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Commemorating the Peacemakers: the conscientious objectors

The hundred-year anniversary of the First World War has seen an outpouring of media coverage and reminiscence this year. There's been very little about the peacemakers who resisted it. Many did – far more than the history books would have us believe. As Quakers we should know those stories, and tell them. 'Commemorating the Peacemakers: 1914 and 2014', a day event at the Meeting House on Saturday **15 November** makes a start.

The most important stories for Quakers to know are those of conscientious objectors. The bravery, hardship and sacrifice of the combatants are rightly remembered – but there has been less attention to those who refused the call to arms and the consequences they had to face. The challenge presented by this very small minority is as relevant today as it was then. Simon Colbeck of Watford Quaker Meeting will show a film about three First World War conscientious objectors. www.watfordquakers.org.uk/quiet-heroes

Herbert Kitchener's First World War recruitment campaign, and how it persuaded thousands of young men to fight, is famous. Those young men would do the same today – and Britain is the only EU country to recruit 16-year-olds into the armed forces, before they have even reached the age of consent and can think through the consequences.

The workshop will also include Owen Everett of ForcesWatch, which campaigns about unethical armed forces recruitment practice in Britain. Owen will help us think about the UK military's extensive 'youth engagement' programme today. He will show a short film of teenagers' opinions on this, and compare it with their youth engagement during the First World War. See: www.forceswatch.net

This is just one of the events on the day. We hope as many Quakers as possible will come, and hear about this work so much in keeping with our Peace Testimony. Tell your friends about it! More details and booking at www.for.org.uk/commemorate

For the full programme, email commemoration@oxfordquakers.org

White Poppies for Remembrance

There is a box of white poppies for sale on in the lobby of FMH. The suggested donation is 50 pence per poppy – please leave in the box. During office

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From Quaker Faith and Practice

Take heed, dear Friends, to the promptings of love and truth in your hearts. Trust them as the leadings of God whose Light shows us our darkness and brings us to new life.

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Deadline for contributions to the December 2014 issue: noon, Friday 21 November

Contributions, preferably of 500 words or fewer, would be appreciated to newsletter@oxfordquakers.org, and items for the calendar on the back page can be emailed to oxfordpm@yahoo.co.uk. Paper copy can be left in the newsletter pigeonhole at the Meeting House. For information: tel. 01865 557373 or visit www.oxfordquakers.org

Memorial Meeting

Celebrate **Betty Duxbury's** life at 2 pm on Sunday **16 November** at Friends Meeting House, followed by tea. All are welcome.

Tina Leonard

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hours you have the option of giving money directly to the person on duty in the office, where more poppies are also available.

White (and red) poppies are also available at the main Blackwell's Bookshop, ground floor desk.

Sue Smith

Enquirers' Evenings

A new series of seven Enquirers' Evenings will start on Wednesday 12 November. These are informal evenings, held in the library of 43 St Giles, for those who have recently started attending Quaker Meeting and for anyone else seeking to know more about Quakers. Starting time: 7:30 pm, with tea and coffee available from 7:00 pm onwards.

12 November – 'Quaker Spirituality and Worship' **Introduced by Becky Riddell and Emlyn Warren**

What is distinctive about Quaker worship? What exactly happens in a Meeting for Worship based on silence? What is ministry within Quaker worship? These and many other questions will be explored.

19 November – 'Quaker Testimonies: Simplicity and Sustainability' **Introduced by Jill Green**

A key element of Quaker ethics is summed up in the word 'simplicity'. In attempting to live out our testimonies, we are holding up an alternative vision of humanity and society. We hear from two Friends what this testimony means to them and how it affects their lives.

26 November – 'Quaker Testimonies: Truth, Integrity and Equality'

Introduced by Laurie Michaelis and Keith Wilson

We consider how Quakers try to speak and act according to the deepest Truth we know. What does it now mean to have 'integrity'? How does recognition of the equal worth and the unique nature of every individual person help to guide our attitudes and actions? We hear from two Friends

what these testimonies mean to them and how they continue to influence their lives.

14 January – 'Quaker Testimonies: the Peace Testimony'

Introduced by Bridget Walker and Sam Daws

The Peace Testimony has been a source of inspiration to Quakers for more than three centuries. It is more than simply renouncing war as a way of resolving disputes. Rather, it points to a way of life which embraces all human relationships. We hear from two Friends how the Peace Testimony has affected their daily lives.

