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Dear Friends,

## Invitation to a Quaker Weekend.

East Cheshire Area Meeting Quakers are planning a short stay at Glenthorne Quaker Centre and Guest House, on the edge of Grasmere in the beautiful Lake District, from the evening of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April to after lunch on Sunday 14th April 2024. I am writing to ask if you and your family or friends would like to come. It is a good opportunity for Friends from different meetings, and other friends and relatives, to gather together. We plan a relaxing stay, with participants free to walk, or visit local places of interest. There will be a programme for those who wish to participate. Let us know what activities you would like. Offers to lead activities would be welcome. We might share readings, take bus trips, do craft work, sing, knit, look at photos, play games, go for walks or play musical instruments. Children of all ages are welcome. There are several ground floor bedrooms, two of them suitable for wheelchair users. If we are lucky, we may see red squirrels. For more details, photos and a map, look at www.glenthorne.org.

The postcode is LA22 9QH. There are trains from Manchester to Oxenholme, and a local train from Oxenholme to Windermere. There is a 555 bus from Lancaster to Windermere and Grasmere. There are open topped 599 buses from Windermere to Grasmere. Holders of Greater Manchester bus passes, who have paid the £10 top-up, should just pay train fares from Wigan or Bolton. Ask for the bus stop at the bottom of Easedale Road, and walk up the road. Glenthorne is on the left.

Do book soon, or you may find there is no place for you, or not the accommodation you want. If you would like correspondence by post, please add £1 when paying your deposit. Please send the form and a £50 deposit per adult. Deposits for children are listed on the form. Bank transfers are preferred, but you can use a cheque. Ask your Meeting's Pastoral Friends if you need bursary help. If you are interested in extending your stay before or after the weekend, make arrangements for this direct with Glenthorne.

Please keep this letter till we go, rather than asking me for these details later. If you have any special requests, like a need for a downstairs room, a room suitable for disabled people, or for special food, please write this on the form, and book early.

Looking forward to hearing from you, and sharing an enjoyable weekend in a lovely area,

Best wishes,

Margaret Moss.