



# An Krenner Kernewek The Cornish Friend Number 8, March 2019

## Cornwall Council has declared a 'climate emergency'

There were at least 7 Quakers in the public gallery at the County Council meeting on 22nd January, watching the debate on climate change. Following our Cornwall Area Meeting minute the previous Sunday (see page 2), we were delighted when the motion to declare a Climate Emergency was passed. Councillor Jayne Kirkham said: "Members voted for the amended motion, almost unanimously, to declare a climate emergency today in line with other local governments across the world covering 17.5 million people, including London and Manchester. Our ambition to become carbon neutral by 2030 and the report we will prepare to help us to

do so, will put Cornwall on the front line in combating climate change."

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### Editorial

I try to produce an edition of An Krenner Kernewek between one Cornwall Area Meeting and the next, and I have just succeeded this time by the skin of my teeth. I apologise for not getting it out earlier.

This is because I have had a range of things going on in my life which have taken up more time than I expected. (I think it is important to be "in the world" as well as on my computer.) I have sold the house of a disabled friend for him; I have been helping my daughter with a court case; and this month, rather surprisingly, I have made the decision to leave Trelay, the cohousing community near Bude where I have lived for 12 years.

This has resulted in a decision to find out if there are people interested in setting up a new cohousing community in Cornwall based on Quaker principles? (See notice on page 4.)

The next few weeks offer me a period of calm, and I look forward to working with Friends as we develop ideas for the CAM Quaker sustainability group. There are obvious links between this and our Sanctuary work (see page 4). Lots to do!

*from Jackie Carpenter, Editor (jackie@trelay.org)*



*Left: the public gallery was packed for the Cornwall Council climate change debate. There was a good representation of Quakers.*

*Below: A copy of our minute from 19th January and a brief note about Quakers was made available in the public gallery.*

At Cornwall Area Meeting on 19.01.2019, Cornish Quakers discerned that their clerk should write to Cornwall County Council in support of the motion.

Cornwall Quakers from several Local Meetings were able to be in the public gallery while the motion was considered, and all supporters whooped with joy when the amendment (to add the word “Emergency”) and the motion were carried.

The Area Meeting day had included a ‘Learning Hour’ on Sustainability. Ideas and awareness came from many sources, including the Swanwick Gathering, Meeting for Sufferings, and movements such as Extinction Rebellion - and much more besides.

More information about the Area Meeting Day on 19th January is of course available in the minutes.



‘The Quakers in Cornwall, at our Area Meeting held in St Austell on 19.01.2019, minuted their full support for the motion coming before the Cornwall Council on 22.01.2019: to declare that there is a Climate Change Emergency. We

believe that this matter is not merely ‘Urgent’, but that ‘Emergency’ action is needed. This concern is in line with our Quaker values and practice, and we feel that appropriate resources must be set aside’.

Quakers have had hundreds of years practicing non-violent rebellion - and achieving results! Quakers (or The Religious Society of Friends) who have been influential in the history of reform, began as a movement in England in the 17th century with the idea that people are equal and responsible for their own spiritual insights: no priestly class or “steeple houses” (churches) are needed. In its early days, the movement came into conflict both with the government and the church: they refused to pay tithes to the state Church; to take oaths in court; to practice “hat honor” (doff their hats to the king or other persons in positions of power); or to engage in a combat role during wartime. They developed an intense concern for the disadvantaged, including slaves, prisoners and inmates of asylums. During the second half of the 17th century, over 3,000 Quakers spent time in English jails for their beliefs.

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*Pip, our vibrancy officer, waving as a picture was taken at Cornwall Area Meeting.*

# Cornwall Area Meeting: Learning Hour on Sustainability

This learning hour was aiming for a shared understanding in Cornwall AM of the current sustainability issues, of what we need to ask the Government to do, and how we can make a start as Quakers - as part of BYM, in groups, and as individuals.

After a short introduction of the ideas shown in the box on the right, we watched three short films:

<https://youtu.be/2WiDE17Imlo> "We don't have time." 30th May 2018. 3 minutes 27 seconds.

<https://youtu.be/giN50RKUJIQ> "Climate protestors ready to go to prison for the planet." 14th November 2018. 1 minute 56 seconds.

