

Meeting for **Worship for Business**
Disley Quaker **Local Meeting**
26 April 2026

26/04/1 **Opening Worship**

During our opening worship, a passage from **Bearing Witness: Quaker Practice and a Culture of Peace** by **Gary Cox** (Pendle Hill Pamphlets Book 362) was read:

“When we gather the sense of a meeting we do not count heads and see who means what. **We** ask ourselves what we, collectively, mean. **We** may say many different things, and yet somehow speak with one voice.”

26/04/2 **Minutes of our last meeting for business**

The minutes of our last meeting for worship for business on 8 March 2026 were circulated to Friends.

26/04/3 **Treasurer**

In our meeting for worship for business on 7 December 2025, we have appointed our Friend River~~ to serve as Treasurer from 1 March 2026 to 31 December 2028 (see Minute 25/12/3 Nominations).

In this minute of their appointment, we did not include our Friend's name given at birth Keith Harold **Wright** which they use in their transactions with financial institutions other than the Co-operative Bank.

[see also Minute 26/03/6]

26/04/4 Our Bank Accounts (further to Minute 26/03/6)

River~~ has updated us on the transfer of the main contact and signatory from our previous treasurer Jennifer Dale to them for our Co-op account and the Vernon Building Society account.

26/04/5 Protocol on Approving Expenditure

We have received the attached Protocol for approving expenditure by wardens and Friends claiming expenses. We agree to continue to adhere to this protocol.

We have discussed and agree that we will agree budgets for Children's Group, Premises, Gardening, the Library, and Posters as a guide for the Friends responsible for these areas.

26/04/7 Refugee Day

Ann Lewis has asked us whether we want to hold another Refugee Day in June or July. Ann has kindly offered to approach the refugees at the Dropin.

We agree to hold a Refuge Day on a Saturday in June or July.

26/04/8 Collections

We have received some suggestions for future collections.

We have discerned to collect for Band of Brothers in July.

We will discern the collections for August and September at our business meeting in July. We might give priority for Quaker charities or organisations at that time.

26/04/9 Representatives for Area Meeting on **10 May 2026** at Frandley

We appoint Ben Evens to be our representative at East Cheshire Area Meeting on Sunday **10 May** in Frandley. We will ask for one further Friend to attend on our behalf during notices next Sunday.

We encourage all Friends to attend the Area Meeting.

26/04/10 Nomination Committee

Ann Lewis will lay down her service on Nominations Committee at the end of **2026**, and Trisha Booth will lay down her service on **31 December 2027**.

We ask our clerk to seek one name to serve on Nominations Committee from **1 January 2027** for a period of three years to be appointed in our business meeting on **8 November**.

26/04/11 Nomination of a Scrutineer of Meeting Accounts

We ask our Nominations Committee to find a Friend to act as scrutineer of meeting accounts for a period of three years from now to **31 December 2028**. We hope they will be able to bring a name to our next business meeting.

26/04/12 Appointment of a Scrutineer of the Collection Account
We appoint Jen Dale as scrutineer for our collections account from now to **31 December 2028**.

26/03/13 Intervisitations

River~~ has visited Frandley Meeting in April.

We are due to visit Macclesfield meeting in June. Jen Dale has agreed to visit Macclesfield meeting in June.

26/04/14 Posters (further to 26/03/16)

Our Friend Claire McGlade has offered to take on responsibility for the posters. We are grateful that she is willing to take on this role and appoint her to this role from **1 May 2026 to 31 December 2028**

We agree a budget of **£100** for posters.

26/04/15 Swarthmore Lecture

We agree to screen this year's Swarthmore Lecture at the Meeting House on **2 May 2026**. We are grateful that Véronique Pin-Fat has offered to arrange the screening. We encourage Friends to attend and to let Véro know that you are planning to come.

26/04/16 Meeting Social Media Group

Elders have brought a proposal to set up a group for Disley Friends on WhatsApp. We have heard privacy concerns about

using WhatsApp, the issue of some Friends being excluded, the need for moderation, and clear ground rules.

We have discerned to explore the idea and ask elders to set up a working group to explore this proposal. We will consider this further at a future meeting for worship for business.

26/04/14 Closing Worship

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

Signed: Till Geiger, clerk