

## December 2017 Newsletter

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### DIARY

Sun 3	10:30am 12:00noon	Meeting for Worship   Collection for LEAP Confronting Conflict Meeting for Worship for Business
Wed 6	2-4pm	Martha Meeting
Thu 7	11:45am	Meeting for Worship with Forest Friends in Newnham
Sun 10	10:30am 1.30pm	Meeting for Worship   Collection for LEAP Confronting Conflict Area Meeting - Gloucester FMH
Sun 17	10:30am	Meeting for Worship   Collection for LEAP Confronting Conflict
Wed 20	2-4pm	Martha Meeting
Sun 24	10:30am	Meeting for Worship   Collection for LEAP Confronting Conflict
Sun 31	10:30am	Meeting for Worship   Collection for BYM/Special Collection



### JANUARY

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Thu 4	11:45am	Meeting for Worship with Forest Friends in Newnham
Sun 7	10:30am 12:00noon	Meeting for Worship   Collection for Emmaus Gloucestershire Meeting for Worship for Business

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### AREA MEETING

WE WILL BE HOSTING Area Meeting on Sunday here in Gloucester on Sunday 10 December at 1.30pm.

From Gloucester Meeting's point-of-view, the most significant item on the agenda is the presentation of the Trustees' Report and the future of Gloucester Meeting House. We hope as many members and attenders from Gloucester will be able to come to hear the proposals at first hand.

Other items for consideration will be Nominations, and reports on Meeting for Sufferings, AM Peace Group, Quaker Life and Gloucestershire Women's Refuge Support Group.

And it will be rounded off by AM tea. So join us if you can!

### CURRENT COLLECTION

LEAP CONFRONTING CONFLICT is an award-winning national youth charity that provides inspirational conflict management training and support to young people and the professionals working with them.

Leap works directly with young people struggling with conflict and trains the adult professionals working with them.

Leap also offers programmes to young people and adults across a wide range of institutions, including in education, criminal justice, the voluntary sector and local councils.

<http://www.leapconfrontingconflict.org.uk>

### PLEASE NOTE

THERE WILL NOT be a Meeting for Worship on Christmas Day.



### A THOUGHT FROM QUAKER FAITH & PRACTICE

I COME BACK again and again in my own mind to the word Truth. 'Promptings of love and truth' — these two sometimes seem to be in conflict, but in fact they are inseparable. If we are to know the truth, we must be able to see with unclouded eyes, and then we will love what is real and not what is duty or fancy. Once when I was in the middle of an exercise of Quaker decision-making, I wailed to an older and wiser Friend, 'How can I speak the truth in love when I feel no love?' Her reply was, 'Unless you speak the truth there never will be love.'

Alison Sharman, 1986  
(*Quaker Faith and Practice*, 20.75)

NB: There may be a number of meetings and events that are convened at short notice. In addition, those already listed here maybe liable to cancellation or change. Please listen out for announcements after Meeting for Worship and keep an eye on your NEWS OF FRIENDS e-mails.