<https://vimeo.com/295976247> "FWCC Quakers and Climate Change Around the World." 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Watch the first 4 minutes.

We then divided into 5 groups and discussed the following subjects:

- \* Persuade the Government to reduce carbon/ change the system
- \* Reduce carbon personally, or in a Quaker Group
- \* Going forwards towards a simpler society
- \* Cornwall AM ways forward
- \* Dealing with climate change emotions

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## What does Sustainability mean to Quakers?

### 1. The Bruntland definition

Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

### 2. Advices and Queries

41. Try to live simply. A simple lifestyle freely chosen is a source of strength. Do not be persuaded into buying what you do not need or cannot afford. Do you keep yourself informed about the effects your style of living is having on the global economy and environment?

42. We do not own the world, and its riches are not ours to dispose of at will. Show a loving consideration for all creatures, and seek to maintain the beauty and variety of the world. Work to ensure that our increasing power over nature is used responsibly, with reverence for life. Rejoice in the splendour of God's continuing creation.

### 3. Minute 36 - Our Canterbury Commitment

*Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain at the Yearly Meeting held in Canterbury at the University of Kent 30 July - 6 August 2011. The words below are part of the minute.*

"Sustainability is an urgent matter for our Quaker witness. It is rooted in Quaker testimony and must be integral to all we do corporately and individually." (A framework for action 2009-2014). . . John Woolman's words in 1772 sound as clearly to us now: "The produce of the earth is a gift from our gracious creator to the inhabitants, and to impoverish the earth now to support outward greatness appears to be an injury to the succeeding age." (Quaker faith & practice 25.01) . . . The action we are ready to take at this time is to make a strong corporate commitment to become a low-carbon, sustainable community. . . . We ask area meetings to consider how truth prospers with regard to sustainability, taking care to relate this to all our testimonies - peace, truth, simplicity, equality and care for the environment.

### 4. Climate crisis

On 10th September 2018, the UN Secretary General, António Guterres, made a speech which included the following, "I have asked you here to sound the alarm. Climate change is the defining issue of our time - and we are at a defining moment. We face a direct existential threat. Climate change is moving faster than we are - and its speed has provoked a sonic boom SOS across our world. If we do not change course by 2020 (next year), we risk missing the point where we can avoid runaway climate change, with disastrous consequences for people and all the natural systems that sustain us." (The reports on this in the press were minimal.)

We heard more in October 2018 when the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPPC) issued a report saying that global warming of 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels poses greater risks than previously believed. The report said that these risks can be substantially reduced by limiting warming to 1.5 degrees, which requires dramatic emission reductions by 2030, 11 years away.

The five groups produced a wide range of ideas shown in the picture to the right. These have been typed up and will feed into the newly formed Cornwall AM Sustainability Group.

Each local meeting is being asked to provide a representative and Jackie Carpenter has been appointed as the coordinator, to start off its work. Meeting may be in a physical space or by Zoom computer discussions.

Thanks to Glynis and others for helping me to put the sustainability learning hour together.

*By Jackie Carpenter*



## Extinction Rebellion

Several Friends are involved with Extinction Rebellion (XR), and local groups are growing. However, not all Quakers are happy with XR action, and a recent comment has stated, “My idea of revolution is different from Extinction Rebellion’s, so count me out.”

Whatever the varying views of individuals, there is a feeling that there needs to be a worthwhile relationship developed between Quakers in Cornwall and the many local XR groups that are developing. There are details of a North Cornwall Group, and also a new local group in Liskeard, and there will be lots more. Quite a few Quakers are part of the XR march to London taking place during March and April.

Much XR communication is on Facebook, including a national “Extinction Rebellion Quakers” page. Ways to develop good communication will be explored by our CAM sustainability group. The page in the photo above that is partially covered up says, “Information crucial \* and communication” *By Jackie Carpenter*

## IPPR Report “This is a Crisis”

At the end of the “Youth Strike 4 Climate” Day on 12<sup>th</sup> February, Geoff Watson (CAM Sanctuary contact) and Jackie Carpenter (CAM Sustainability contact) circulated the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) document “This is a Crisis - Facing Up to the Age of Environmental Breakdown” which was published earlier that week. The report includes the following: “... one-fifth of the global population could be forced into involuntary migration as a result of climate breakdown”.

