

Schedule of nominations

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1–4 May 2026

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Yearly Meeting of Quakers in Britain



Proceedings

A number of documents will help us meet with hearts and minds prepared. Collectively, these are the '*Proceedings of the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain 2026*'.

The full set comprises:

1. *Preparing for Yearly Meeting*, including community guidelines.
2. *Agenda and notes*, with introductory material for Yearly Meeting and annual reports of Meeting for Sufferings and other related bodies
3. *Testimonies*, including index of epistles
4. *Trustees' annual report*, including financial statements for the year ended December 2025 (this will be published later in the year)
5. *Patterns of membership*, including the 2025 tabular statement
6. *Minutes*, which are distributed after the conclusion of Yearly Meeting.

All documents will be available online at www.quaker.org.uk/ym. Many Friends will read the documents online, but if you need printed documents, they will be in a printer-friendly PDF format.

We ask Friends to print their own copies or to seek assistance from someone in their meeting. This will help us to save costs and reduce the environmental impact of Yearly Meeting.

If you require accessible documents, please request these when booking for Yearly Meeting.

If these do not meet your accessibility needs, or the needs of someone you know, please email ym@quaker.org.uk.

All *Quaker faith & practice* references are to the fifth edition, which can be found online at

www.quaker.org.uk/qfp.

You can read about Yearly Meeting in chapter 6 of *Quaker faith & practice*. Alternatively, contact Yearly Meeting Arrangements Committee on 020 7663 1040 or at ym@quaker.org.uk or go to www.quaker.org.uk/ym.

Renomination

The use of an asterisk * after a person's name throughout this document indicates that the individual has been re-nominated for their role this year.

Schedule of Nominations

Nominations and releases being brought to Yearly Meeting May 2026

The following nominations are subject to change.

If you would like to raise a problem with the service of any of the Friends nominated, please email Nominations Team, at: nominations@quaker.org.uk

Table 1. Yearly Meeting clerks

Central Nominations Committee nominates the following Friends to serve as clerk and assistant clerks for Yearly Meeting 2026.

Position	Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Clerk	Fred Langridge	Sheffield & Balby AM	From the May session of Yearly Meeting 2026 until 31 December 2028
First Assistant Clerk	Mary Aiston	Kingston & Wandsworth AM	
Second Assistant Clerk	Jane Harries	South Wales AM	From the May session of YM 2026 until 31 December 2026

Table 2. Report from Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees

Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees renominate the following Friend to serve a second term as clerk to Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees:

Position	Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Clerk to Trustees	Marisa Johnson*	Cambridgeshire AM	1 January 2027 to 31 December 2028

Table 3. Report from Central Nominations Committee

a) Appointments for this Yearly Meeting:

Central Nominations Committee nominates the following Friends to serve

Yearly Meeting Arrangements Committee

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Mary Savage	Cumberland AM	For the duration of the May session of Yearly Meeting 2026
Sue Tyldesley	Lancashire Central & North AM	

Yearly Meeting Epistle Drafting Committee

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Miranda Bird* (convenor)	Cornwall AM	For the duration of the May session of Yearly Meeting 2026
Gilly Charters	York AM	
Peter Fishpool	Gloucestershire AM	
Chris Lord	Dorset & South Wiltshire AM	
Kate McNally*	London West AM	
Lucy Parker	Norfolk & Waveney AM	

b) Appointments and other changes to committees and groups for work outside Yearly Meeting in session:

Clerks of CNC

To note that Central Nominations Committee has made the following nominations for Co-clerks (for appointment at their next meeting):

Position	Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Co-clerk	Gill Greenfield*	Mid-Somerset AM	From their appointment by CNC to 31 December 2026
Co-clerk	Eleanor Brooks*	Mid-Thames AM	From their appointment by CNC to 31 December 2027

Table 3. Report from Central Nominations Committee, cont.

Agenda Planning Committee of Yearly Meeting

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Aled Vernon-Rees	York AM	1 May 2026 to 31 December 2028
Elizabeth Allen*	South East Scotland AM	1 January 2027 to 31 December 2028
Linda Craig	London West AM	December 2028

Released from service between meetings by Meeting for Sufferings clerks:

Name	Meeting
David Simpson	Teesdale & Cleveland AM

Yearly Meeting Pastoral Care Group

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Ruth Thompson	Northumbria AM	From May 2026 until 31 December 2028

Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Chris Jardine*	South East Scotland AM	From 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028
Teresa Murray*	South Wales AM	From the May session of YM 2026 until 31 December 2028
Alexandra Boliver-Brown	East Kent AM	From 1 January 2027 until 31 December 2029
Lucy Cox Dodgson	North London AM	
Ursula Fuller*	East Kent AM	
Jo Hills*	West Weald AM	
Kit King*	London West AM	
Elizabeth Redfern*	Leicester AM	

Table 3. Report from Central Nominations Committee, cont.

