



Yearly Meeting 2026

Friends House and online,
Friday 1 – Monday 4 May 2026

December 2025

Dear Friends,

“We did conclude among ourselves to settle a meeting, to see one another’s faces, and open our hearts one to another in the Truth of God once a year, as formerly it used to be.”

– Yearly Meeting in London, 1668; *Quaker faith & practice* 6.02

Our Yearly Meeting sessions in May 2026 will take place at Friends House and online, from Friday 1 to Monday 4 May.

Yearly Meeting is an opportunity for us to spend time together in worship and discernment, seeking divine guidance as a community of Friends from meetings around Britain. Yearly Meeting “should be a focus for every facet of Quakerism, constantly reminding us of what it means to be a Quaker today”. (*Qf&p* 6.05)

This year we will not end our Yearly Meeting on 4 May. The change to our pattern of Yearly Meeting sessions means that we will gather again, for one day each time, on 18 July (in Manchester) and 21 November (in London). We hope that this change, along with the choice of online or onsite attendance, will make our shared worship and discernment more inclusive and accessible for as many Friends as possible.

During our sessions in May we will consider the following, discerned by Yearly Meeting Agenda Committee after meeting with representatives of central committees and other Quaker groups:

In a divided world, what unites us as a Spirit-led community? How do we foster acceptance and belonging? As a Spirit-led community, how can we handle conflict well in a way that builds connections, nurtures community and finds common ground, overcoming divisiveness and polarisation?

We will also spend time on the arrangements needed for the change to our pattern of Yearly Meeting sessions and the laying down of Meeting for Sufferings, as well as hearing reports from different parts of our Quaker organisation.

I look forward to welcoming visitors from other Quaker communities around the world and from other faith communities in Britain. I look forward to spending time as a gathered community with

our visitors and with Quakers at Yearly Meeting for the first time and those who have attended many times before.

Children and young people at Yearly Meeting

Friends of all ages are welcome to participate in Yearly Meeting in session. There will also be Yearly Meeting programmes planned for children and young people:

- **Children's Programme** (0-11 year olds): non-residential, at Friends House. Registration opens Monday 12 January 2026 and closes Tuesday 7 April 2026.
- **Young People @ Yearly Meeting** (11-15 year olds): residential at Rock UK Frontier Centre, Northamptonshire, joining Yearly Meeting at Friends House on Monday 4 May. Registration opens Monday 12 January 2026 and closes Sunday 1 March 2026.
- **Accompaniment for older teens** (15-17 year olds): non-residential, at Friends House. Registration opens Monday 12 January 2026 and closes Tuesday 7 April 2026.

For further details, see: www.quaker.org.uk/ym.

Junior Yearly Meeting

Junior Yearly Meeting will take place 3 – 7 April 2026 at the Pioneer Centre near Kidderminster for anyone born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2010. Registration for this event is separate from Yearly Meeting registration. See: www.quaker.org.uk/events/junior-yearly-meeting-2026. The deadline for area meetings to make nominations and for open place bookings is Monday 12 January.

Registration for Yearly Meeting

Please register in advance to attend Yearly Meeting, whether you plan to join us online or in Friends House. Registration will open on 12 January 2026. See: www.quaker.org.uk/ym.

Special interest meetings

Special interest meetings, organised by Quaker Recognised Bodies and central committees, will be held online between Friday 20 March and Thursday 26 March. Please register for Yearly Meeting, to receive details of these.

Preparing for Yearly Meeting

Documents to help you prepare for Yearly Meeting will be available on the Yearly Meeting website from January at www.quaker.org.uk/ym. Preparation sessions will take place online between Monday 13 April and Friday 17 April starting at 19:30. Please register for Yearly Meeting to receive details of these.

We can all prepare for Yearly Meeting, also, by making connections between Friends who might be considering attending Yearly Meeting for the first time, or who might never have thought of attending, and Friends who can share their experience of one or many Yearly Meetings.

I am writing this letter in October 2025, so there's lots of planning still to do, but whatever happens between now and then, I look forward to spending time with you in spirit-led community in May 2026.

