



New Earswick

Quaker Meeting

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**Meeting for Worship
Sunday at 10.30 am**

Children and Young People's Meeting

For Sunday arrangements please contact Gillian Darton or Edith Jayne.

Advices and Queries No 1

Take heed, dear Friends, to the promptings of love and truth in your hearts. Trust them as the leadings of God whose Light shows us our darkness and brings us to new life.

The Canterbury Commitment in New Earswick - Margaret Fawcett

Seven years ago at Canterbury, Quakers reaffirmed our commitment to act on our concern for the Earth and for the well-being of all who live in it. New Earswick Meeting decided to act locally and, after discussion, set up a small group called New Earswick Sharing Together (NEST), which is still active. Ruth Davies and I are still involved, along with seven local residents.

We now care for a substantial plot, Sleeper Path Community Garden and Allotment. It is a lovely, peaceful space, beside the River Foss. It is surrounded by hedges and trees, with informal wild areas, a pond, a willow dome, a sandpit - and a Fairy Dell! We grow lots of fruit and vegetables; the produce goes to the local community. Local Cubs and Beavers have their own raised beds there.

Twice a year we have a 'Family Fun Day', which turns out to be just that: families come and have fun! We had about 30 visitors. One single mum sat in the gazebo while her 4 year old son played in the willow dome for a long time. She said it was such a pleasure to be able to take time out in a lovely garden.

So the Canterbury Commitment is alive and well: we are caring for the earth, and for the well-being of those who come and enjoy the garden. Do come and visit - Look out for small yellow fliers with more details.

Financial Contribution to the meeting - Malcom Bowker & Ruth Davies

Dear Friends. Our letter asking for contributions for the running costs of our Meeting and to meet our financial responsibilities to Britain Yearly Meeting and to Area Meeting was sent out at the end of December, 2017. We thank Friends and attenders who have responded. Some people may have forgotten to send a contribution or to amend their standing order. We would be very grateful if you would check your records (and memories!). If you would like to make a contribution please contact Ruth Davies at ruth.davies@hartriggoaks.net or by telephone on 01904 763248.

Sunday 7

Local Business Meeting
12 noon

Wednesday 10

Upholding Group
Meeting House 7.30pm

Sunday 14

Appeal - Campaign
Against the Arms Trade
Fair Trade stall
Food Bank collection

Sunday 28

Deepening Quaker
Worship and Bring and
Share Lunch
Meeting House 12 noon
Food Bank collection

Days for Girls - contact
Elaine Ross for dates

Be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations, wherever you come, that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people, and to them; then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone. George Fox

**Please send any items for the November Newsletter
by Wednesday 17 October to Eleanor Tew 01904 593653
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October Appeal - Peter Jarman

This month's appeal is for the Campaign Against the Arms Trade, CAAT. This sparsely funded campaign distributes and makes available detailed information about what is currently traded in arms and to whom. One example is the extent to which the UK arms Saudi Arabia and the Israeli government with highly sophisticated lethal weapons. The Campaign protests against Arms fairs and much else that fuels wars. Quakers have been much involved with it.

Deepening Quaker Worship - David Roberts

On Sunday 28 October Elders invite Friends to stay after Meeting for Worship for further exploration of Deepening Quaker Worship. There will be short presentations, written quotations to consider and time to reflect and respond. The first session will start at 12:00 and will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch. After lunch there will be a further session; we aim to finish before 3.00 pm.

Prophecy - Eleanor Tew

At Woodbrooke on the Road in Harrogate on 1 September we spent some time thinking about our prophetic ministry. A prophet is not primarily someone who foretells the future, though he or she may expound the likely consequences of current behaviour.

12 Signs of a True Prophet- John Dear

A prophet is someone who:

- Listens attentively to the word of God.
- Tells us who God is and what God wants.
- Interprets the current times through God's eyes.
- Stands in solidarity with the poor, the powerless, and the marginalized.
- Calls people to act justly and create a new world of social and economic justice.
- Announces God's reign of justice and peace and publicly denounces the world's regimes of injustice and war.
- Confronts the status quo.
- Is outcast, rejected, harassed, and marginalized.
- Confronts the complacency of our religious leaders.
- Bears an aura of compassion and gentleness.
- Offers insight and lights our path.
- Offers hope.

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