

Quakers in London

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Monthly London-wide Meetings for Worship

The next monthly London-wide meeting for worship is on **November 15th** at **Epsom**. Epsom Friends meet in the music block at St Martin's Junior School, Ashley Road, Epsom KT18 7AD. They look forward to welcoming you there.

Meeting starts at 10.30, in person, followed by refreshments and conversation at 11.30. The meeting is accessible to wheelchair-users. There is ample parking in the school car park. Epsom mainline station is 15 minutes' walk away.

*The final London-wide meeting for worship of 2026 is on December 20th, and the venue is **Esher**.*



Joint London Area Meeting 11th October at Friends House

In the morning 50 friends attended the first hour-long all age worship to be hosted at a JLAM, organised by our Children and Young People's Development Worker, Julia Stacey. Ten children and young people aged from a few months to twelve years, with their carers, pursued reflective activities in the centre of the space. In all age worship children and adults can enjoy being together and experience the benefits and power of a meeting for worship. Adults have the opportunity to worship in a different way – through craft, drawing, creativity. It is also okay to make some noise. The sounds of children may add spiritual ministry or be a helpful reminder to older people that they were children once. For helpful resources, see the Quaker Life publication *Spring into all age worship*, available on the Quakers in Britain website. (Look under 'Resources – Children and young people'.)

Following a bring and share lunch, 70 friends attended the business meeting while the children, young people and carers continued their Quaker Families Together Day. Friends House staff facilitated the blended links. One new member was welcomed and there was much ministry on the paper about proposed membership processes. This illustrated the absorbing challenge embraced by Quakers in the London area – to form one area meeting from seven existing ones. They all have different ways of conducting themselves, with familiar practices that are held dear by faithful friends. We heard that 560 friends (around 60% of the membership of the seven existing AMs) had completed the form agreeing to transfer their membership to the new area meeting. Members without an email address will be contacted by friends from their local or area meeting.

Threshing meeting: How can we keep our new area meeting radical, imaginative and divine?

The Arrangements Committee invite all interested friends to a meeting to be held online on **Wednesday 4th November at 7.30 pm**. This is a follow up to the successful online conversation held on 29th July. For an online link to the meeting, and for notes from the previous one, see the November 4 listing under Events on the Quill website.

Other events (see Quill website listings for further details of London events)

Friday evenings	London-wide meeting for worship 7.30 to 8.30	online
November 7 Saturday	Confident Quaker voice (all-day workshop)	Wandsworth
November 21 Saturday	Yearly Meeting	Friends House
December 13 Sunday	Joint London Area Meeting	Friends House
January 10 Sunday	Quakers in London area meeting	Friends House

For further information, talk to Friends in your local and area meetings!