



Mt. Eden Quaker Gazette

Autumn 2018



Welcome to Mt. Eden Meeting for Worship. We meet from 10am – 11am on Sunday mornings (for additional meetings and activities, see overleaf). We gather in silence - open to the leadings of spirit. This may lead to vocal ministry (when someone stands to speak) or it may lead to a silent meeting for worship. Rather than having one Minister or Pastor, Quakers believe that there is that of God in each of us and that in the gathered silence, any of us may feel the call to speak.

From 11-11:15 we have announcements and notices, and this is followed by morning tea and hospitality – please feel welcome to participate.

Children's Meeting and Programme for Young People: 10am -11:15am in the Annex (the building behind this one). For more details, please see overleaf

Regular Events at Mt Eden Meeting

First Saturday of the Month
(Except 'long' weekends when
moves to second Saturday) 5—
7PM at the home of a Friend.

Social event for families and
F/ friends. Charlotte 0273756143,
or charlimaar@gmail.com

Every Wednesday, 10:30am in
Friends Centre

Discussion group followed by
Meeting for Worship at 11:30 am,
followed by a shared lunch at 12:00

Every second Thursday, 7:30pm in
Friends Centre

Discussion group and worship.
Alternates with the woman's group.

Walking Group

Meet at Friends Centre 9.30am
each. Tuesday for a walk and
morning tea.

Woman's Group

Approximately fortnightly on a
Thursday at 7:00pm in the Friend
Centre lounge. Contact Barbara
Ph 09 836 5576

Prayer Support Group

9:00am 4th Sundays February to
November in Friends Centre.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

These events occur in Autumn 2018 in addition to the regular events over the page.

*11:30am
Sun 22 Apr*

Consideration of White Papers (decisions for NZ annual Quaker Meeting)
Mt. Eden Meeting House

*Noon, Wed
25 Apr*

Picnic for Peace: 100 years of resistance to war
Family friendly Peace Picnic to commemorate conscientious objectors who resisted war. Auckland Domain Rotunda

*7pm Wed
25 Apr*

Meet with Julie Peyton a Friend who has travelled in the Ministry throughout the Americas to talk about topics such as EarthCare, Science and faith; Evangelicals & Quakers
Friends Centre Lounge 115 Mt. Eden Road

*Mon 30
April*

Beginning of Radical Spirituality Online Course
on the early history of Quakers. Free.
<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/quakers>

*5-7pm Sat 5
May*

Quaker Family Catchup Venue Sophie and Peter's House, 50 Kingswiew Rd Mt Eden. Contact Charlotte Gordon
charlimaar@gmail.com

*11:30am
Sun 6 May*

Talk about Children's Meeting
Mt. Eden Meeting House

*9 am Sun 13
May*

Singing before Meeting
Mt. Eden Meeting House

Sun 13 May

Monthly Business Meeting
North Shore Meeting, Takapuna

*11:30am
Sun 20 May*

Peace and Reconciliation Work with Indigenous Canadians of the Yukon, a talk by Thomas Owen
Mt. Eden Meeting House

*Thurs 24
May*

Preparation Day for Yearly Meeting
Burns Lodge, Dunedin

*Fri 25-Mon
28 May*

New Zealand Yearly Meeting
Burns Lodge, Dunedin

*Fri eve-Mon
lunch 1-4
Jun*

Queen's Birthday Weekend Work and Fun
Great food and free accommodation to help with the North Valley and Food Forrest
Quaker Acres (<http://www.quakersettlement.co.nz/>)

*5pm on Sat
7 July*

Matariki Celebration Family Gathering
The celebration will include an early evening Matariki banquet (shared meal), a Friendly Concert, and kite flying on Maungawhau (Mt Eden).



Northern Monthly Quaker Meeting Focus on Spiritual Nurture

This year we are sharing a journey to explore and develop our spiritual lives in a Quaker context. This Spiritual Nurture Programme runs for 6 months, from March through September, though other years it has run for a full year. It has four components:

1. **Gatherings:** 2 four-day gatherings held at the Mt. Eden Meeting House
2. **Study and Integrative Projects:** Each participant will be completing two integrative projects during the programme.
3. **Spiritual Practices:** Each participant is expected to set aside a daily time to still the body and mind for prayer and reflection
4. **Support and Fellowship Networks:** Each participant has created a network of support and fellowship that meets monthly. This network is a place of listening, reflecting, and encouraging the spiritual exploration of the participant.

This year's programme is full as it began in March, but it is a primary focus of Mt. Eden Meeting as we are hosting it and many are participating either as members of the programme or as members of a Fellowship Network. It is also part of the overall New Zealand Quaker Yearly Meeting decision to focus on Spiritual Nurture; to take this opportunity to nurture, deepen, and renew the connection between our "inward activism and outward contemplation." (Parker Palmer) For further information, email spiritual.nurture@quaker.org.nz



Young People

Children's Meeting

All children are welcome to stay with their parents in the Meeting Room during meeting for worship, if that suits them. There is also a Children's Meeting for those aged 10 and younger. While we say it starts at 10 am, in reality it is helpful for parents to bring their children to the Annex (which is located in the grounds of the Meeting House), a few minutes prior to 10 am so that parents may come into meeting for worship on time. Children are brought into the Meeting for Worship for the final 10-15 minutes before 'the rise of Meeting' at 11 am. Parents are responsible for their own children from that point. Contact person for the Children's Meeting is Sue Stover (stoverwatts@gmail.com).

Young people

All young people are welcome to participate in the Meeting for Worship. In addition, there is a monthly gathering of those aged 10 years or older. Nicknamed the '10 and ups', this group – which also includes parents and other interested adults – meets at 9 am on 3rd Sundays at a local café (currently the Gala Café, 23 Edwin St, Mt. Eden), and then moves by 10 am to the Mt Eden Meeting House for meeting for worship, as well as a time of reflection/discussion. Contact person for 10+ group is Joel Hildebrandt (senorjoel@gmail.com).



National events

There are gatherings for young people occurring nationally including camps for Junior Young Friends (13-16 year olds) and Young Friends (16 years and up). There are also national family-friendly gatherings including Summer Gathering (which happens over New Years each year), and events at the Whanganui Friends Settlement. For more details about activities for families, children and young people, speak to a member of the Pastoral and Spiritual Care Committee (who will be pointed out at the end of Meeting for Worship), contact the Friends Centre on 09 630 6834, or email the contact people noted below.

Contact People

Children's Coordinator (Sue Stover)	stoverwatts@gmail.com
Ten and Up Coordinator (Joel Hildebrandt)	senorjoel@gmail.com
Junior Young Friends Coordination Team	jyf@quaker.org.nz
Friends Centre (Resident Friends)	AK.friendscentre@quaker.org.nz

