



Quakers in
Yorkshire
Newsletter
April 2023

Welcome to the April Newsletter!

Here you will find events, opportunities and news of interesting things happening in Yorkshire Meetings, as well as the programme for the next Quakers in Yorkshire meeting in April.

Contents

1. Racial Justice Question of the Month
2. Events - chats with a cuppa and cake with Local Development Worker and Youth Development Worker; New to Quakers sessions; Quakers in Yorkshire Family Day
3. Youth Events - news and Yorkshire Youth events from Jo Baynham; Holiday School Reunion; Royal Armouries alternative tour; Junior Holidays 2023; Ready for a Shreddy 2; Yorkshire Youth Development Worker report 2023
4. Opportunities - Kindlers project on Quaker worship; peer support zoom calls for role holders
5. News - the future of Farfield Meeting House; Local Development Worker update
6. Spotlight on... Airton Meeting House
7. Quakers in Yorkshire April Meeting
8. Calendar of Events 2023

Racial Justice - Question of the Month

Jesus was a Jew, who was born in Bethlehem, which lies in the present West Bank, one of the two Palestinian Territories. His parents were from Nazareth, in present day Israel. While he was still a baby he and his parents fled to Egypt as refugees. We don't have a description of what Jesus looked like, though there are many paintings and sculptures which purport to represent him.

When you were a child, what image, if any, did you have of Jesus?

If you had to describe Jesus now, what would you say? Would it be different? If so, in what way?

At the QIY meeting in April, we will be presenting a short reflection on "the reality of the historical Jesus".

If you would like to explore issues around racial justice further, do have a look at the BYM website. There are resources around the issues of reparations at <https://www.quaker.org.uk/resources/reparations>. The podcast is very thought provoking, and is accessible via the website (you

do not need to download an app).

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland has published a book on the struggle for equality and inclusion in British and Irish Churches. It includes a chapter on the Religious Society of Friends, written by Edwina Peart and Paul Parker. It is called “Race for Justice”, edited by Richard S Reddie, and published by Monarch Books. ISBN 978-1-80030-010-1. It is available from the Quaker Bookshop <https://bookshop.quaker.org.uk/search?q=race+for+justice>

Events

Join Bridget Holtom (Local Development Worker) and Jo Baynham (Youth Development Worker) for a chat with a **cuppa and cake** at the Quakers in Britain Yorkshire Centre.

Wednesday Lunchtimes

12-2pm

All Friends welcome

Wednesday 22nd February 2023
Wednesday 5th July 2023
Wednesday 13th September 2023
Wednesday 6th December 2023

Bridget

Jo

Find out more here

Are you new to Quakers

Join a cohort of people across Yorkshire for a year of nurturing conversations for people who want to learn more: perhaps you are new to attending Quaker Meeting, or have become a member in recent years? Or maybe you'd simply like to explore the essentials of Quakerism and to feel more confident talking about it with others?

12 online evening sessions starting April 2023

Third Thursday of each month 7pm to 8:30pm online

Facilitated by Bridget Holtom (Yorkshire Local Development Worker)

April 20th	Oct 19th
May 18th	Nov 16th
June 15th	Dec 7th*
July 20th	Jan 18th
Aug 17th	Feb 15th
Sep 21st	Mar 21st

PLUS opportunities for in-person days together!

You don't have to commit to attending every session. However we hope Friends will be able to attend the majority of sessions as each will build on previous conversations and build community.



Free or by donation

To book and receive the link for the sessions:

www.tinyurl.com/2ftfpp7p

or for more info contact: Bridget Holtom
bridgeth@quaker.org.uk



Book here

Quakers in Yorkshire Family Day

Saturday 15th of July

10:30-16:00

Settle Meeting House

Quaker Business in the morning with a crèche,
children's and youth activities alongside.

*

All-age activities in the afternoon.