So the Quaker work on providing sanctuary to migrants and caring for the environment as we face climate change are closely linked. As the new Quaker Sanctuary poster distributed at Area Meeting puts it, “This is not a migrant crisis. This is a crisis of inequality, war and climate change.”

It is well worth watching the following short video about the IPPR report: <https://youtu.be/YJGnYAjU8OY>

## Interested in the idea of a new Quaker Climate Crisis Community in Cornwall?

There will be a meeting on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April organised by Jackie Carpenter to discuss possibilities. Please contact Jackie for time and venue.

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# Vibrancy in Meetings South West

Update - January 2019 for Cornwall and Devon Area Meetings

Pip wrote in January 2019: “In December, in our final team check in together, my colleagues and I shared a “gratitude check”. What had we been especially grateful for in our work over the year? My team spoke of the inspiring, faithful, diligent and enlivened Friends they had met; the trust that has been given us to follow leadings; the network of Friends that we are working with. I echo their thoughts.

The start of 2019 marks the beginning of the final year of the “Vibrancy in Meeting” programme. It inevitably feels a little unsettling, set against the background of what are undeniably turbulent times. Where should the energies of the programme be focused in these final months?”

This is part of the 2-page January update: ask Pip if you’d like to have a copy.

Pip concludes: Please do get in touch if you would like to discuss how I might be able to help you. I work part-time 3½ days a week (travelling from Ashburton) and I can be very flexible across any day of the week, including evenings.

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Further information about the Vibrancy Programme:

<https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/learn/about/vibrancy-in-meetings/>

## ‘EQUIPPING FOR MINISTRY’ CONFERENCE

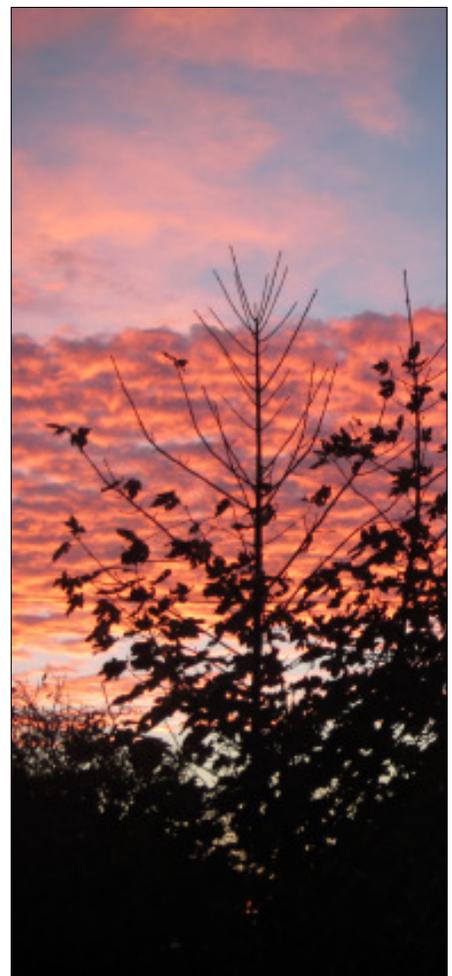
at Epiphany House, Truro, on 29th/30th January

Pip Harris, our Vibrancy Worker, organised a ‘reunion’ of Friends from Cornwall, Devon and West Somerset who had completed EfM courses at Woodbrooke, to meet together to review our ministries over the intervening years. We reviewed our Meetings’ strengths and weaknesses, the gifts and opportunities we share and common problems. How can we help our Meetings to have ‘Faith in our Future’ as Quakers in unsettled times?

We felt ‘at home’ in the quiet setting of Epiphany House, with its beautiful garden and views, taking this welcome opportunity to delve deeper into our spiritual strengths and experiences among Friends, sharing good practice and new ideas that had been successful. It was an energising time, with a lot of networking, laughter and mutual support.

We were all so grateful to Pip for her boundless energy in bringing us together, and to Wendy, Jude and Helen for helping at local level. We look forward to another gathering, maybe further east next time to enable other Friends to join us - and, if there are any other EfMers out there hidden, do make contact!

