

FRIARGATE NEWS

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Summer opportunities for Quaker children/young people

Provided there are no further changes to government rules, three events – to my knowledge - are taking bookings from young people this summer.

Yorkshire Friends Holiday School

takes place in York (Bootham School) 15 – 22 August for those aged 13 – 18.

If government guidance doesn't allow residential events at that time, the occasion will go ahead as a virtual event for 3-4 days of that week.

Go to www.yfhs.org.uk for full details, photos etc.

Friends Southern Summer Events

cater for two different age groups:

1 If you're 11 – 14, you may be interested in their holiday at Leighton Park School, Reading.

2 The event for 15 – 18 year-olds happens at Sibford School, Banbury.

Both of these will take place 14-21 August (also subject to govt. regulation).

Go to www.fsse.org.uk for full details, photos etc.

Sunday Epilogue – June's reading: July's date

The emphasis of our testimony today is on justice through simplicity and moderation, peace, integrity, care of creation, and the nurture of community. Testimony is an expression. Quakers are not 'for peace' but rather know, in the deepest sense of the word, that peace is a holy imperative as part of a just society. We do not prefer peace or campaign for peace in isolation from a whole lot of other issues, rather we have imbibed God's loving purposes in their simplicity and totality. We inhabit our testimony. It is both straightforward and enormously far-reaching. It is simple but total. It is, as it always has been for Quakers, about turning the world upside down.

Ben Pink Dandelion *Celebrating the Quaker Way [chapter: Testimony]*

July's Sunday Epilogue will take place on the first Sunday. See Events page 4 Epilogues are fifteen minute Meetings for Worship designed to create a calm ending to the day. They include a planned reading, followed by a pool of silence in which vocal ministry may be offered.

Can you help? Accommodation ideas

Oliver Burkeman and his partner and four year old child, currently in New York, are hoping to spend the coming academic year in Yorkshire. They are looking for two places to rent.

First, temporary accommodation in York, 2 bedrooms for the month of August 2021. Then a 3 bedroomed house within an hour's drive of York preferably in or near the North York Moors for up to a year from the end of August 2021.

Any ideas are welcome. jane.gibbins@gmail.com

Can you help? 'Becoming Friends'

Do you possess a copy of 'Becoming Friends' which you are not currently using?

Would you be willing to lend it for others to use?

If you still have a copy belonging to Friargate, could you return it for new readers?

Please let me know by phoning 481977 or emailing barbwindle@outlook.com Thanks.

Yearly Meeting Gathering 2021 *Have you registered? There's still time*

"For our comfort and discomfort:

living equality and truth in a time of crisis"

There will be sessions on Quaker work for climate & racial justice,
and ongoing discernment around gender diversity.

How does one put into words something of what meeting for worship can be and can do? This is what the poet U A Fanthorpe (1929 – 2009) writes:

Friends Meeting House, Frenchay, Bristol

When the doors of the house are shut,
Eyes lidded, mouth closed, nose and ears
Doing their best to idle, fingers allowed out
Only on parole; when the lovely holy distractions,
Safe scaffolding of much-loved formulae,
Have been rubbed away; then the plant
Begins to grow. It is hard to rear,
Rare herb of silence, through which the Word comes.
Three centuries of reticent, meticulous lives
Have naturalised it on this ground.

And the herb is the Vine, savage marauder,
That spreads and climbs unstoppably,
Filling the house, the people, with massing insistent shoots
That leaf through windows and doors, that rocket through chimneys,
Till flesh melts into walking forms of green,
Trained to the wildness of Vine, which exacts
Such difficult witness; whose work is done
In hopeless places, prisons, workhouses,
In countinghouses of respectable
merchants,
In barracks, collieries, sweatshops, in
hovels
Of driven and desperate men.

It begins here
In the ground of silence.

*Over the hills and far away? Dunnington's
glacial moraine path, as described by Margy
Vernon in worship recently.
photo: Margaret Bryan*



Friargate's Regular Zoom Links in July

Sunday worship 10.30am <https://zoom.us/j/413858597>

Wednesday 10.30am Mindful Makers <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82485150983>

FRIARGATE'S JULY EVENTS

❖ Daily or weekly happenings:

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

An opportunity to reflect in silence, knowing that other F/friends are doing the same.

Mindful Makers Every Wednesday morning 10.30 – 11.30. *see link above.*

Midweek Meeting Every Wednesday 1.15 – 1.45 pm. **At Friargate, in person!**

❖ Single events taking place in July:

Local Business Meeting Sunday 4th following meeting for worship.

Monthly Epilogue Sunday 4th at 9.30 pm until 9.45 pm

Join the Epilogue via this Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88404495533>

Afterword Sunday 11th following meeting for worship.

York Area Meeting Wednesday 14th at 7pm. Details to follow in Quakevine.

Eastern Villages Group Sunday 18th at 8 pm at Julia Terry's home/garden;
This small group welcomes anyone living on the east side of York – or further east.
Contact Julia beforehand (see foot of this page).

Book Group Wed. 28th at 7.30 pm. Topic: 'The Glass Room' by Simon Mawer
Contact Donald Purves (272072) for the Link. All welcome.

Attendees Group Sunday 25th following meeting for worship

Clifton Group Saturday 14th AUGUST at 10.30 am. The topic is 'Patriotism.' We hope to meet in a garden, but zoom back-up is booked. Venue details will be circulated much nearer the time when all (rules? weather?) is clearer. Contact Graham and Alison Ralph for more information.

Friargate/Zoom NOTICE READERS & SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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