*

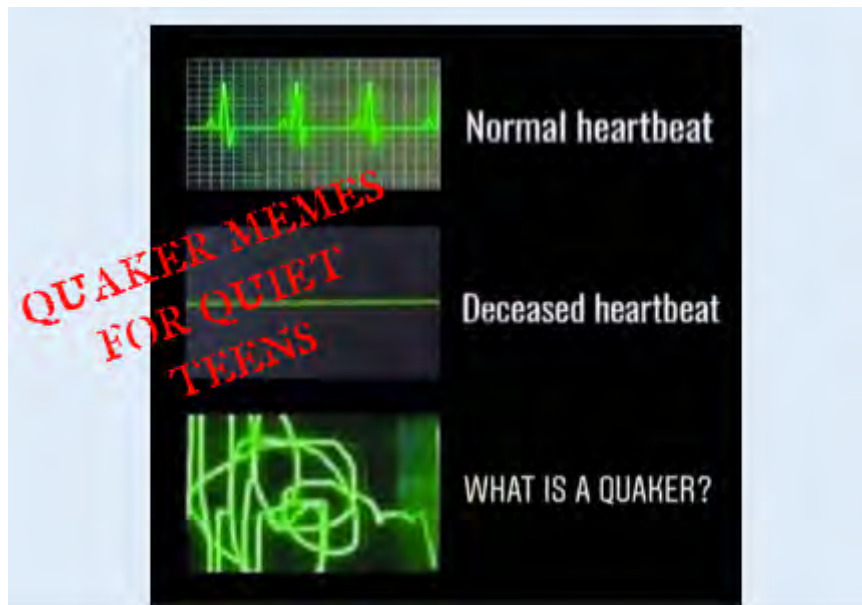
Celebration lunch provided.

*

Bring your children/grandchildren/associated young
people.

Financial contributions welcomed but not required.

Youth Events



Online and in-person youth events

From Link Groups and national events to online epilogues, Jo Baynham, the Youth Development Worker for Yorkshire, runs regular events for young Quakers through the year.

Here is what is coming up in the first half of April:

1-4/4/23: Junior Yearly Meeting. The national yearly gathering of young Quakers aged 15-18 in Britain.

2/4/23: Online National Youth Group. A social, peaceful space for 11-to-18-year olds for Quaker Young people to gather, worship and explore together. A warm welcome is assured.

3/4/23: Yorkshire Link Group Online. Online Yorkshire Youthwork with Jo, themes, games and worship.

7-10/4/23: Easter Settlement. Join Jo and the other settlers at Cober Hill at a significantly reduced rate. **BOOKING CLOSED.**

14-16/4/23: Yorkshire Friends Holiday School Reunion. If you went to YFHS, you should go to this!

16/4/23: Leeds Teenage meeting. Worship followed by a shared lunch.

16/4/23: Sheffield Central Teenage meeting. Activities followed by food. Click [here](#) for a poster.

Find his full calendar, and details of how to book, below.

Quaker Youth Events Calendar



ANNOUNCEMENT

Holiday School Reunion 2023
14th-16th April

Holiday School 2023
20th-27th August

Have you been to Holiday school? Are you thinking about going? Bookings are open for reunion now! Email YFHSsecretary@gmail.com for details.





Junior Holidays 2023

Junior holidays are short adventure holidays with a spiritual theme for children between the ages of 7 and 12 in the Quakers in Yorkshire area.

Dates for 2023 are:

9th to 11th June at Nell Bank Ilkley

22nd to 24th September at Barmoor near Pickering

For more details and to be added to the mailing list please contact Bronwen Alty bronwenalty@gmail.com



READY... ..FOR A SHREDDY?

WHEN? Saturday 3rd of June; 1100-1600

WHERE? Parkwood Springs, Sheffield, rendezvous the car park on Skirescliffe Road. S3 9GX

WHO? Anyone aged 11-18, connected to a Quaker community & bring mates!

WHY? To build community of young people who have fun, challenge themselves and explore Quaker values.

LUNCH? Will be provided

COST? Free, donations toward lunch welcomed

BIKING ABILITY? Light to moderate; eg. the ability to emergency stop at moderate speed, the ability to ramp up and down a curb reliably without falling off

DANGEROUS? A bit... there will be a first abler and we'll be attentive to risk of feature vs ability outdoor learning and risk goes hand in hand sometimes, don't be surprised if there's a graze or two

BIKE? You'll need one! Tyre width no narrower than 35mm, brakes that work!

HELMET? None negotiable

PADS? Recommended but not required, long sleeves and robust trousers are a good idea, so are gloves - many riders use cheap work gloves as they're robust, sticky and disposable.

TRANSPORT? Various options are available, Group ride from Sheffield Train Station by arrangement. A lift from Leeds also possible. Note that bikes are **NOT** permitted on Sheffield Trams.

