

Meeting for **Worship for Business**
Disley Quaker **Local Meeting**
8 March 2026

26/03/1 **Opening Worship**

During our opening worship, a passage from **Quaker Faith and Practice 3.06** was read.

26/03/2 **Minutes of our last meeting for for business**

The minutes of our last meeting for worship for business on **18 January 2026** were circulated to Friends.

26/03/3 **Meeting Time**

We have returned to our consideration of our meeting time. We note that our Friend brought this issue to us to bring our meeting time more in line with public transport and for us to continue extending a warm welcome for all at Disley. We have heard that for most of us changing the current meeting time would have a considerable impact on our lives and may keep some from attending regularly. We have discerned to continue to meet for our regular meeting for worship on **Sundays at 10:30am**.

26/03/4 **Accounts for 2025**

We have received the accounts and financial report from our treasurer **Jen Dale**. She has answered our questions. We accept the accounts and financial report for **2025**.

We thank Jen Dale for years of service as our treasurer and are grateful that she is working together with our incoming treasurer River~~ during the transition between treasurers.

26/03/5 Bank Account

We have received a paper from River~~ about changing our main bank account from the Cooperative Bank to the Metro Bank. We discussed and identified several issues that such a move would involve. We defer this item to our next meeting for worship for business and ask our treasurer River~~ and the clerk to bring a new paper on the proposed move.

In the meantime, we we ask our outgoing treasurer Jen Dale to start the process to make River~~ the main contact and signatory for our Co-op account.

26/03/6 Change of Signatory for Co-operative Bank Account

We agree that as our new treasurer our Friend River Att should become the main contact and signatory for our bank account with the Co-operative Bank.

26/03/7 Premises Update

We have received a short update from our Premises Committee. The new boiler has been installed and seems to be working well. We thank Jackie Barker, the Premises Committee and our wardens for their hard work on our behalf in resolving the boiler issue so quickly and smoothly.

26/03/8 Beehive for the Garden

We have received a paper on enable a young attender to set up a beehive in the meeting house garden. **We** accept this proposal and welcome this use of our meeting house garden and the proposed arrangements for maintaining the beehive.

We thank Jackie and Andy Barker for supporting this adventure.

26/03/9 Collections

We have collected the following amounts for our chosen causes in recent months (see attached paper):

October **£214.22** for Housing Justice

November **£154.22** for Quaker Roots.

December **£244.22** for Quaker Social Action

January **£183.32** for Solidarity Yard.

We have discerned to collect for Human Rights Protection Fund in April, for the Glossop Arts Project in May, and the Little Rebels Book Award in June.

We will collect the suggestions for collections in July, August in September from the beginning of April. **We** might give priority for Quaker charities or organisations at that time.

26/03/10 Representatives for Area Meeting on 14 March 2026 at Wilmslow

We appoint River~~ and Bridget Dunbar to be our representatives at East Cheshire Area Meeting on Saturday 14 March in Wilmslow.

We encourage all Friends to attend the Area Meeting and the discussion on the topic of challenging antisemitism.

26/03/11 Screening of The Narrow Bridge

At our meeting in January, we agreed to screen The Narrow Bridge. Our clerk has been in touch with the film's producers and distributors. Showing the film involves a fee of Au\$360 (roughly GBP 190) less if shown by a charity. We have considered this and ask our clerk to negotiate a lower charity fee based on the likely audience and bring this item back to us.

26/03/12 World Day of Prayer

We hosted the annual World Day of Prayer service organised by Disley Churches. Thirty people came to the service and enjoyed cake afterwards. We thank Anne Sumner and Ann Lewis for hosting the event and organising tea and cake for those attending.

26/03/13 Quiet Garden Day in June

We have received a proposal for a Quiet Garden Day in June from our Gardening Group. This event will be for Friends from our Meeting and possibly the Area Meeting to enjoy the garden. Elders have considered this proposal and are supportive. We agree to this proposal and are grateful to the Gardening Group for this initiative.

26/03/14 Nominations

Our Nominations Committee has been unable to find names for the role of elder and assistant clerk after diligent searches.

After careful consideration, Nominations Committee asks to discontinue these searches at present. We thank them for their hard work and extensive search.

We ask our clerk to bring to our Business Meeting in July a list of roles to be filled from 1 January 2027.

At the moment, most members of Nominations and Premises have not been appointed by our Meeting for Worship for Business for specific terms. If Friends serving on Nominations and Premises Committee want to be released from service at the end of 2026, please let the clerk know by the end of May.

26/03/15 Intervisitations Marple in April

We are due to visit Marple meeting in April which since then has been laid down. We decide to visit Frandley Meeting instead. River~~ has agreed to visit Frandley Meeting in April.

26/03/16 Posters

For many years Ann Lewis has been responsible for the posters in the outdoor display case and inside the meeting house being changed. She wants to lay down this service. We hope that someone or a group of Friends will take on this job and encourage them to let the clerk know. We remind the Friend or Friends that we can agree a limited budget for posters.

26/03/17 Future Meetings in 2026

We agree the dates for our Meetings for Worship for Business suggested by our clerk. Our clerk apologises for the delay in fixing the dates because of the delay of Central Nominations Committee dates being agreed.

26 April 2026

12 July 2026

6 September 2026

8 November 2026

26/03/18 Badges

We thank our young people for making badges for us. **We** greatly appreciate their colour and creativity enriching our meeting. **We** thank Emma Killick for purchasing the badges and environmentally friendly labels for one off use.

The badges help those who struggle with remembering names and recognising faces, but we recognise that not everyone is comfortable to wear them. **While** we encourage everyone to wear a badge, everyone should feel free not to wear one.

We are content to proceed in this way.

26/03/19 Closing Worship

I closed our meeting for worship for business with a few moments of silence.

Signed: Till Geiger, clerk