

FRIARGATE NEWS

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Quaker Week 2020

2-11 October

Meetings for worship: Sunday 4th 10.30 am World Quaker Day

Wednesday 7th 1:00-1:45pm Midweek Meeting for Worship

Worship happens both by Zoom and in person. As numbers in the meeting house are restricted by regulation, please register with Friargate to attend in person.*

Local charities in action: speakers talk about what they are doing on three urgent social justice issues. Come to our Zoom meetings –

Listen, ask questions, join in discussion

Tuesday 6th 7:15 for 7:30-8:30pm 'Refugee Action'

Wednesday 7th 7:15 for 7:30-8:30pm 'Climate Crisis'

Thursday 8th 7:15 for 7:30-8:30pm 'Racial Equality'

*Evening events are entirely by Zoom. *Links: contact friargate@yorkquakers.org.uk*

FRIARGATE'S SEPT/OCTOBER DATES (QUAKER WEEK DATES & EVENTS: front page)

Book Group Meeting via Zoom at 7.30 pm Tuesday 29th September.

Topic: John Steinbeck's *The Pearl*.

Contact Donald Purves or James Barclay for the Link.

Quiet Time at home Reminder: 9:00 - 9:15 every morning.

This is an opportunity to join Friends from Friargate and other York meetings to sit (stand, walk, run) in silence, knowing others are doing the same.

Local Meeting for Business

This will follow Sunday worship as usual on **Sunday October 4th**

Afterword will follow Sunday worship as usual on **Sunday October 11th**

Clifton Group Tuesday October 13th at 10.30am

Topic: **Reflections on Summer 2020**

Via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83251769528>

Attenders Group follows Sunday worship as usual on **Sunday October 25th**

Sunday worship: Zoom Link <https://zoom.us/j/413858597>

Midweek Meeting every Wednesday 1.15pm – 1.45 pm

This now takes place both in person and on Zoom – blended meeting.

Come from 1pm to chat beforehand, but please do not bring lunch on the premises..

NOTICE READERS October

4th Oct: David Laverick 798050 davidjl39@gmail.com

11th, 18th Barbara Windle 481977 barbwindle@outlook.com

25th Keith Knight 658482 kk@deanknight.co.uk

Collections: 4, 11 York Mind; 18, 25 Quaker Open Christmas



Our community: message from Friargate Pastoral Committee

It now looks as if the present situation of national restrictions is going to last to the end of the year. For our Meeting and the Quaker community as a whole, this means that face-to-face contact will continue to be minimal. Members of the Pastoral Committee of Friargate are concerned about what effect this may be having on Friends, in particular those who are living on their own, are elderly or disabled, or those who just find it all very difficult and confusing.

At the beginning of lock-down we tried to make sure we were in contact with all those who might be in need, in particular offering practical help if necessary, but also offering a friendly chat over the phone.

We would really just like to let Friends know that we are still here and would still like to know if any Friends are in particular need of support, whether practical or social.

We can be contacted either through the office at Friargate or through me, jhterry10@gmail.com. We would also encourage all Friends, if they are aware of anyone who is finding life particularly difficult at the moment, to contact them directly themselves. A friendly voice on the phone is always very welcome.

Julia Terry

OUR FRIENDS

News of Dorothy Whiting

Ann Holt writes:

“I have corresponded recently with William Whiting, son of Richard and Dorothy, who were Friargate stalwarts for many years. Richard died in 2006 but William has asked me to pass on news of Dorothy, who has dementia, to Friargate Friends who remember her.

When Dorothy stopped being able to manage on her own, she moved into a care home in Poppleton. This proved difficult for her children Diana (who lives near Chippenham) and William (near Birmingham) to visit so she moved again in October 2017 to a care home in Cheltenham which is nearer both of them.

William writes that her dementia has worsened to the extent that she no longer recognises her grandchildren. However she is being well looked after and her home had only one case of COVID 19 which they managed to contain. Recently he has been able to visit his mother, for 30 minutes in the garden, and reports that she knew him even after the four months without a visit at all.

It is rather sad news at a time of agony for anyone with a relative or friend in a care home, but I thought those who remembered Richard and Dorothy, and William, who used to come to Friargate when he came to visit his parents, would like to know.”

A Time to be Slow

Madeleine Kay sent me a poem she had seen on 'Poems on the Underground'. (Poems on the Underground? What a world away!) One of the things I like about it is that it was not written for or during the lockdown.

John O'Donohue (1956 –2008) was an Irish poet, author, priest. A native Irish speaker, he is best known as an author for popularising Celtic spirituality.

1 This is the time to be slow,
Lie low to the wall
Until the bitter weather passes.

2 Try, as best you can, not to let
The wire brush of doubt
Scrape from your heart
All sense of yourself
And your hesitant light.

3 If you remain generous,
Time will come good;
And you will find your feet
Again on fresh pastures of promise,
Where the air will be kind
And blushed with beginning.



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