WHAT NEXT? Fill in a consent form [here](https://forms.quaker.org.uk/yorkshire-consent-and-information-form/)

QUESTIONS? Jonathonb@Quaker.org.uk 07529221651

Report from Jo Baynham, Yorkshire Youth Development Worker to Quakers in Yorkshire - January 2023

Click below for Jo's report on his work in 2022 and plans for 2023.

Youth Development Worker report 2023

If you want to hear more about Jo's work, sign up to his mailing list by clicking the link below.

Quaker Youth Work in Yorkshire

Opportunities

How do you experience Quaker worship?

I'm writing a booklet about Quakers' experience of meeting for worship. Can you help by answering these questions:

Why do you go to meeting?

What do you do in meeting for worship?

How do you know when it is a good meeting?

What effect does meeting for worship have on your life?

Email me at james.mccarthy90@ntlworld.com and I'll send you the questions. Or print them out and post to me at 60 Beech Grove, Acomb, York YO26 5LA. There will be a chance to be interviewed about your experiences in more depth.

This project of the Kindlers will lead to a booklet about Quaker worship. The Kindlers lead workshops to enhance worship and witness.

<https://thekindlers.webs.com/>

Answers will be treated in confidence and all published results will be anonymous.

Thank you!

James McCarthy
Acomb Meeting, York AM



YORKSHIRE ROLE HOLDER PEER SUPPORT SESSIONS

These role-holder gatherings are interactive 1 hour Zoom calls to raise concerns, share case studies and find solutions together across Yorkshire. Please register on the Quakers in Yorkshire website (People Page) or email Bridget Holtom for information.

TRUSTEES	AM CLERKS	ELDERS
Jan 17th 7:00pm	Mar 1st 7:00pm	Mar 15th 7:00pm
Jan 19th 12:00pm	July 4th 7:30pm	Mar 16th 12:00pm
May 16th 7:30pm	Nov 15th 7:00pm	July 18th 7:30pm
May 17th 12:30pm		July 19th 12:30pm
Oct 4th 7:00pm		Nov 29th 7:00pm
Oct 5th 12:00pm		Nov 30th 12:00pm
TREASURERS	LM CLERKS	PASTORAL CARE
Feb 1st 7:00 pm	Feb 15th 7:00pm	Mar 28th 7:30pm
Feb 2nd 12:00pm	Feb 16th 12:00pm	Mar 29th 12:30pm
May 30th 7:30pm	June 13th 7:30pm	July 18th 7:30pm
May 31st 12:30pm	June 14th 12:30pm	July 19th 12:30pm
Oct 19th 12:00pm	Nov 1st 7:00pm	Nov 29th 7:00pm
	Nov 2nd 12:00pm	Nov 30th 12:00pm

Plus sessions for **Safeguarding Coordinators and Nominations**. For more information email bridgeth@quaker.org.uk

Peer Support Zoom Calls for Role Holders

These role-holder gatherings will be facilitated by Bridget Holtom bridgeth@quaker.org.uk around a theme relevant to each role. The 1 hour zoom sessions will be an interactive space to raise concerns, share case studies, compare ways of working and find solutions together across Yorkshire. Please register in advance to receive a zoom link and you will get a reminder closer to the time.

Click the link below to go to the Local Development Worker page, then click on the link for the appropriate session to register.

[Sign up for Role Holder sessions here](#)

News



The Future of Farfield Meeting House

Next month, Friends will return to Farfield Meeting House in Wharfedale for their now annual series of afternoon meetings for worship on **third Thursdays at 2.30 pm**. Meetings for worship will be held for about 45 minutes on **Thursdays 20 April, 18 May, 15 June, 20 July, 17 August, 21 September and 19 October**. We hope to see some of you there.

As the Historic Chapels Trust, which owns Farfield Meeting House, will soon stop trading, the future of the building is uncertain. Chris Skidmore writes about the history of the building and potential action to save the Meeting House for the future. Click below to read more.

[Read more here](#)

Local Development Worker Update

Our Local Development Worker for Yorkshire, Bridget Holtom, produces a quarterly newsletter with details of news, events and training of interest to Yorkshire Friends. Click below to sign up to receive these newsletters.

[Sign up here](#)



Spotlight on... Airton Meeting House

There it is. Easy to miss. Almost hidden in plain sight: the ancient Quaker Meeting House next to the Green in Airton in the Yorkshire Dales. In the course of its long history spanning around 400 years it has seen many ups and downs. Even since the Second World War its fortunes have waned and waxed...

As Airton Meeting House celebrates the completion of much needed structural work, Wilf Fenton, Clerk, looks back at its long and rocky history.