Moira Fitt mandt@phoncoop.coop



# QICJ Conference Leeds: Decriminalisation of Drugs for Personal Use

(22-24 February 2019)

More than thirty Friends gathered at Hinsley Hall, Leeds for the **Quakers in Criminal Justice Conference** during the weekend of 21-23 February 2019. The theme of this year's conference was the '**decriminalisation of illegal drugs**' underpinned by the minute circulated from within CAM relating to the harm not only caused by addiction but also the criminalisation of people. That minute, born out of a Quaker concern over the use of punishment and its ineffectiveness in 'the war on drugs' focuses on the need for a reform of drug policy here.

We heard from three very different keynote speakers - each prominent in their particular field. Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of Kent, Alex Stevens opened the conference on Friday evening with his presentation on '**Drug decriminalisation: what it is, where it is happening and how it works.**' He is a member of the UK Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs and is President of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy. Well-published in his field, he recently completed a review of evidence on drug decriminalisation for the Irish government. He drew on this evidence and personal research highlighting the irregularity of drug supply. He shared information referring to the Portugal method which shows clearly that liberalisation does not demonstrate a worsening of drug problems but frees up the police and the courts to work on serious crime when drug use is approached as a health issue.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Cumbria, Peter McCall focused on the work being done in Barrow-in-Furness, a severely depressed area, to deal with drug abuse by setting up a local 'go-to hub' for drug help/advice. He spoke of the cost in economic terms (£50k p.a. for a low security prisoner) stressing the need to show financial effectiveness in outcomes.

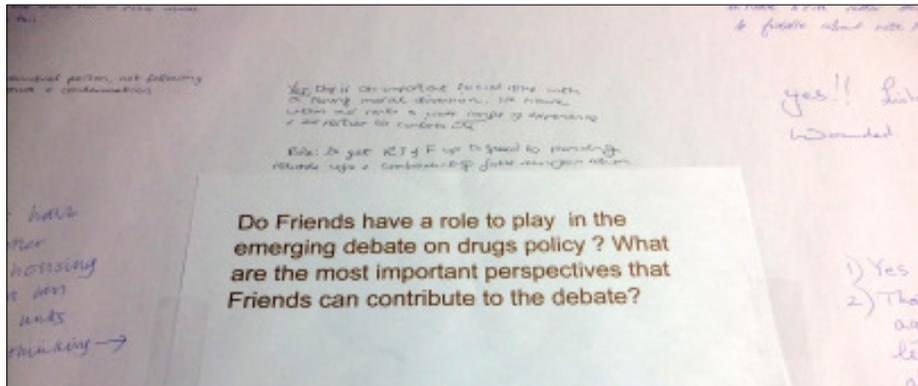
Founder of **Transform Drug Policy Foundation**, Danny Kushlick, spoke of his concerns with the uncontrolled and uncontrollable supply of drugs. His charity campaigns with the strapline *Making Dangerous Safer*. Prohibition doesn't work. Ensuring that what is used is a safe, regulated substance, *will* save lives and improve health with outcomes similar to the Portugal model. The Foundation is behind the *Anyone's Child* campaign calling for drug reform by legal regulation.

For further information visit <https://transformdrugs.org> and <https://anyoneschild.org/>

Danny has worked for the Bristol Drugs Project, the Big Issue and NACRO. He is internationally renowned on drug policy issues offering a personal and global oversight and he contextualised the violence in the language used against drugs and drug users throughout the 20th century.



After each speaker, small groups facilitated by a member of the Decriminalisation Network, met to discuss how to take forward the issues presented. Before the end of the conference there was a plenary session and during the conference there were opportunities for silent responses/reflections. There were also opportunities to hear QICJ Friends talk about a *New Prison Framework* and *Justice Matters*.



A minute was recorded encouraging Friends to consider the problems caused by unregulated drug use and emphasising that this is a moral issue upon which Quakers can be a true force for change. *By Lesley Chandler (Decriminalisation Network)*



*Refugee Abdul Al Moamen, 10, is two years overdue a life saving operation to his heart and understands the implications for his future: photo by Paddy Dowling*

*The UK sells arms: that fuel conflicts: that create refugees; who the UK turn away*

## Paddy Dowling

Paddy Dowling from Falmouth Meeting is a humanitarian photojournalist. He recently returned to Lebanon to find Syrian children as young as eight forced into work to support their families. “Has the world just grown tired of the Syrian Refugee Crisis now in its eighth year?”

