

Gloucester Quaker

NEWSLETTER

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DIARY

Sun 1	10:30am 12:00noon	Meeting for Worship Collection for Quaker Social Action Meeting for Worship for Business
Wed 4	2:00-4:00pm	Martha Meeting
Thu 5	11:45am	Meeting for Worship with Forest Friends in Newnham
Sun 8	10:30am 2:00pm	Meeting for Worship Collection for Quaker Social Action Area Meeting - Staunton Village Hall, Forest of Dean
Sat 14		AM Elders & Overseers Meeting
Sun 15	10:30am 1:00pm (approx)	Meeting for Worship Collection for Quaker Social Action SHARED LUNCH plus Gardening Party (see below)
Wed 18	2:00-4:00pm	Martha Meeting
Thu 19	2:15pm	Meeting for Worship in Hardwicke (see below)
Sun 22	10:30am 2:00-4.30pm	Meeting for Worship Collection for Quaker Social Action Dances of Universal Peace
Sun 29	10:30am	Meeting for Worship Collection for BYM

MAY

Wed 2	2:00-4:00pm	Martha Meeting
Thu 3	11:45am	Meeting for Worship with Forest Friends in Newnham
Fri 4 to Mon 7	BYM	Britain Yearly Meeting - Friends House, London
Sun 6	10:30am 12:00noon	Meeting for Worship Collection for Family Lives Meeting for Worship for Business

SHARED LUNCH AND GARDENING PARTY

FRIENDS ARE INVITED to bring food to share on Sunday 15 April. Afterwards, those who are feeling energetic may wish to join us in sprucing up the Meeting House garden. All welcome!

MEETING FOR WORSHIP IN HARDWICKE

PAT AND ANDY TURRELL have invited us to join them at home for an informal midweek Meeting For Worship on Thursday 19 April at 2.15pm. Please call 01452 721518 for more details.

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE centre around sacred phrases and mantras. No previous experience is needed, just a willingness to dance from the heart. Next opportunity to take part is on Sunday 22 April. Cost £7-10. Please contact Elyn 01453 759689 if you'd like to come.

CURRENT COLLECTION

QUAKER SOCIAL ACTION (QSA) is a small, independent charity working in east London and beyond to tackle poverty.

Each year, QSA supports around 3,000 people with practical action. QSA adheres to Quaker values of social justice.

Founded as the Bedford Institute Association (BIA) in 1867, its original purpose was to commemorate the life and continue the work of the Quaker silk merchant and philanthropist of Spitalfields, Peter Bedford (1780–1864).

In the 1970s and 1980s, economic crises and changes to welfare policy created a new, spiraling rise in social deprivation and poverty. In the late 1980s the BIA began to grow rapidly once again in response. To reflect a more modern image and purpose, the BIA was renamed as Quaker Social Action and incorporated as a limited company (as well as a charity) in 1998.

www.quakersocialaction.org.uk

A THOUGHT FROM QUAKER FAITH & PRACTICE

MARY HUGHES (1860–1941) comes with heart and mind prepared:

Anyone who lived with her during April and May knew how intensely Friends' Yearly Meeting was on her mind. It was as important to her as 'going up to Jerusalem'. For weeks beforehand it came into her prayers in the morning, at meal times and with friends. She wished that God's power would be in the meetings, that people would go forth from them with a new vision of God's work for them, a new sensitiveness towards their fellows, especially the distressed.

Rosa Hobhouse, 1949
QFP 6.11, Yearly Meeting

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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.