[Read the full article here](#)

**Quakers in Yorkshire
April Meeting**



Date: Saturday 22nd April 2023
Venue: Sheffield Central Meeting House
Time: 10:00 - 16:00

Peace and Reconciliation

The next meeting of Quakers in Yorkshire will be held at Sheffield Central MH on Saturday 22nd April 2023, and also online.

The outline timetable for the meeting is:

- 10.00 Tea and coffee on arrival
- 10.30 Meeting for worship to include the reading of a testimony.
- 11.00 Welcome from Clerks, appointment of Elders.
- 11.10 Introduction to the theme for the meeting: Peace, and the personal impact of breakdown, with an opportunity to hear of the direct experience of refugees and asylum seekers together with those who are supporting them.
- 12.30 Report from Racial Justice
- 12.45 Nominations
- 12.55 Notices
- 13.00 Lunch
- 14.00 Afternoon session: Hear from CRESST on establishing peace as part of everyday lives in schools and to hear of how this works in practice in restoring peace to people's lives.
- 15.50 Closing Minute

16.00 Close of meeting

It will be possible for people to attend by Zoom. If you would like to attend online, please register in advance by emailing the clerk, [David Bunney](#).

Use the following zoom link to join the

meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us>

[/j/87253000979?pwd=aUk3dDR2d1MwYTZQaHN5azlhQ0M0dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87253000979?pwd=aUk3dDR2d1MwYTZQaHN5azlhQ0M0dz09)

Venue Details

Full address:

Quaker Meeting House
10 St James Street
Sheffield
S1 2EW

Travelling by tram or bus:

>From the station, take the purple or blue tram line to the Cathedral, then walk 1 minute to James Street.

>From the station, walk 3 minutes to Pond Street/Paternoster Row and get the 95 bus towards Walkley. Get off at High Street and walk 1 minute to James Street.

Travelling on foot:

The meeting house is a 15 minute walk from Sheffield Station. Walk through Sheaf Square and continue up Howard Street. Turn right onto Hallam Square and cross the road, then take the path right onto Surrey Street. When you have passed the Town Hall, turn right onto Pinstone Street and continue onto Leopold Street. At the roundabout, slight right onto Orchard Street. After crossing over Church Street, St James Street is on the right.

Click below for Google Maps directions.

Google Maps Directions

2023

January							February							March						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	26	27	28					26	27	28	29	30	31	
29	30	31																		

April							May							June						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1	1	2	3	4	5	6				1	2	3		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	
30																				

July							August							September						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1	1	2	3	4	5	6	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30	31									
30	31																			

October							November							December						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30			31						

Events

Quakers in Yorkshire meetings
21/01/23 at Carlton Hill, Leeds
22/04/23 at Sheffield Central
15/07/23 at Settle
14/10/23 at Bootham School, York
Easter Settlement
7/04/23 - 10/04/23 or 11/04/23 at Cober Hill, Scarborough
Yearly Meeting
28/04/23 - 01/05/23 at Friends House, London and online
Junior Holidays
09/06/23 - 11/06/23 at Nell Bank, Ilkley
22/09/23 - 24/09/23 at Barmoor near Pickering
Holiday School
20/08/23 - 27/08/23 at Bootham School, York

- Quakers in Yorkshire meeting
- Easter Settlement
- Yearly Meeting
- Junior Holidays
- Holiday School

Dates for events in 2023

QiY quarterly meetings:

January 21 – Carlton Hill, Leeds
 April 22 – Sheffield Central
 July 15 - Settle
 October 14 – Bootham School, York

Easter Settlement

April 7-11 - Cober Hill, Scarborough

Yearly Meeting

April 28 to May 1 - Friends House, London and online

Junior Holidays

June 9-11 - Nell Bank, Ilkley
 September 22-24 - Barmoor, near Pickering

Holiday School

August 20-27 August – Bootham School, York

Click below for a PDF version of the calendar

[Click here](#)



Deadline for items for the July newsletter: **Monday 12th June**

If you have any feedback on the format of this newsletter, please send it to the email below.

Editor: Ellie McCarthy: support@quakersinyorkshire.org.uk

Copyright © 2022 Quakers in Yorkshire, All rights reserved.

-

Quakers in Yorkshire · Friends Meeting House · 188 Woodhouse Lane · Leeds, West Yorkshire LS2 9DX · United Kingdom