He has been in touch with Lesley Chandler and myself, and told them he made the discovery that he was sitting next to a British Quaker on a plane recently - this came to light when she asked him where he gets his support, which points to our Meeting being valued as much in absence as presence, something I think many of us feel. In view of our commitment to holding Paddy and his work in the Light, you can see more through this link. The article has already been shared thousands of times, and has had millions of views. *By Deborah Mitchell*



*Paddy wearing the bullet-proof vest which Lesley coordinated and to which so many Friends contributed*

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/syria-refugee-crisis-lebanon-child-forced-labour-in-photos-a8777191.html>

## EAPPI

The human rights programme in Palestine and Israel is now recruiting **Ecumenical Accompaniers** (human rights' monitors) to serve in Palestine and Israel in 2020. We are very proud that there are three Friends from Devon & Cornwall in the '2019 cohort'.

Lucy Zawadzki of Come-to-Good LM spoke about her EAPPI experience in the Learning Hour at Area Meeting on March 17th.

EAPPI stands for Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel.

## Quaker Trivia

Which U.S. President said, "I wish Congress were under the control of the Quakers"?

[Answer: Bill Clinton in a 1997 commencement speech at Sidwell Friends School, where his daughter Chelsea Clinton was graduating. He was expressing his appreciation of Quaker meeting for worship, in which people spoke only when "they had something meaningful to say."]

**We are seeking participants for our Human Rights Programme in Palestine and Israel**

*The Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine & Israel (EAPPI) provides protection by presence, monitors human rights abuses, supports Israeli and Palestinian peace activists and advocates for an end to the occupation.*

Based in the West Bank and Israel in 2020 for 3 months' service.  
Expenses covered and living allowance + benefits offered.

We welcome applications from people of all faiths and none.

For more information and to download an application pack please see [www.quaker.org.uk/applieappi](http://www.quaker.org.uk/applieappi).

Closing date: Tuesday 23 April 2019.

A good end cannot sanctify evil means; nor must we ever do evil that good may come of it . . .

let us then try what love will do . . .

William Penn

**"FINDING YOURSELF" IS NOT REALLY HOW IT WORKS. YOU AREN'T A TEN-DOLLAR BILL IN LAST WINTER'S COAT POCKET. YOU ARE ALSO NOT LOST. YOUR TRUE SELF IS RIGHT THERE, BURIED UNDER CULTURAL CONDITIONING, OTHER PEOPLE'S OPINIONS, AND INACCURATE CONCLUSIONS YOU DREW AS A KID THAT BECAME YOUR BELIEFS ABOUT WHO YOU ARE. "FINDING YOURSELF" IS ACTUALLY RETURNING TO YOURSELF. AN UNLEARNING, AN EXCAVATION, A REMEMBERING WHO YOU WERE BEFORE THE WORLD GOT ITS HANDS ON YOU.**

EMILY MCDOWELL

# Pierre Ceresole

Pierre Ceresole (1879-1945), the son of a former Swiss president, was a teacher of engineering by profession. From about 1920 he gave himself to work for peace and became the founder of the International Voluntary Service (IVS). Refusals of military service and public protests against war-like measures brought him many times into prison. He crossed the frontier into Germany twice in war time, without papers, with messages of peace. His conscience dominated his mind throughout his life and he devoted himself to the service of 'l'eternal, a word which he endowed with a meaning like that of the Seed for early Friends. I have a personal connection to Pierre Ceresole because when I was training as a nurse in London in the 1970s, I joined the local branch of the IVS in order to get more involved in the local community. We worked with disadvantaged children and helped older people with tasks. I met my husband whilst I was volunteering for IVS; he was a volunteer as well, which made it an extra special time for me.

