



Faringdon Quaker Meeting

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Meetings

Shared Lunch Sunday 2nd February

Meeting for Business for Worship Sunday 2nd March Meeting for Business for worship

Area Meeting for Church Affairs

Saturday 8th March Charlbury Meeting 10:30 to 15:00

Faringdon Peace Group

Wednesday 5th February Monthly meeting. FILM 'Where Olive Trees Weep' showing the struggles and resilience of the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation.

Filmed in 2022, released in 2024.

Please note it is not at Friends' Meeting House, but at **Blessed Hugh Catholic Church Hall, Faringdon at 7.0pm**



Study Group

To be arranged for 16th February 2025

Pastoral and Spiritual Care Meeting Sunday 23rd February 2025

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Please consider signing up for the cleaning and welcoming rota.

Reading dates

February

2 Shirley

9 Mark

16 Andrea

23 Sue

March

2 Emma

9 Val

16 Ruth

23 Simon

30 Trish and Gill

Collections

February Root and Branch



We help people who experience mental health difficulties, such as depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and bi-polar disorder. Located on an organic farm in the beautiful Vale of the White Horse, we offer a wide range of interesting activities such as gardening, blacksmithing, woodworking, crafts, artwork, pottery, ceramics and cookery. This helps people to regain their self-esteem and hence lead a fuller life including returning to work or education.

We are an independent charity, partly funded by the Oxfordshire Mental Health Partnership. One of 8 recovery groups across Oxfordshire under the umbrella organisation, Restore.

Click on to donate [Donate | rootandbranch](#)

March Medical Aid for Palestinians



Palestinian lives in Gaza continue to be at critical risk from illness, starvation, and a lack of access to healthcare due to the Israeli military's systematic dismantling of Gaza's health system. Meanwhile, Palestinian refugees in Lebanon are still recovering from Israel's military attacks.

With your help, MAP can provide vital supplies, medicines and humanitarian aid to Gaza, Lebanon and the West Bank. **[Click on to donate](#)**

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Janie writes a short piece of the history of Faringdon peace group

Founded in 1981 it is one of the oldest continuous peace groups in the country. It meets on the first Wednesday of every month except January. It was not founded by Quakers, (but the FPG founders knew that they would be welcome to meet in the Meeting House. I was at that time a member of the Wantage Peace Group, but it did not last long, and John and I thought there should be some Quakers in the Faringdon group. so, we joined. It turned out to be a good outreach activity and we gained some new members and attenders as a result of the PG meetings.



Dear Friends,

There is a developing theme in the newsletter of our perennial witness to the Kingdom as expressed in Paul's reading last Sunday and below in today's reading from the daily quaker message taken from the formation of the Religious Society of Friends.

Remember your responsibilities as a citizen for the conduct of local, national, and international affairs. Do not shrink from the time and effort your involvement may demand. Respect the laws of the state but let your first loyalty be to God's purposes. If you feel impelled by strong convictions to break the law, search your conscience deeply. Ask your meeting for the prayerful support which will give you strength as a right way becomes clear. **[Advice and Queries 34](#)**

The Daily Quaker Message

For conscience's sake to God, we are bound by his just law in our hearts to yield obedience to [authority] in all matters and cases actively or passively; that is to say, in all just and good commands of the king and the good laws of the land relating to our outward man, we must be obedient by doing ... but ... if anything be commanded of us by the present authority, which is not according to equity, justice and a good conscience towards God ... we must in such cases obey God only and deny active obedience for conscience's sake, and patiently suffer what is inflicted upon us for such our disobedience to men."

— Edward Burrough, 1661
Early English Quaker leader

