

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 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 (seniorjoel@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

Contact People

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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 welcomed to participate.

Children's Meeting and Programme for Young People: 10am -10:45am in the Annex

(the building behind this one). For more details, please see overleaf

Calendar of Upcoming Events

These events occur in February in addition to the regular events over the page.

- 12-2pm Saturday 11 February** March from Queen St to Mt. Eden Prison: 10,000 Too Many: March against mass incarceration.
- 11:30am Sunday 12 February** What responsibility does MM have when our Resident Friends come in on a Religious Worker visa. Discussion, followed by a shared lunch.
- 2pm Sunday 12 February** United Nations Week for Harmony — Garden Party and African Art Exhibition (Kinder House, Ayr Street, Parnell)
- 9:30pm Tuesday 14 February** Walking group visit to Te Henga, meet at Friends Centre
- 11:30am Sunday 19 February** 3rd Sunday presentation and discussion, followed by a shared lunch.
- 11:30am — 3pm Sunday 19 February** Peacenik organised by Interfaith Council at Monte Cecilia Park
- Saturday 25 February 7:30pm start** Pride Parade centered around Ponsonby Road, Posonby



Special Update

Flowers for Prisoners

The flowers for Mt Eden prisoners issue which arose in the media just prior to Christmas, (but was happily resolved) was only a small part of the Quaker concern about prisons. Dating back 380 years to when many early Quakers were imprisoned for their beliefs and experienced the conditions of 17th century incarceration in Britain first hand, Quakers have been involved in prison reform. Here in Aotearoa, 100 years ago, Quakers were being imprisoned in Mt. Eden for speaking out against conscription and war.

We are currently very concerned about the wider issues of imprisonment, which punish the families of prisoners as well as the prisoners, and which is statistically overrepresented by poor and minority citizens. In particular, we wish to reverse the trend of prison becoming a 'growth industry' (currently having ballooned to 10,000 citizens incarcerated); as well as the disturbing trend, internationally, (including an attempt at Mt. Eden Prison) of having prisons run for profit by private corporations.

Quaker flowers at Christmas serve as both a small token of human fellowship and a reminder for us that our approaches to crime and punishment can, and need to change.

Regular Events

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| First Saturday of the Month
4:00 for 4:30 – 6:30 in Meeting House | Social event for families and F/ friends. |
| Every Wednesday, 10:30am in Friends Centre | Discussion group followed by Meeting for Worship at 11:30 am, |
| 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 Friends Centre. |
| Mt Eden Friends Permaculture Group | Meets once a month at Friends Centre or other locations around the city. |

