

Minutes: Disley Meeting for Worship for Business: 4th February 2024

1. During our Opening Worship we heard read Section 2.87 from Quaker Faith & Practice.
2. The Minutes of our Business meeting held on 03.12.23 have been circulated.
3. Matters Arising: Premises Committee have raised the ongoing concern about the state of Ring O' Bells Lane.

In reference to our Business meeting in December 2023, the Clerks will now write to the local MP, David Rutley, with a copy to our Parish Councillors and the Highways department of East Cheshire Council, expressing our concern.

We thank Sergei as Convenor of Premises Committee for drafting this letter for the Clerks.

4. Children's Meeting: Emma has reported on the Children's Meeting which continues to thrive with a lively and interesting programme of activities, including baking and gardening and members of the Meeting are often involved. We are grateful to Emma and thank her for her excellent, joyful Report which is attached to these Minutes.

5. World Day of Prayer: We are hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday 1st March at 2pm at the Meeting House. This year the Service has been prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Palestine.

Anne Sumner and Ann Lewis will get in touch with the Churches in Disley to organise the Service.

6. Coffee Morning on Saturday 20th April at the Community Centre: 10am – 12noon: Anne will put up a rota and list in March for contributions of cakes and raffle prizes and for help on the day. As before, the raffle will be for Water Aid.

Anne will ask in meeting for two people to organise the collection of contributions.

7. George Fox 400y Anniversary & World Gathering: Elders & Pastoral Friends are meeting on 3rd March and will discuss possible activities to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of George Fox. We will organise an Open morning on Saturday, 20th July, including a video of the life of George Fox made by the Quaker Tapestry Museum

We will advertise this in the Disley E-news bulletin.

There is online information on events throughout 2024 at -

<https://fwcc.world/event/fox/>

8. Examiner of Accounts: Tom Booth, our examiner of Accounts for many years, is retiring from this role. We thank Tom for all his work on our behalf over the years and we agree to send him a card and a garden centre token for £50.

9. Disley Nominations Committee:

Our Nominations Committee is currently: Ann Evens, Tricia Booth, Ann Lewis and Anne Sumner.

10. Spring clean/Gardening morning: Saturday, 16th March

We agree to hold a Spring cleaning/gardening morning on Saturday, 16th March. This will be preceded by a vegetarian breakfast at 8 to 8.30am, provided by Rachel & Ann Lewis.

11. Collections:

January – Medicin Sans Frontiere: £145 February – Northern Friends' Peace Board

12. Intervisitation: Disley is due to visit Stockport LM in February

13. Till & Ann Lewis will represent us at Area Meeting at Stockport on Tuesday 12th March at 6.30pm

Signed: Anne Sumner-Clerk for this day:

1.15pm - Sunday 4th February 2024

Notices:

Friday 16th February: Meeting for Worship on Zoom at 7.30pm

Sunday 18th February: Meeting for Learning: 'Membership' after Meeting for Worship

Friday 1st March: World day of Prayer at 2pm at the Meeting House

Saturday 2nd March: National Day of Healing: 11am – 3pm at Stockport Meeting House

Sunday 3rd March: Elders & Pastoral Friends: Support for Keith B. – 'Outreach into Glossop'