

# COVID-19 AND OUR QUAKER COMMUNITY

**We are mindful of the need to prioritise the health of our Quaker community - physical, spiritual and psychological. This is difficult because whatever processes we put in place now may need to change at any time. This is a challenge to us all as we work together to support each other in what is an unprecedented situation.**

Right now, utilising the best information we can access today, at the Turner Meeting House we will:

- **Continue to meet as usual for Quaker events** such as Meeting for Worship, greeting each other without physical contact, and, as far as possible, staying a safe distance (currently 1.5 metres) apart.
- Cease offering shared refreshments after Meeting for Worship due to the contamination risk involved. Therefore, people could choose to bring their own thermos of tea or coffee.
- Begin Friends Fridays at 7pm, without a shared meal
- Strongly encourage users to wash crockery and cutlery in hot water with detergent.

We understand that some Friends will be aware of their own health risks and may discern that the best course for them is to avoid attending Meeting.

Please contact us if you or a Friend need assistance, social contact or spiritual support and we will try to respond to those needs. Elsewhere on this site there is a list of online Meetings for Worship.

In the Meeting House, please wash hands carefully, be aware that surfaces can hold this virus and clean where this seems needed (door handles etc after use), if possible with disinfectant or diluted bleach.

We will provide more detailed information, for example, about use of ZOOM for meetings, as the situation develops and as we journey through it together as a caring community.

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