21 January – 'Quaker Roots and Branches'

We consider who exactly Quakers are, from the mid-17th century to the present day, and how our spiritual experiences relate to Quakerism around the world.

28 January – 'Spiritual Journeys and Membership'

We hear from four Oxford Quakers about their spiritual journeys and what led them to seek membership of the Religious Society of Friends.

4 February – 'Quaker Jargon and the Business Method' Unpacking key Quaker terminology and demonstrating our unique Business Method.

For more information, please contact us.

Glen Williams and Gwithian Doswell

A Swarthmore Response

A Friend from Middlesborough Meeting, Michael Wright, attended 9:30 Meeting recently. In Afterword, he shared a copy of an essay he has written – 'Being Quaker Now: a different way of being open for transformation' – and gave it to us for our library. Michael's pamphlet is a response to, reflection on, and discussion with this year's Swarthmore Lecture by Ben Pink Dandelion: 'Open for transformation: being Quaker'. A former Anglican priest, Michael engages with the themes in Ben Pink Dandelion's book (now available from Friends' Bookshop at £8), unfolding his own experiences and spiritual journey. He sets out his thoughts on the nature of the Divine, Quakers' beliefs, practices, faith in action, personal and social transformation. He offers a vision which invites us to be more open to differences. It's a lively and absorbing read. I'll put two copies in the library. If you would like your own copy, you could contact Michael via his Meeting. **Ursula Howard**

Introducing Members and Attenders of Oxford Meeting

Maddy Ward is the new Quaker chaplain for the University of Oxford. Maddy was interviewed by Tanya Garland in spring 2012. Since the below was written, she has completed her degree and has returned to begin a D.Phil at Wolfson College, on Quakerism from 1660 to 1700. Anne Durham is the Quaker chaplain for Oxford Brookes University.



Madeleine Ward talking to Tanya Garland

Hello, I am Maddy! I came to Oxford straight from doing A-levels at Ackworth School in West Yorkshire. My mum is an Anglican Church warden and my dad is a Quaker, and both have influenced

my beliefs, with more influence from Quakerism because it was a Quaker School. We had silence each morning and before meals, and thought a lot about community, and what being part of a Quaker community demands. My dad worked at the school and taught me biology from the age of fourteen, but he was also in charge of the sixth form, which included disciplining me and my friends! I was very interested in art, painting and drawing, and I did Taekwondo (a martial art) very intensely, reaching black belt level. I don't think I will ever use it but I am not a total pacifist; I do think one can defend oneself to an extent, although not always in proportion to the threat one might be in.

Whilst at school, I was also involved in PeaceJam, which is an organisation that brings Nobel Peace Laureates and schoolchildren together to find practical ways of peace-building in local communities. This sparked a deep interest in social issues, and a great admiration for the work of Desmond Tutu in particular – he is something of a personal hero of mine for maintaining such optimism and energy alongside his strong commitment to justice.

I feel like Quakers seem to tend to identify themselves mostly in terms either of their spiritual beliefs, or in terms of the testimonies of Quakerism and the social witness of the Society. In *The Friend* there was a statement that 50% of

Quakers were atheist, and this was brought to my home Area Meeting as a concern last Easter. As a result, I helped to run a special weekend to discuss how we define membership. The weekend was entitled, 'Are we still humble learners in the school of Christ?' (a phrase taken from a passage on membership in *Quaker Faith and Practice – QF&P*). We discussed whether Quakers identify with spiritual beliefs as a coherent group, or whether we are held together by other things, such as the pacifist convictions and the silent method of worship. We found there was a very real difference in what people see as essential values of being a Quaker. After two days of discussion and one and a half hours of writing the minute, there were still people who were not satisfied with it. We didn't all agree over where the Society should be, and whether members should believe in anything in particular. Ackworth Meeting was more actively determined to be accepting of Christian Ministry but at a nearby Meeting someone who ministered using Christian language was 'Eldered' for doing so and told this was not appropriate. Yet the society is called 'The Religious Society of Friends' and on the front cover of *QF&P* it says it is 'the book of Christian discipline of the Yearly Meeting...' Furthermore, in Meeting for Worship for Business we are supposedly meant to be trying to find the will of God – but how can an atheist be doing that? It was a very useful weekend though.

