

## 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

## Student Strike for Climate Action: a Quaker Response?



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 Autumn of 2019 in addition to the regular events over the page.

<b>Friday, 15 March</b> 12pm -3pm	<b>Student Strike for Climate Action</b> Aotea Square, Auckland
<b>Sun 17 March</b> 11:30 am - 1pm	<b>Treaty workshop</b> Mt Eden Meeting House
<b>Tues 19 March</b> 12.00pm	<b>The walking group's annual visit for lunch and swim</b> Bobbie Woodward's historic Bethell family bach, Te Henga (Bethells Beach)
<b>Sunday 31 March</b> 11:30 am	<b>The Nature of Ministry in Meeting for Worship.</b> Mt Eden Meeting House
<b>Saturday 6 April</b> 4:30 - 7 pm	<b>Whanau catch-up.</b> Charlotte and Ben's house
<b>Saturday 6 April- Sunday 7 April (TBA)</b>	<b>Sat April Monthly Meeting, activities and Sunday MFW.</b> Pahiā – Jane Banfield's house
<b>Sunday 14 April</b> 11:30 am	<b>Quakers and the Extinction Rebellion</b> talk by Sandy Hildebrandt and Dot Austin. Mt Eden Meeting House
<b>Monday 15 April</b> 9am – 5pm	<b>Extinction Rebellion Day of Direct Actions, Auckland</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/1992280314406296/?ti=as">https://www.facebook.com/events/1992280314406296/?ti=as</a>
<b>13-17 April (TBA)</b>	<b>Junior Young Friends Camp.</b> Hall's family home, Palmerston North
<b>Saturday 4 May</b> 4:30-7pm	<b>Whanau catch-up.</b> Hiroshi and Miriam's house
<b>Sunday 5 May</b> 11:30am	<b>Monthly Meeting for Worship for Business</b> Mt. Eden Meeting House
<b>Tuesday 14 May</b> 6pm	<b>Shared meal with Jacque Schultz,</b> Auckland Friends Centre, 115 Mt. Eden Road
<b>Thursday 16 May</b> TBA	<b>Preparation Day for Yearly Meeting</b> Quaker Settlement, Wanganui
<b>Friday 17 May - Monday 20 May</b>	<b>Yearly Meeting</b> Quaker Settlement, Wanganui
<b>Saturday 18 May</b> TBA	<b>Viewing of Quaker lecture</b> by Yearly Meeting participants
<b>Sunday 26 May</b> 11:30 am	<b>Report back from Yearly Meeting</b> Mt Eden Meeting House



## 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 Tuesday 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.



## Special Feature

### **Student Strike for Climate Action: A Quaker Response**

(Cover page - Quakers in Wanganui join in support of the Student strike)

On the 15th of March, 2019, high school students around the world will strike for Climate Justice. This involves students missing school to make the point that they are very much concerned about the global climate crisis and the lack of action on the part of governments to prevent complete disaster.

The movement was begun by Greta Thunberg of Sweden in August of 2018. Student strikes have spread quickly to include many countries in Europe, North America and Australia; on 30 November, 2018, 15,000 students walked out of class in Australia. The March 15 action will be the largest yet, and it will be followed up by the "Extinction Rebellion" which will involve all kinds of direct action coordinated globally on Monday 15 April 2019. Training is required for these actions - to sign up for training in Auckland see <https://www.facebook.com/events/1992280314406296/>. Sandy Hildebrandt and Dot Austin will present on this at Mt Eden Meeting House on Sunday 14 April.

Youth are convinced that the only weapon they have in the struggle to stop global catastrophe within their lifetimes is their non-participation in the usual order of things. On March 1, 2019, student leaders published the following letter (abridged) in the UK Guardian:

"Climate crisis and a betrayed generation...

"We, the young, are deeply concerned about our future. Humanity is currently causing the sixth mass extinction of species and the global climate system is at the brink of a catastrophic crisis. Its devastating impacts are already felt by millions of people around the globe. Yet we are far from reaching the goals of the Paris agreement.

Young people make up more than half of the global population. Our generation grew up with the climate crisis and we will have to deal with it for the rest of our lives. Despite that fact, most of us are not included in the local and global decision-making process. We are the voiceless future of humanity.

We will no longer accept this injustice. We demand justice for all past, current and future victims of the climate crisis, and so we are rising up. Thousands of us have taken to the streets in the past weeks all around the world. Now we will make our voices heard. On 15 March, we will protest on every continent.

(signed by) The global coordination group of the youth-led climate strike"

NZ website: <https://www.facebook.com/schoolstrike4climatenz/>

