



Mt. Eden Quaker Gazette

October - November 2017



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 October and November in addition to the regular events over the page.

*2pm Saturday
30 September*

Memorial Meeting for Jim Halliday,
Mt Eden Meeting House

*8:30 am
Sunday 1 Oct*

Mt Eden will celebrate World Quaker Day by having a shared breakfast. This year's theme is 'Gathering in Worship around the World'

*1:30pm Mon 2
October*

Planning Meeting to develop Spiritual Nurture Programme in Mt Eden in 2018. The Spiritual Nurture Programme will be an opportunity to nurture, deepen, and renew the connection between our 'inward activism and outward contemplation'. Mt Eden Friends Centre Lounge. contact Linley Gregory (lcg@pl.net)

*5-7pm
Saturday 7
October*

Quaker Family Catch-up
at Sue and Robin's house, 28
Grosvenor St, Grey Lynn.

*11:30am
Sunday 15
October*

Esther Cowley-Malcolm will be presenting her work on Play Kindly, an App she formulated. Followed by a shared lunch at Mt Eden Meeting House

*Friday - Sunday
27-29 October*

"With a Tender Hand" residential weekend at the Wanganui Quaker Settlement let by Elizabeth Duke and Elizabeth Thompson



Calendar of Upcoming Events Continued

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11:30am

Sunday 29

October

Fifth Sunday Talk

Jan Judson will be talking about our Advices and Queries.

10am-2:30pm

Saturday 4

November

Card making for Mt Eden Prisoners, Mt Eden Meeting House followed by a shared lunch

5-7pm

Saturday 4

November

Quaker Family Catch-up at Sigrid and Ulrich's house, 3 Coldham Cres, St Johns.

11:30am

Sunday 19

November

Welcoming for our new Resident Friends, followed by a shared lunch

5-7pm

Saturday 2

December

Quaker Family Catch-up at Karl and Sarah's house, 19 Wilsher Cres, Henderson

28 December

- 4 January

2018

National Quaker Summer Gathering near Tauranga. Go here to access the Online SG Registration form:
www.quaker.org.nz/summer-gathering

Summer Gathering 2017 - 2018

Summer Gathering will be in Ngamuwahine Outdoor Education Lodge this year, at the foot of the Kaimai Ranges near Tauranga. Except for lunches and evening meals the camp will be run entirely by Quakers. It is therefore more 'hands on' than recent Summer Gatherings. The theme of 'Back to Basics' reflects our intent to offer outdoor adventures, more simple lifestyle, and great community time together.

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



A Quaker Response to Religious Conflict

Many of the seemingly random acts of cruelty and violence in our world today come from radical strands of religions which centre their extreme ideology on a brand of loyalty to a faith which, in their teaching, justifies such acts. How can Quakers respond?

Throughout their history, two major monotheistic faiths, Christianity and Islam, have had at their heart the theological imperative to convert others to their faith. The basis of this belief is that the God who is central to their faith desires all others to come to the same understanding. Because of this, the extreme actions that result are given a divine authority, justification and purpose.

Quakerism came out of the chaos and confusion of a civil war, the execution of a king and the imposition of a military dictatorship. England had been ravaged for more than 10 years by war, which was following on from 120 years of religious conflict across the Catholic/Protestant divide.

George Fox emerged from this civil and religious chaos. Instead of merely following the teachings of others, he taught that we all have to find our own way, our own truth - not by slavish adherence to doctrine, but by looking into ourselves and answering the question 'What canst THOU say?'

The answer to this question was to be based on coming together in silence and stillness, and opening ourselves at the deepest level, to become aware of the 'promptings of love and truth in our hearts,' trusting them as we grapple with the issues of this complex world.

Integrity is one of the core testimonies of Quakerism, and it is to this fundamental spiritual integrity that loyalty lies and is made clear. Quakers believe that there is that of God in every person whatever their creed, belief, behaviour, race, class, or culture. Over recent years, New Zealand has become one of the most diverse nations in the western world. New cultures have brought new religious understandings and faiths. The answer to extremism and intolerance can never be reaction, fear or retaliation. It must come from a response to each and every person, to the promptings of love and truth in our hearts, seeking that of God in everyone and returning fear and hatred with love.



Other Northern Monthly Meeting Worship Groups

If you are travelling around Auckland and beyond you are more than welcome to attend any of these other Worship Groups

Kaitaia: usually meet 10.30am 2nd Sundays, and 12 noon 4th Tuesdays for a shared meal and worship, both in Friends homes. Contact: Anna Ph 09 408 2103

Bay of Islands: 10:00am third Sunday at Cherry Park House, Landing Road, Kerikeri and at other times at different venues. Contact: Valerie Ph 09 405 9454 or Jane Ph 0220 183366

Whangarei: 6:00pm fourth Friday in Friends' homes. Contact: David Ph 09 435 4157 for details.

North Shore: 10:00am every Sunday, Hearing Association Rooms, The Strand, Takapuna, Contact: Jan Judson Ph 09 443 2313

Waiheke: 11:00am every Sunday, Friends House, 70 Palm Beach Rd. Contact: Ben Ph 09 372 5622

Howick: 10:00am 2nd Sunday of the month, at Bob and Barbara's home. Contact: Bob Ph 09 534 4496

Mt Eden:

- 10:00am every Sunday: Friends Meeting House, 113 Mt Eden Road, Auckland 1024; Contact: Friends Centre 09 630 6834
- 10:00am 3rd Sunday of the month: Children's & 10 Up programme. Children are most welcome other Sundays, informal supervision is available when required;
- 11:30am every Wednesday at Friends Centre, 115 Mt Eden Road. Auckland 1024.



Regular Events at Mt Eden Meeting

First Saturday of the Month
(Except 'long' weekends when
moves to second Saturday) 5—
7PM in 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 Thursday, 7:30pm in Friends

Discussion group and worship

Walking Group

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

Woman's Group

Approximately fortnightly on
Thursday's 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.



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 the Sierra Café, 418 Mt 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