The following is prayer which was written by Pierre Ceresole in his last note-book while in prison in 1945, for refusing payment of war-taxes. *by Jenny Foster - St Austell Meeting*

## *A Prayer*

*Eternal God, let thy spirit inspire and guide us. Thy will be done.*

*Give us the strength to fulfil our task without selfishness, slothfulness, or cowardice.*

*Give us the strength to withstand temptations, and forgive others as we would wish them freely to forgive us.*

*Enable us to repay those who offend us only by redoubling our endeavours never to offend others.*

*Eternal God, we will listen to thy call and obey it in order that we may hear it ever more clearly.*

*Give us the honesty to examine our own acts and thoughts as scrupulously and severely as those of other people.*

*Deliver us from fanaticism and pride which prevents us from welcoming the truth even when it comes through the teaching and experience of others.*

*Give us the calm assurance that thou thyself wilt know how to reveal thy truth and thy righteousness to others even as we believe that thou hast in measure revealed them to us.*

*Teach us compassion and enable us to make a real effort to relieve the suffering of others.*

*Give us the quiet courage needed in all circumstances and natural to whoever has consecrated his life to thee.*

*At the highest level of existence where man and woman meet one another, let there be above all a passionate regard for the true values of life, for thy truth and thy love above all.*

*Do not let any defeat, any fall or backsliding ever separate us from thee; in the midst of all our weakness let thy love take hold of us and little by little lift us up to thee.*

# Meetings for Worship in Lostwithiel

*The Platform* has been booked for Meetings for Worship in Lostwithiel for every last Wednesday of the month at 12 noon until the end of 2019. This building is located on the platform at Lostwithiel Railway Station.

We are also planning to hold a few evening Meetings for Worship in the summer months but will let everyone know nearer the time. The dates for the Wednesday Meetings for Worship at 12 noon at *The Platform* in 2019 will be as follows:

March 27th, April 24th, May 29th, June 26th, July 31st, August 28th, Sept 25th, Oct 30th and Nov 27th.

These Meetings for Worship are public Meetings and everyone is welcome. The Meeting in Lostwithiel is a Worship Group and has been recognised by Cornwall Area Meeting.

Let us labor for an inward stillness--  
An inward stillness and an inward healing.  
That perfect silence where the lips and heart  
Are still, and we no longer entertain  
Our own imperfect thoughts and vain opinions,  
But God alone speaks to us and we wait  
In singleness of heart that we may know  
His will, and in the silence of our spirits,  
That we may do His will and do that only

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow  
(submitted by Moira Fitt)



## Renewing the Quaker community's story

A group of Quakers has been tasked to revise the book of discipline that has guided Quaker witness, community and worship across the centuries. In a bid to include voices, experiences and identities that reflect the full breadth and depth of Quakers in Britain today, the revision committee draws on Quakers across a range of occupations, abilities, ages and gender. Two of the committee are teenagers.

The current book is called *Quaker faith & practice*. In the stillness of worship, Quakers often read from this anthology of wisdom and witness. They listen and reflect on the experience of Quakers, from the 1600's to recent years. They can read the first-hand accounts of Quakers who were imprisoned for their faith three centuries ago.

Paul Parker, Recording Clerk for Quakers in Britain said:

“Once in a generation, Quakers decide to take a long hard look at our faith, what it means to us, and what we can say about it. The bold decision to revise *Quaker faith & practice* means it's time for us to do that again. It's exciting. We want to hear the insights of younger and more diverse people, and set out how we are a faith fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. I'm looking forward to it.”

Suggestions for new content are welcome. Quakers can make suggestions via an online form, by email to [gfp@quaker.org.uk](mailto:gfp@quaker.org.uk), or by writing to Revision Committee, Friends House, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ.

# Christchurch attack

I wanted to pass on my heartfelt concern and sadness for all that happened in Christchurch, New Zealand on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Please know that All Saints Church and the Cornwall Refugee Resource Network stand in solidarity with Muslims in Cornwall and around the world. This morning's news brings deep sadness to me and a great awareness of the darkness that is still very present in our world. And yet I am drawn to the 'Verse of Light' from the 24<sup>th</sup> Sura. We have lit a candle at All Saints and invited the community in Truro to pray for the Muslim community at the Al Noor Mosque in Christchurch, and for the people of New Zealand.