In friendship,

Fred Langridge
Yearly Meeting Clerk (nominate)

Friday 1 May – Monday 4 May

Schedule at a glance

For full details see Agenda & notes

	Friday	Saturday	
08:30		08:30–09:00 Worship (Led by QWRC)	08:30
09:00		09:15–09:30 0–11 drop-off/sign in	09:00
09:30		09:30–12:30 Yearly Meeting session 2 What unites us as a Spirit-led community?	09:30
10:00			10:00
10:30			10:30
11:00			11:00
11:30			11:30
12:00	12:00 Café/Cloakroom open		12:00
12:30		12:30–12:45 0–11 pick-up	12:30
13:00		*12:45–14:15 Groups fair	13:00
13:30		*12:45–13:30 Meet QCCIR Guests	13:30
14:00		*13:30–14:00 Worship	14:00
14:30		14:15–14:30 0–11 drop-off/sign in	14:30
15:00	15:00 Registration opens	14:30–17:30 Yearly Meeting session 3 Meeting for Sufferings report, YM governing documents revision, Quaker faith & practice amendments	15:00
15:30	*15:30–16:15 Friends House Tours		15:30
16:00			16:00
16:30			16:30
17:00	17:00–18:15 All about Yearly Meeting		17:00
17:30		17:30–17:45 0–11 pick-up	17:30
18:00			18:00
18:30		18:45–19:00 5–11 drop-off/sign in	18:30
19:00	19:00–21:00 Yearly Meeting Session 1	19:00–20:15 Swarthmore Lecture Stuart Masters	19:00
19:30	Opening session, appointments, tabular statement, Reflections on Quaker Earthcare Gathering		19:30
20:00		20:15–20:30 5–11 pick-up	20:00
20:30			20:30
21:00	21:00–21:30 Epilogue Led by Yearly Meeting Elders	21:00–21:30 Epilogue Led by Yearly Meeting Elders	21:00
21:30	21:40 Friends House closes	21:40 Friends House closes	21:30
22:00			22:00

	Sunday		Monday		
08:30	08:30 Unprogrammed Worship Upheld by Yearly Meeting Elders		08:30 Worship (Led by QWRC)		08:30
09:00			09:15–09:30 0–11 drop-off/sign in		09:00
09:30	9:30–10:15 All age worship		09:30–12:30 Yearly Meeting session 6 Appointments, as led	Children's	09:30
10:00	10:15–10:30 0–11 drop-off/sign in				10:00
10:30		Children's			10:30
11:00	11:00–12:30 Yearly Meeting session 4				11:00
11:30	Trustees report, Book of Discipline Revision update				11:30
12:00					12:00
12:30	12:30–12:45 0–11 pick-up		12:30–12:45 0–11 pick-up		12:30
13:00	*12:45–14:15 Quakers in Britain/ Groups fair		*12:45–13:45 Intergenerational lunch		13:00
13:30	13:15–14:15 Meet the Swarthmore Lecturer		13:45–14:00 0–11 drop-off/sign in		13:30
14:00	14:15–14:30 0–11 drop-off/sign in		14:00–15:30 Yearly Meeting session 7 Our all-age community, closing session	Children's	14:00
14:30	14:30–17:30 Yearly Meeting session 5	Children's Programme			14:30
15:00	As a Spirit-led community, how can we handle conflict well?				15:00
15:30					15:30
16:00			16:00–16:15 0–11 pick-up		16:00
16:30			16:30 Friends House closes		16:30
17:00					17:00
17:30	17:30–17:45 0–11 pick-up				17:30
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19:00	19:00–20:15 Salter Lecture				19:00
19:30	Rachel Shabi				19:30
20:00					20:00
20:30					20:30
21:00	21:00–21:30 Epilogue Led by Young Friends General Mtg.		Asterisk marked sessions Events marked with an * asterisk are not available online.		21:00
21:30	21:40 Friends House closes				21:30
22:00					22:00