

Quakers in London

News Sheet 11

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Joint London Area Meeting

Friends are warmly invited to the next Joint London Area Meeting on **Saturday 12th September** at **Wanstead** Meeting House, Bush Road, E11 3AU (what three words: *speech.them.deeply*). The meeting will be blended, with a Zoom link available from 10.30.

10.30-11.00 Arrivals and tea and coffee

11.00-12.15 Morning session

Opening worship will be in the form of 'wild prayer', followed by a choice of activities based on the theme *Maintaining the beauty and variety of the world*. Options (most of them suitable for children and young people) will include: playing with natural colour; introduction to climate café listening circles (adults only – sign up on the day); Wanstead Meeting House and grounds; Eco church at Wanstead; and 'Sanctuary, stewardship, witness' – a presentation by Golders Green Meeting. (This last will be the activity for online friends, joined by others at the venue.)

12.30-1.30 Bring and share lunch of vegetarian, vegan and gluten free foods

1.30-4.30 Joint London Area Meeting for business, with activities for children and young people

Full details, including travel advice, the agenda and links to documents for the business meeting, will be in an invitation sent by the Arrangements Committee together with a flyer from Wanstead Friends explaining more.

Monthly London-wide Meetings for Worship

The next monthly London-wide meeting for worship is on **September 20th** at **Ealing** Meeting House, 17 Woodville Road, W5 2SE. Meeting starts at 10.30 and is blended. The meeting house is 400m from Ealing Broadway station (Central, District and Elizabeth lines) and has parking spaces (subject to the timely completion of car park works – otherwise nearby on-street parking should be available). For Zoom link see the Quakers in London event listing. (Next venues: **Epping** October 18; **Epsom** November 15.)



Staines & Egham Meeting

On 31st May the last Meeting for Worship was held at Staines & Egham Meeting House. After five years of deliberation the elders had decided that the meeting no longer had the resources to continue, so with effect from 19th July 2026 it has been laid down.

Friends have worshipped in Staines and then Egham since the time of George Fox. Much gratitude was expressed for the worship and ministry of all those Friends who contributed to the life of the meeting over the past centuries, and especially to those who continued to support the meeting in more recent times. Members attached to Staines & Egham LM have been asked either to transfer their membership to another area meeting or to attach themselves to a different local meeting.

Quakers in London, the new London-wide area meeting, now comprises 33 local meetings. 27 of these are responsible for a building. Three former meeting houses are for sale.

Online worship

From Friday 11th September Quakers in London will be trialling a cross-London online meeting for worship. This will take place every Friday evening from 7.30 pm and will include half an hour of worship followed by an opportunity for conversation and friendship. More details to follow.

Joint London Area Meeting in October

After Wanstead, the next JLAM will be on Sunday **11 October** at **Friends House**. There will be all-age worship in the morning followed by a business meeting in the afternoon.

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