I wonder if we could have an open discussion at Oxford Meeting on whether we should believe in anything in particular and if so, what, as I don't think these issues are really being addressed directly enough in the Society as a whole. For example, is it more important for Quakers to be pacifist or to believe in God? I think that Quakers can be afraid of offending others, or so keen to include everyone, that they just avoid these kinds of discussions, or certain types of language. But we can be so concerned not to offend people that issues of belief are left unaddressed, and other groups can actually be offended, and still others left unsure as to what Quakers believe.

As a teenager I experienced faith and doubt to varying degrees but at seventeen, I ministered for the first time and I would say that it was a religious experience for me. I had always been scared of ministry but knew that coming to Meeting 'with

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hearts and minds prepared' meant one should also come prepared to minister – if ministry is discerning the will of God, then one should hope to have it all the time! That was basically what I said and it made me feel very happy because I had *really* not wanted to speak. I was shaking (literally, quaking!) and saying to myself, "I don't want to. I don't want to," but I could not have *not* spoken. I felt bathed in yellow light. It was a very clarifying experience.

I gradually found religious ideas more interesting and relevant to an appreciation of people's thinking and I am now doing theology, primarily because I find it academically rewarding – not for a career. It has also fed my spiritual journey and I am happy to call myself a Christian Quaker.



Your faith, your finance

In 1989 a small group of us from UK churches gathered to consider how to respond to a

challenge from trade unionists visiting Britain from the Philippines. They had described the exploitation of workers on the sugar plantations. How, they asked, could we tackle the companies responsible?

The Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility (ECCR) emerged from this meeting, founded on a concern about how faith bodies should engage with the companies in which they invest.

In the past 25 years of research and activism, ECCR has taken a multi-pronged approach. We produced a Benchmarks document outlining the principles on which companies should operate, and published research into company practice using the Benchmarks as a monitoring tool. We continue to take action, drawing on the churches' shareholdings to engage with companies over their policies and to challenge practice. We put the first ethical resolution to a Shell AGM in 1997 and this was followed up with a second resolution in 2006. Does this make a difference? A partner in Nigeria, in dialogue with Shell over environmental clean-up, wrote: "SACA wish to acknowledge the crucial role played by the shareholders group, ECCR in the UK, to bring about this positive development." Friends supported ECCR from the start and Suzanne Ismail at Friends House was ECCR's researcher for many years. Recently ECCR and

Friends have worked together on a website resource: www.yourfaithyourfinance.org

A date for your diary: 27/28 February

The Oxford Group of ECCR is planning a conference in February 2015 where the focus will be on companies and the use of money in regard to the urgent issue of climate change. Disinvestment from fossil fuels and positive reinvestment are on the agenda together with case studies of shareholder engagement and action. We have chosen the title 'The Cost of Life on Earth: Companies, Climate Change and your money' and hope the conference will provide an opportunity to empower us to engage and lobby and to make positive choices. Oxford Meeting's Environment and Economic Justice group have been involved in the planning. If you are concerned about climate change and economics, if you are looking at your company or college's investment policy, or your own pension fund, or if you just want to think through with others the ethical use of money, this conference is for you. For further information please contact me.

Bridget Walker, b467@btinternet.com

The art of transformation: creating peace in the fog of war

2 pm on Tuesday 11 November,
Ashmolean Museum auditorium

Rama Mani will perform poetry and testimony from war zones and be in conversation with Edward Mortimer, Kalypso Nicolaïdis and the audience, to mark the 100th anniversary of WWI and to honour victims of 21st-century wars.

Israel and the changing Middle East: Israeli, Palestinian and international perspectives

A conference from 1:30–6:30 pm on Sunday
16 November, at Exeter College, Turl Street

Speakers include Itamar Rabinovich
(former Chief Negotiator with Syria),
Adam Roberts (former President of the
British Academy), and others.

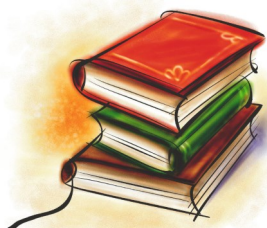
Registration is free: www.imec-oxford.co.uk

Avoiding Israeli Settlement Goods

As many Friends know, Israeli settlements in occupied Palestine cause harm and poverty to Palestinians, and are condemned by the international community as an obstacle to achieving peace and security for both Israelis and Palestinians in the region. They are illegal under international humanitarian law and yet they continue to grow and prosper. International trade helps to bolster the settlements' economies and contributes to their permanence. Companies based in the UK sell produce from Israeli settlements, invest in settlement businesses, and sell goods and services in settlement populations.

