

In addition to our Meetings for Worship we also meet in smaller informal groupings to strengthen our community, develop our spiritual roots, work together around our concerns and share our particular interests. Meetings of most of these informal groups are advertised in notices after Meeting for Worship and/or in the Calendar at the back of our newsletter. Many groups also now also have an email circulation list to give longer-term notice of meetings. For more information, Email the warden who will pass your message to the appropriate group contact person.

Note there is a fuller version of this list with full contact details in the members section of the website.

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Friday with Friends</b>
<b>Activity</b>	An open group or series of meetings to give people an opportunity to get to know each other better by learning more about a particular subject or to taking time to explore an issue. Some meetings have a speaker while others are more of a facilitated discussion which may explore an issue which has come up at MfWfB.
<b>Participants</b>	Primarily for Members and Attenders of Oxford Meeting, but it is open to Ffriends from other meetings or anyone who is interested in coming.
<b>Meeting time &amp; place</b>	Meetings are organised roughly once or twice a month on a Friday evening from 7 p.m. (for refreshments) for 7.30 until 9 p.m.

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Young Adult Friends</b>
<b>Activity</b>	Half an hour of MfW, followed by 20-30 mins of discussion and a time for socialising.
<b>Participants</b>	Friends, attenders visitors etc from late teens to early thirties, including both students and non-students
<b>Meeting time &amp; place</b>	At 43 St Giles on Thursdays from 7:00 with MfW beginning at 7:30 p.m.

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>West Oxford Friends</b>
<b>Activity</b>	We meet in a spirit of worship to update each other on our lives and to reflect on a variety of matters relevant to our Quaker lives and testimonies.
<b>Participants</b>	Primarily for Ffriends living in West Oxford and outside the city to the West, but we have welcomed some Ffriends from other areas of the city
<b>Meeting time &amp; place</b>	We meet once a month from 7.30 – 9.30 alternating between the last Sunday and the last Wednesday of the month. We move around the homes of various Ffriends.

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>OX2-North Coffee Mornings</b>
<b>Activity</b>	We drink coffee! Chat, gets to know one another informally. A number of people come along who don't get to Meeting that often.
<b>Participants</b>	Any member or attender who lives in OX2-North
<b>Meeting time &amp; place</b>	Once a month in the house/flat of a member or attender living in OX2-North

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>OX2 – 'Exploring our Quaker faith' group</b>
<b>Activity</b>	Discussion of topics that will help us to deepen our spirituality
<b>Participants</b>	Any member or attender who lives in OX2-North
<b>Meeting time &amp; place</b>	2nd Sunday of the month in the home of a member or attender living in OX2-North

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>OX4 Group</b>
<b>Activity</b>	Coffee Mornings, walks, other events
<b>Participants</b>	Friends and attenders living in OX4 post code area.
<b>Meeting time &amp; place</b>	Varies

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Oxford Friends Fellowship of Healing</b>
<b>Activity</b>	Hold a monthly MfW for healing where we hold in the Light those who have given us their names – from pregnant mums and unborn babies through to our oldest Ffriends. We also continue this privately during the month. We seek wholeness (spiritual, emotional as well as physical) for those whose names we hold in the Light and we also uphold those living in suffering and danger from conflict and crime.
<b>Participants</b>	All Friends and ecumenical friends. We are affiliated to the Guild of Health and the national FFH.
<b>Meeting time &amp; place</b>	Third Wednesday of each month at 1.45 in the Garden room.

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Quakers in Focus (Enquirers' Evenings)</b>
<b>Activity</b>	Exploration of the Quaker Way in a series of informal meetings.
<b>Participants</b>	Newcomers to Oxford Meeting, attenders who are wondering about seeking membership and seasoned Friends who may feel in need of an MOT!
<b>Meeting time &amp; place</b>	2009 –2010 series (Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> , Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Jan 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup> ) is on Thursdays at 7 p.m. for 7.30 at the home of Maretta Stark - 40 Chalfont Road, North Oxford

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>The Quilting Group.</b>
<b>Activity</b>	We make patchwork single-bed size quilts, or wall-hangings. This is mostly a peaceful gentle process which gives space for conversation and sharing thoughts in the atmosphere of the Meeting House, and sustains lasting friendships.
<b>Participants</b>	Anyone with patience and simple sewing skills who enjoys creating textiles in patchwork, designed and made communally by a group.
<b>Meeting time &amp; place</b>	We meet from 10.30am to about 3.30pm, about once a month in 43 St Giles, in the Garden Room and sharing our lunch round the kitchen table.

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Poems in the Library: or Poems I Like and Why I like Them</b>
<b>Activity</b>	We meet to read poems to each other and to talk about them. We also try to make the Library feel like a room in which Friends do library-related things together. So far we have not had any pre-selected themes to our sessions, though it is surprising how often a theme or themes emerge. This Autumn we may experiment with some themed sessions under the heading 'Making Time'. But we value openness and spontaneity and don't want to let go of them.
<b>Participants</b>	Mostly for members and attenders of Quaker meetings. It is not a Writers' Workshop, so the poems we read are not for the most part written by ourselves.
<b>Meeting time &amp; place</b>	We meet once during most but not every month, on a Monday but not a regular Monday, from 7 p.m. till 9p.m in the Library. .