In love and peace I stand with you, Revd Jeremy Putnam

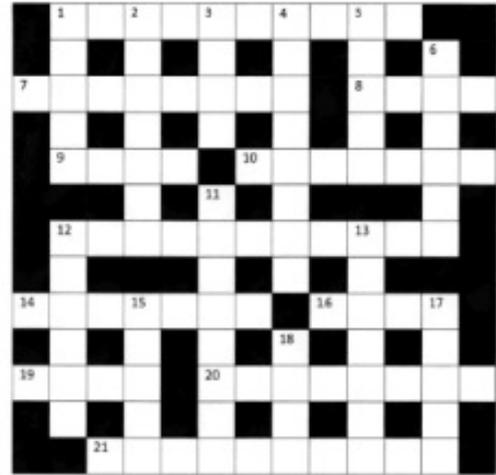
Priest in Charge for the Parish of All Saints Highertown and Baldhu

## Quite a Quakerly crossword

No. 26  
set by Bouncer

Quotations are from *Quaker faith & practice* unless stated otherwise

Solution next time



### ACROSS

- 1 Thomas and Margaret's Hall at Ulverston (10)
- 7 Hot stuff reaches liquefaction - disastrous outcome of 20ac ? (8)
- 8 A hot sort of affirmation (4)
- 9 Nasty kind of 5dn? (4)
- 10 A chorist? Not if your head's buried in the sand! (7)
- 12 Find them at Heligan (4,7)
- 14 Expertise - of a sort (7)
- 16 A garden for Sir Anthony? (4)
- 19 She presented Noah with a leaf (4)
- 20 They are thrown in anger (8)
- 21 Strangely a door click wakes you up (5-5)

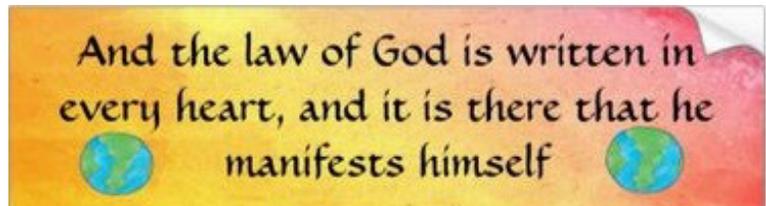
### DOWN

- 1 Quakers may sometimes do this (tut tut), but won't do it in court! (5)
- 2 Songs of praise, sometimes patriotic (7)
- 3 'I advise thee to wear it as long as \_\_\_ canst...' (4)
- 4 Travelling in it is a good thing for Friends (8)
- 5 How sanctity makes its presence felt? (5)
- 6 "We are not interested in the financial dealings, \_\_\_ and shares, investments and take-overs..." (6) Rachel Jackson
- 11 Non-theist coasting along? (8)
- 12 Our former Yearly Meeting - capital it was (6)
- 13 Hauled over the carpet, in a Quakerly way (7)
- 15 Mine's Cornish (5)
- 17 Dorothy, poet and once caretaker at Gloucester FMH (5)
- 18 Knot a rank outsider? (4)

Thanks to Polly Tatum for the crossword

## Word Puzzle Answers

HFATI	Faith
VAIDSCE	Advices
RDPEISLIT	Spirited
GTIHR DGRONEI	Right ordering
INTIOSOAMNN	Nominations
SERTNIDCEMN	Discernment
PCTRCIAE	Practice
LREED	Elder
PLISDIECNI	Discipline
EESURQI	Queries
TERUETS	Trustee
REFDIN	Friend
IETNEMG	Meeting
OINEESSTTIM	Testimonies



## From a Muslim Interfaith leader

The challenges that we all face are profound. But I take notice of what Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Let us realize the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

This the time for all those concerned, within and outside spiritual traditions to come together to tackle common challenges. We need to deal with the in-vironment to tackle the en-vironment.

*Truth will not lose ground by being tried. ~ Isaac Penington, 1616-1679*

## What do Quakers say?

- \* There is something sacred in all people
- \* All people are equal before God
- \* Religion is about the whole of life
- \* In stillness we find a deeper sense of God
- \* True religion leads to a respect for the Earth and all life upon it
- \* Each person is unique, precious, a child of God

## Diary dates 2019:

**Cornwall Area Meetings, at St Austell Meeting House for at least the time-being.**

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Sunday 21<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Yearly Meeting 2019**

24<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> May at Friends House, London

**Quaker South West Sustainability Gathering**

22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019, near Helston

**Initial meeting about a possible Quaker Cohousing Community in Cornwall**

13th April 2019 more details [jackie@trelay.org](mailto:jackie@trelay.org)



*Let your Life Speak*

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