In 2011 Meeting for Suffering agreed to encourage Friends to avoid buying from the settlements, not as a boycott of Israel, but as a nonviolent action which as individuals we can all take to bring about political change, and support efforts to build peace in the region. (Think Gandhi's actions against British goods during the struggle for Indian independence.)

Several Friends have asked me over the past few months where they can find information about goods made in the Israeli settlements so that they know what to avoid. I have put some information by the window in the corner of the FMH lobby as part of a more general 'Buying for a Fairer World' display. Although much (though not all) of settlement agricultural produce is now labelled as such, manufactured goods such as Keter plastic storage sheds or Ahava beauty products still simply say 'Made in Israel', so, if you are trying not to buy settlement goods, it is worth finding out which brands to avoid. Do have a look! A full Briefing for Friends on Israeli settlements, their products and, importantly, how to take action can be found on the BYM website: www.quaker.org.uk/files/Trade-with-Israeli-settlements-Updated-April-2013.pdf



Thank you for supporting the bring-and-buy a book sales held in September. We raised over £450 for the Quaker-sponsored kindergartens and community mental health work in Gaza.

Gwithian Doswell 5

Interfaith week is 16 to 22 November

Sunday **16 November**, 2 pm: 'Mitzvah Day' tree planting with the Jewish community, on Cumnor Hill behind Timbnet. Come and join in a fun occasion involving digging, planting and chatting with members of other faiths. Wellies essential.

Wednesday **19 November**, 7 pm: 'Faith Exchange Speed Dating' at the Jewish Centre in Richmond Road. This is a social event with refreshments and an opportunity to learn about other people's faiths. The plan is to spend five minutes in pairs, sharing what your faith means to you and learning about your partner's, before moving on and sharing with another partner, on the speed dating model. It should be fun and informative, so do join us.

For more details contact **Elisabeth Salisbury** (telephone no in the yellow book) or visit www.interfaithweek.org

Fridays with Friends

7 for 7:30 pm in Friends Meeting House

7 November *Art and the First World War*

Felicity Allbrooke will show and talk about her recent paintings and drawings inspired by the centenary of the First World War, together with earlier work on the theme of war. She will follow this with an illustrated talk on a personal selection of art from the First World War. The venue will be the Meeting House itself.

28 November *Judaeo-Christian Philosophy*

We will discuss the long history of Judaeo-Christian philosophers, from Augustine's concept of the divided will, the death-row Consolations of Boethius, the pantheism of Spinoza, the existentialism of Kierkegaard, to the more contemporary offerings of Buber, Macmurray and Tillich. These are just a few possibilities and everyone is encouraged to 'bring your own philosopher'. Led by **Rupert Booth** in the Garden Room.

Christmas Lights Festival: Traffic closure

During our MfW on Sunday 23 November, St Giles will be closed to traffic.
www.oxfordschristmas.com

She'll be coming round the mountain when she comes

It is with real joy (and some relief) that I start the position of Resident Assistant at Oxford Meeting. I completed a PhD in Anthropology earlier this year, and after finishing, I worked a series of part-time jobs, and saved up for a trip over the summer which ended up being a lot more adventurous than I had anticipated! I was working for an 'Academic English' programme, designed for undergraduate students who wish to participate in Study Abroad programmes in European Universities. This was the pilot year of the scheme, which was spearheaded by an ex-colleague of mine from Oxford. The first leg of my journey took me to the University of Kobe in Japan, for an intensive programme teaching academic English, debating and presentation skills. After leaving Japan, I took a similar trip to Mongolia. This involved a lightning-quick stop-over in Beijing before I caught the overnight train to Ulan Bator. Although the population of Mongolia is around 3 million people, almost 50 percent are concentrated in the capital city, where the National University of Mongolia is situated.

European exchange programmes are popular amongst undergraduate students in Mongolia as a means of improving English or Russian language fluency. In particular, the tourism industry offers many students seasonal work in hotels and hostels, chaperoning tourists on 'treks' which can be anything from a day trip to a museum, to several weeks in the Gobi desert. Overall, the teaching experience was absolutely wonderful, and I was in the lucky position of being blessed with many students whose English was already impeccable, but who simply lacked the confidence to apply for European exchange schemes. This has already yielded some success, and one of my students has arrived in Oxford for a six-month exchange programme.