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Sunday Coffee Group</b>
<b>Activity</b>	Go to Blackwells coffee shop at 11 a.m. for a longer coffee and chat time after the 9.30 Meeting coffee time as a way of developing friendship. (Or on very sunny days to the vaults café at the University Church).
<b>Participants</b>	Anyone connected with Oxford Meeting.
<b>Meeting time &amp; place</b>	Gather in "43" after 930 coffee
<b>Note</b>	Discussion topics are wide ranging and have included discussion of ministry in meeting, what has happened to people during the week, news events, art and other cultural events, work , challenges, etc.

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Bring &amp; Share Lunch</b>
<b>Activity</b>	Eating and talking together!
<b>Participants</b>	Anyone connected with Oxford Meeting.
<b>Meeting time &amp; place</b>	From 12.30 on the last Sunday of each Month in the Garden Room

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Friendly Eights</b>
<b>Activity</b>	Eight people meet together eight times. Previous Activities have included structured discussions, bring-and-share meals, restaurant dinners and painting ceramics, depending on the interests of those in the group.
<b>Participants</b>	Four Eights were organised in 2010 and 2011, and as of September 2011 a fifth is in the making.
<b>Meeting time &amp; place</b>	Participants provide their availabilities to the contact person who finds eight mutually agreeable times and dates spaced about 2 weeks apart. Locations are determined by a different participant each time, and can include Friends Meeting House.

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Quaker Quest Core Group</b>
<b>Activity</b>	Facilitates Quaker Quest in Oxford Meeting .This includes preparation (recruiting and preparing speakers, advertising, preparing a budget) and also attending most of the Quaker Quest Sessions to provide some consistency in welcoming Questers.
<b>Participants</b>	Anyone who wants to make Quakers faith and Quaker values better known and can give some concentrated time and energy over a period of about 12 weeks at a time.
<b>Meeting time &amp; place</b>	QQ itself takes place as arranged on a series of Monday evenings. In addition Core group meetings are organised as needed.

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Oxford LM Peace Group</b>
<b>Activity</b>	Supporting each other to write “dialogue” letters and other peace activities
<b>Participants</b>	Any Friends and Attenders
<b>Meeting time &amp; place</b>	Occasional meetings between MfW’s on Sundays

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Oxford Network for Justice and Peace</b>
<b>Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We promote justice and the resolution of conflict through non-violent means, and seek to understand the root causes of conflict and war.</li> <li>• We design and write leaflets on current topics relevant to peace and justice, and hand them out on Fridays 3.45 – 4.45 in Cornmarket.</li> </ul>
<b>Participants</b>	Open to everyone both within and beyond Oxford meeting.
<b>Meeting time &amp; place</b>	Every few weeks to plan the next topics and leaflets.

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Human Rights &amp; Asylum Group</b>
<b>Activity</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) tries to keep abreast of important human rights and asylum issues generally</li> <li>b) campaigns with other voluntary groups and agencies nationally including Quaker Asylum &amp; Refugee Network and Quaker Civil Liberties Network</li> <li>c) as part of that campaigning, drafts letters for the consideration of LMfWfB with a view to LM clerk sending them on behalf of Oxford meeting</li> <li>d) organises &amp; advertises the collection of food for destitute asylum seekers through Oxford Meeting.</li> </ol>
<b>Participants</b>	Any attender or member who is interested
<b>Meeting time &amp; place</b>	Two monthly meetings, usually at 2pm on a Tuesday in the Library.

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Quaker volunteers at HMP Grendon</b>
<b>Working with</b>	Grendon Prison and Quakers in the Region
<b>Activity</b>	Attend meeting for worship at HMP Grendon. We have conversation with prisoners before the start of the MfW and afterwards over coffee and biscuits, until about 7pm. We also meet up twice a year at the home of Yvonne Dixon for mutual support.
<b>Participants</b>	Members and Attenders from Oxford and other Quaker meetings who can commit to attending Grendon MfW about once a month.
<b>Meeting time &amp; place</b>	Meeting for Worship takes place for 30 minutes from approx 5.45-6.15pm on Wednesdays. We arrive at the prison by 5.15, go through security, meet with the Quaker Prison Chaplain, Yvonne Dixon and open the meeting room (which is the prison chapel) by 5.30pm
<b>Note</b>	Prisoners at Grendon are mostly Cat B offenders on admission, and are all committed to changing their offending behaviour. They volunteer to go for treatment to Grendon, which is the only therapeutic community prison in the country

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Garden Volunteers</b>
<b>Activity</b>	We meet to weed, plant annuals, prune and plan, under the direction of Steve Brooke and help with new projects such as a vegetable plot.
<b>Participants</b>	Anyone who can wield a fork and bend! People who enjoy gardens and parents and children.
<b>Meeting time &amp; place</b>	Every few months for a working Saturday (10-3) – especially in Spring
<b>Note</b>	There is an employed gardener who does 4 hours per week, but the garden will only have that ‘loved’ look if it is cared for by members of the meeting