

CROYDON LOCAL MEETING NOTICES

Sunday 23rd May 2021

Good morning, Friends. Welcome to our blended Meeting, combining the MfW with those Friends attending at Croydon Meeting House and those attending on zoom.

It is good that we can return to the Meeting House, even with some restrictions still in place.

NEWS OF FRIENDS

Does anyone have any **news of Friends?**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4th Sunday session

Today we will be having our 4th Sunday session, led by Michelle, on 'Quaker Inclusion: where have we got to?' It will be at 1pm on zoom via our Virtual Croydon Meeting link.

Mid-week epilogue sessions

On Wednesday, 8 - 9pm we will be continuing with our mid-week sessions. There will be a session to explore contemplative spirituality and hold an epilogue (which is a short form of a Quaker meeting with an inspirational element). Everyone is welcome and you can join via the same link on the Croydon Quakers website that is used for Sunday Quaker meetings. If anyone would like to share a spiritual practice in a future session, please contact Michelle.

This Wednesday Pam will be leading an 'opening the heart' meditation in the first part of the session. We hope you can join us.

Other dates/events that might be of interest

Woodbrooke is running a 'Black Lives Matter in 2021: a racial justice workshop', starting 15th June. There are also spaces available on their course 'What's next? Becoming an anti-racist activist' beginning on 28th May. Further information is available in the BYM Quake newsletter.

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/events/blmevent>

Experiment with Light Network - offering on-line meditation in the run up to the Yearly Meeting Gathering. The sessions will start on 10 June and run for 5 Thursdays.

Further information is available in the BYM Quake newsletter.

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/events/experiment-with-light-ym-preparation>

Bookings for **Yearly Meeting** will open up on 1 June. Again see the BYM Quake newsletter for further information or go to the quakers in Britain web site

<https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/bookings-to-open-for-quaker-gathering>

There is also a survey to complete by anyone wishing to have a say about any aspect of BYM.

Does anyone have any other notices?

We will be posting these notices on our website including links to further online information for events.

Collection

The collection today is for Friends World Committee for Consultation. Julia will speak to this. See below for text.

You can donate using the Collections button on our Croydon Quakers homepage.

Thank you Friends - hope to see you on zoom at 1pm for our 4th Sunday session.

Collection appeal for FWCC

Therle Cryer writes-----

In 1975, a handful of Friends set about starting up a regular Meeting for Worship in Brussels. Because of the language split in Belgium between French in the South and Dutch in the North, for diplomatic reasons we didn't really want to affiliate ourselves to either France or Netherlands Yearly Meeting. Our quandary was solved by Friends World Committee for Consultation, who stepped in and enabled us to be "Belgium Yearly Meeting" directly under their auspices. What a relief! And that's exactly the sort of work FWCC does, it reaches out and supports tiny groups of isolated Friends around the world and helps them to-gather together where possible and stay in touch with the wider Quaker family.

We take it for granted here in the UK that we will be able to contact other Friends locally, but in most parts of the world it is thanks to FWCC that this contact is maintained.

In Brussels we went on to establish QCEA which has been a great success and done much good work over the years working with the EU in a Quakerly way.

Please do contribute to FWCC's excellent work.