My journey back to the UK was something of an adventure all by itself. Due to a bureaucratic mishap, my trip back from Ulan Bator was delayed, and I found myself counting my lucky stars that I had brought a radically over-stocked Kindle with me, to keep me company for many cold evenings! Eventually, I was able to catch one of the once-fortnightly trains which run from Beijing to

Moscow, and waved Ulan Bator goodbye on a six-day train journey through Russia. The eastwards route of the trans-Mongolian railway is much less popular than the



My 'ger' home in Mongolia

traditional route to Beijing, and after the first 24 hours, I didn't have any cabin-mates at all, and I settled in to five consecutive days of complete solitude. There were only a few stops along the route, and only a handful of passengers for the complete journey, none of whom spoke even one word of English. From Ulan Bator to Irkutsk in Russia, the view is tremendous, as the train crosses the grassy (and by this point, snowy) Mongolian steppes, and then alongside the jaw-droppingly immense Lake Baikal. For the several days between Irkutsk and Moscow, however, the view is almost entirely silver birch trees, growing very close to the track. As such, the trip was very peaceful and meditative, but by the end, I was very much looking forward to a shower and a hot meal, but moreover, having other people to talk to when I arrived back at my new home here at Oxford Meeting.

Anbara Khalidi

See page 4 of the September Forty-Three for Anbara's welcome

Towards Plain Speaking?

Local law professor Les Green will give a public lecture entitled 'Right Speech' at 2:30 pm on Friday **21 November** in the Nissan Lecture Theatre, St Antony's College, Woodstock Road.

According to Les, classical Buddhist thought identifies four kinds of speech that are to be avoided: false speech, abusive speech, divisive speech, and idle speech. Les will argue that "these are sound norms; they can be promoted consistently with respect for free speech; and they should guide us in personal life, online, in print, and in politics. I conclude with some conjectures about how the norms of right speech can be promoted and protected."

The New Triennium

A new triennium begins in 2015, with our Area Meeting (AM) appointing Friends to serve as Elders and Overseers from 2015-17. Each Local Meeting will be bringing forward names to AM this month. In Oxford we will have some Friends remaining for a second triennium, plus some newly appointed Friends, so giving both continuity and change. They will be offering service which is core to forming our Oxford Meeting community.

May we hold in the Light those involved in this work, and those who have agreed to serve in this way.

Peggy Heeks

A New Name

Overseers in Oxford Meeting are now known as the Pastoral Care Group. Details are in minute 65/14 from our LMWB (Local Meeting for Worship for Business) in October.

Friends Housing Bursary Trust

Over 60 and in need of financial support? Please speak to the Pastoral Care Group about the Friends Housing Bursary Trust. Your claim will be treated in confidence.

Not in need of financial support? Donations to the Trust are handled via Alan Grimby, Farmside House, Three Households, Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire, HP8 4LI.

Pastoral Care Group (Dinah Lintott, Matthew Gee, Peggy Heeks, Hoonie Feltham, Kath Wilson, Madeleine Forey, Mark Ebdon, Pol O'Ceallaigh, Sally Wilkins, Tanya Garland)

Sharing News of Friends

If you have any personal news you'd like to share with Friends after Meeting for Worship – significant life events, births, illnesses, and so on – you're invited to write a sentence or two for our weekly notices (notices@oxfordquakers.org), as a way of bringing our meeting closer together. When reporting on a Friend's behalf you must obtain their permission first of course. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Hoonie Feltham and Laurie Michaelis

University Lectures: Some of the below are intended for specialists and some for a general audience. For details, do a text search on the lecture title in *The Gazette*: tinyurl.com/lect2014

