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 og 630 6834, or email the contact people noted below.

Contact People

| Children's Coordinator (Sue Stover) | stoverwatts@gmail.com |
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| 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 |



Mt. Eden Quaker Gazette

August - September 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 August and September in addition to the regular events over the page.

| 11 am Sunday 30 July | Elders Fifth Sunday Series. Topic: Meeting for Worship. Mt Eden Meeting House |
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| 10am– 2pm Sat 5 August | Card-making workshop at Mt Eden Meeting House. Materials available on the day, and you can bring some along. Please bring shared lunch. All welcome |
| Sunday 6 August 11:30 | Monthly Meeting at Mt Eden Meeting House. Shared lunch- break around 1pm. Please bring food contribution. All welcome. |
| 7:30 M Friday - 11:30 AM Sunday day 11-13 August | That of God" Seminar, Mt Eden Meeting House. What do Friends collectively understand by "God"? Now and in the past. What is our understanding of "That of God in every one" and "within myself"? Where does this lead us (as individuals and as the Religious Society of Friends? To find out more about the seminar, contact Linley Gregory at lcg@pl.net |
| 11:30am Sunday 20 August | John Sinclair, writer and winner of a Churchill Fellowship, will be talking about teaching yoga in prison and his visits European prisons. Followed by a shared lunch at Mt Eden Meeting House |
| Saturday 2 September | Monthly Meeting at Friends House Waiheke, 70 Palm Beach Rd. Please bring food contribution for a shared lunch. All welcome. |
| 11:30am Sunday 17 September | 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. |

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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 |
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| Every Wednesday, 10:30am in Friends Centre | Discussion group followed by Meeting for Worship at II:30 am, followed by a shared lunch at I2:00 noon. |
| Every Thursday, 7:30pm in Friends Centre | 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 a Tuesday. Contact Barbara Ph 09 836 5576 |
| Prayer Support Group | 9:00am 4th Sundays February to November in |

Special Feature

Northern Monthly Quaker Meeting Statement on the Refugee Crisis

The Northern Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) urges our government to allow a substantial increase in the number of refugees welcomed into New Zealand. Along with many thousands of New Zealanders we see it as an absolute duty to help these desperate people immediately.

This is not a time to hesitate in our offer of shelter and help to these people whose only misfortune is to be born in the wrong place at the wrong time. They are from places where families could live, work, be educated and grow in relative harmony which have been turned into ungovernable places being rapidly reduced to rubble. Tragically New Zealand is associated with the military actions that have caused this massive refugee crisis. It is our responsibility to care for those affected by this violence and to do so immediately. The best way we can do this is offer refuge to as many displaced people from the region as possible.

When New Zealand offers assistance to more refugees we will be showing the compassion that New Zealand is known for around the world.