

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 during the final 10-15 minutes before 'the rise of Meeting' at 11 am. They are then cared for during notices (until about 11:15). 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 i-Press Cafe, 421-425 Mount Eden Rd), 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 the 'Elder on duty', contact the Friends Centre 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

All About Quaker Summer Gatherings



Wainui Heights YMCA Camp

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 -11:15 am in the Annex (the building behind this one). For more details, please see overleaf

Calendar of Upcoming Events

These events occur in Summer of 2019/20 in addition to the regular events over the page.

Sunday 15 December <i>11:30 am</i>	Children's Christmas Play Mt Eden Meeting House
Tuesday 24 December <i>9 am</i>	Flowers for Prisoners Mt. Eden Meeting House
Sunday 24 December <i>6 pm on</i>	BBQ and Semi-Programmed Intergenerational Meeting for Worship Mt Eden Meeting House
28 December to 2 January inclusive	Quaker Summer Gathering 2019-2020 Wainui Heights on Akaroa Harbour
Sunday 19 January, 2020 <i>11:30 am</i>	Report back on Summer Gathering Mt. Eden Meeting House
Saturday 1 February <i>2020 TBA</i>	Whanau Catchup TBA
Saturday 1 February 2020 <i>2 pm</i>	Renewal of commitment ceremony of Cass and Jay Mt. Eden Meeting House
Sunday 2 February 2020 <i>11:30 am</i>	Monthly Meeting for Worship for Business Mt. Eden Meeting House
Saturday 15 February <i>2020 2-4 pm</i>	Open Meeting House Day: How we earthquake strengthened our Meeting House; Why we think that Aotearoa should be demilitarised. What Quakerism is all about.
Sunday 16 February <i>11:30am</i>	Asylum Seekers Trust: Tim Maurice will present on asylum seekers in New Zealand and how they are treated by the government. Mt. Eden Meeting House
Sunday 1 March 2020 <i>11:30 am</i>	Monthly Meeting for Worship for Business Mt. Eden Meeting House
Saturday 7 March 2020 <i>12:30 pm</i>	Wedding of Robert Howell and Pauline Franklin Snells Beach, details TBA
Friday 13 to Sunday 15 March 2020	Women's Weekend Friends House, Waiheke
Sunday 29 March 2020 <i>11:45 am</i>	Fifth Sunday session: Preparing for Death Mt. Eden Meeting House
Friday 24 – Monday 27 April 2020 Inclusive	Yearly Meeting 2020 Epsom House, Auckland



Regular Events at Mt Eden Meeting

Every Tuesday, 9:30am meets at Friends Centre	Walking Group followed by morning tea
Every Wednesday, 10:30am in Friends Centre	Discussion group followed by Meeting for Worship at 11:30am, followed by a shared lunch at 12pm
Fortnightly Thursday, 7:30pm in Friends Centre	Worship followed by discussion. Alternates weeks with Women's Group
Fortnightly on Thursday, 7:00pm in the Annex. Contact Barbara (09) 836 5576	Women's Group
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
4th Sundays February to November, 9am in Friends Centre	Prayer Support Group



Ceilidh at past Summer Gathering



Coasering at Wainui Heights YMCA Camp

Special Feature

All About Quaker Summer Gatherings

The most recent Quaker Summer Gathering was held at YMCA Wainui Heights Conference Centre, Wainui Bay, Banks Peninsula about 1km back from the water's edge of the beautiful Akaroa Harbour. The theme for the Gathering was: Kindness to Ourselves, to Others and to the Planet.

This year (2020/21) we will meet over the same week in the North Island. We try to alternate every other year. The programme is entirely organised and run by Quakers. Please join us to make next year as special.

Programme and activities:

We begin each morning with an intergenerational half hour Meeting for Worship, followed by a choice of contemplative, active (physical), or creative activities, all run by participants. The afternoons and evenings are free for recreation and Open Space events or presentations.

The Camps usually have activities suitable for people of all ages, such as archery, flying fox, high ropes, orienteering, and environmental study. There will also be other activities, such as bush and hill walks, the waterslide and trips to the beach.

Six or seven nights include five or six full days, and on New Years day we usually have a picnic, with more vigorous options for those wanting to walk or climb in the hills.

Quaker Summer Gathering is an annual residential camp held December to January, with the location being moved around the country each year to minimise travel costs. Summer Gathering has been held each year since 1956.

Friends and guests of all ages from all over New Zealand (and some very welcome overseas visitors) join in a holiday atmosphere for relaxation and recreation. The emphasis is on getting to know each other from around the country through such activities as picnics, concerts, talent shows, dances, walks, all-age games and general fun. We sometimes have a Cèilidh on New Year's Eve with a live band and caller, all done with the talent of our community.

There is a range of financial assistance to attend Summer Gathering: for under 18 year olds registration is free, 18 to 26 years old are eligible for a 50% registration subsidy.

For more information check the Quaker website here: quaker.org.nz/summer-gathering



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It's Time for Quaker Summer Gathering!

From 28 December to 3 January, Quaker Summer Gathering 2019/20 will be held at YMCA Wainui Heights Conference Centre, Wainui Bay, Banks Peninsula about 1km back from the water's edge of the beautiful Akaroa Harbour. The Akaroa township is about 25 min drive away. This steep hillside site is surrounded by native bush and birdsong, with shady walking trails.

The theme for this Gathering is: Kindness to Ourselves, to Others and to the Planet.

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The Camp has adventure activities suitable for people of all ages, such as archery, flying fox, high ropes, orienteering, and environmental study. There will also be other activities, such as bush and hill walks, the waterslide and trips to the beach.

The six nights includes five full days, and on the middle day Dec 31st we will have a picnic at Akaroa, with more vigorous options for those wanting to walk or climb in the hills. That evening, we will have games and entertainment until midnight.

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