- *Conscription and conscientious objection* (1 pm, Wednesday **29 October**, booking recommended)
- *Seeing visions and hearing voices: another look at religious experience and expression* (5:30 pm, **30 October**, by Richard Holloway; booking required)
- *Is global financial reform finished? What pieces are missing?* (5 pm, Monday **3 November**, by David Wright, Secretary General of IOSCO)
- *The pity of war: the longer view of England and Germany* (5:30 pm, Tuesday **4 November**, by Miranda Seymour)
- *Ethics as a politics of the ordinary* (12:30 pm, Wednesday **5 November**)
- *What should the state wish for all its children?* (6:15 pm, Wednesday **5 November**, by Fiona Millar; booking recommended)
- *The history of social support for the needy* (4:30 pm, Thursday **6 November**)
- *The relationship between disability and global poverty: examining the evidence base* (5 pm, Thursday **6 November**)
- *The butterfly defect: how globalisation creates systemic risks and what to do about it* (5 pm, Mon **10 November**, by Ian Goldin; booking required)
- *"We believe" – but who or what are "we"?* (5 pm, Wednesday **12 November**, by Margaret Archer)
- *Legitimate targets? Social construction, international law and US bombing* (4:30 pm, **13 November**)
- *Developing dispositions through religious education* (3:45 pm, Tuesday **18 November**)
- *Why don't apes point? Religious practice and the nature of the human* (2 pm, Thurs **20 November**)
- *Humanism v anthropomorphism* (8:15 for 8:30 pm, Thursday **20 November**, by Anthony Kenny, President of the British Academy)
- *Can you have a good bank?* (5 for 5:30 pm, Fri **21 November**, by Hector Sants; booking required)
- *Inequality, immigration and refugee protection* (5 pm, Wednesday **26 November**)
- *Gender and faith-based humanitarianism* (2 pm, Thursday **27 November**)
- *The fate of antipoverty policies between austerity and Europe 2020 targets* (12:30 pm, Mon **1 Dec**)
- *The dilemmas of humanitarian aid: a historical perspective* (5 pm, Tuesday **2 December**)
- 7 • *The habit of prayer and prayer in a habit* (2 pm, Thursday **4 December**)

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2014

All 43 St Giles unless otherwise indicated

Monday 3	4 pm	Poems in the Library	Sunday 16	2 pm	Memorial Meeting for Betty Duxbury – see p 2
Monday 3	7:30 pm	Poems in the MH – see Aug issue, p. 5	Tuesday 18	7 for 7:30 pm	Economic & Environmental Justice — see below
Friday 7	7 pm	Friday with Friends – see page 5	Wednesday 19	1:45 pm	Friends Fellowship of Healing
Saturday 8	10:30 and 2 pm	Area Meeting (<i>in Swindon Meeting House</i>)	Wednesday 19	7 pm	Enquirers' Evening – see page 2
Sunday 9	10:30 - 11:30 am	Peace vigil outside Meeting House in St Giles	Saturday 22	10:30 am	Quaker Quilting
Wednesday 12	7 pm	Enquirers' Evening – see page 2	Monday 24	7 pm	Poems in the MH – see August issue, p. 5
Thursday 13	7:30 pm	Nominations	Wednesday 26	7 pm	Enquirers' Evening – see page 2
Friday 14	7:30 pm	Elders	Friday 28	7 pm	Friday with Friends – see page 5
Sat 15	10 am— 9:30 pm	Commemorating the Peacemakers — see p.1	Young Adult Friends meet every Monday from 7:30 pm		

Money, Money, Money: As Collector my role is to oversee the donations to the Meeting from its members and attenders; like Bob Geldof at Band Aid but less brusque and without the swearing. Each year Oxford Local Meeting spends about £100,000. We maintain, heat and light our buildings, repair and replace their contents as they wear out, buy consumables, pay salaries, support charitable causes, and ensure that the total amount donated by Oxford Friends to support the central work of Britain Yearly Meeting is commensurate with the size of our Meeting. About half of the money comes from letting rooms in our buildings, a small part comes from investment income, but the rest has to come from your donations.

Advices and Queries 1.02 asks, “Do you give a right proportion of your money to support Quaker work?” It is up to each of us to determine what that proportion might be; we each have different obligations and demands on us, some having very little “net disposable income” once essential spending is made, others much more. One-off donations are great – as Collector it is satisfying to trot along to the bank with a stack of cheques in a paying-in book – but at least as welcome is the steady trickle of regular standing order payments that I tally each month since it gives us a dependable income through the year.

If you have not donated to Oxford Meeting this year and would be able to, please consider what you might give. If you could give regularly by standing order that would be much appreciated. If you have had a standing order in place for some while please consider adjusting the amount given if inflation has eroded its value. Donation forms – the “Schedule” – were distributed to members and attenders earlier in the year. If you did not receive them or cannot now find them and would like to give to the Meeting, please get in touch and I can send you copies.

Richard Stamper, stamper.richard@gmail.com, 01865 724389

The **Environment and Economic Justice Group** will be meeting at 7 for 7:30 pm on Tuesday **18 November** in the Short Room. The main subject will be a discussion on Naomi Klein's book *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs The Climate* and her recent lecture in Oxford. It should prove a stimulating evening and all are welcome.

Dennis Price

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