Britain Yearly Meeting Representatives to International Yearly Meetings

Released from service between meetings by Meeting for Sufferings clerks:

Name	Meeting	Role
Deborah Hansen	Leicester AM	Representative to Norway Yearly Meeting

Appointed between meetings by Meeting for Sufferings clerks:

Name	Meeting	Role	Appointed to serve:
Chris Whichelo	Mid-Thames AM	Representative to Central European Yearly Meeting	For 2026
Theo Whitlock	Young Friends in Britain	Representative to Norway Yearly Meeting	

Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Robert Card	Manchester & Warrington AM	From the May session of YM 2026 until 31 December 2028

Quaker Housing Trust

Appointed between meetings by the Meeting for Sufferings clerks:

Name	Meeting	Appointed to serve:
William Bewley	Cumberland AM	From the 2026 April annual meeting of Quaker Housing Trust until the 2028 April annual meeting of Quaker Housing Trust.
Sarah Mudd	Mid-Essex AM	
David Somervell	Quakers in Scotland	

Table 3. Report from Central Nominations Committee, cont.

c) Yearly Meeting Elders:

These appointments have already been made by Meeting for Sufferings. They are included here for reference:

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Simon Nash	Hampshire & Islands AM	From 1 January 2026 until 31 December 2028
Gerry Winnall	Devon AM	
Katie Evans	Devon AM	
Jessica Bishop	Cambridgeshire AM	
Marion Littler	Quakers in Scotland	
Cathy Holman	Quakers in Scotland	

The following Friends have had their service extended by Meeting for Sufferings:

Name	Meeting	Nominated to serve:
Lee Taylor	Luton & Leighton AM	Appointed to serve an extension between 1 January 2026 and 31 December 2026
Gill Grimshaw	Banbury & Evesham AM	
Paul Hodgkin	Ipswich & Diss AM	
Cathy Khurana	Central England AM	
Dic Williams	North Wales AM	
John Miles	Gloucestershire AM	

Released from service between meetings by Meeting for Sufferings clerks:

Name	Meeting
David Simpson	Teesdale & Cleveland AM

Table 4. Nominations required

a) Nominations to be brought by Central Nominations to Yearly Meeting sessions in 2027

Committee	Nominations required	For service
Agenda Planning Committee of Yearly Meeting	3	01 January 2028 to 31 December 2029
Yearly Meeting Elders	8	Elders serve for 3 year terms, four elders are needed to start in 2027 and four in 2028
Yearly Meeting Epistle Drafting Committee	5-7 (one as convenor)	To be discerned by Agenda Planning Committee
Yearly Meeting Pastoral Care Group	1	01 January 2028 to 31 December 2030
Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees	5	01 January 2028 to 31 December 2030

Table 5. Report of the Yearly Meeting Nominating Group

Yearly Meeting Nominating Group brings forward the following nominations:

Central Nominations Committee

Name	Meeting	For service
Miranda Bird	Cornwall AM	From the May session of Yearly Meeting 2026 to 31 December 2029
Eliza Howarth	London West AM	
Simon Nash	Hampshire & Islands AM	
Sue Proudlove	South East Scotland AM	
Robert Rayner	Cambridgeshire AM	
Eleanor Brooks*	Mid-Thames AM	
Yvonne Dickson*	Wirral & Chester AM	
Sylvia Thompson*	Quakers in Scotland	

To rectify a mistake in the length of their first term of service by extending for one year the service of:

Name	Meeting	For service
Cath Dyer	South East Scotland AM	From YM 2027 to 31 December 2028
Till Geiger	East Cheshire AM	
Deborah Rowlands	South Wales AM	
Elize Sakamoto	North West London AM	

Released from service:

Name	Meeting
Anna Mitchell	South East Scotland AM

Table 5. Report of the Yearly Meeting Nominating Group, cont.

Convener of the Yearly Meeting Nominating Group

Nominate to serve on Yearly Meeting Nominating Group as convener:

Name	Meeting	For service
Liam Lawson	London West AM	From the May session of YM 2026 to 31 December 2027

If you would like to raise any problem with the service of any of the Friends nominated please contact:

Nominations Team

Quaker Church Affairs, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain

Email: nominations@quaker.org.uk

Table 6. Meeting for Sufferings membership as at March 2026

For information we record here the membership of Meeting for Sufferings as at its meeting in March 2026, excluding those who serve ex officio, as advised to the Recording Clerk’s Office and appointed by Meeting for Sufferings:

Area Meeting	Representative	Alternate
Banbury & Evesham AM	Chris Tombs	Julie Tucker
Bournemouth Coastal AM	Jenny Tipping	Kate Mellor
Brighouse West Yorkshire AM	Anne Goggin	
Bristol AM	Kerren Davey	Ray Bray
Cambridgeshire AM	Dorothy Ball	Hazel Shellens
Central England AM	Margot Williams	Nicholas Paton-Philip
Central Nominations Committee	Gill Greenfield	
Central Yorkshire AM	David Bunney	David Cook
Chilterns AM	Sheila Stevenson	Douglas Butterfield
Cornwall AM	Andrew Bird	
Craven & Keighley AM	Chris Hart	Lois Lodge

Table 6. Meeting for Sufferings membership, continued

Area Meeting	Representative	Alternate
Crynwyr Cymru / Quakers in Wales	Deborah Rowlands	Angela Arnold
Cumberland AM	Mary Savage	Glenn Tomkinson
Devon AM	Judy Thurgood	Mark Waistell
Dorset & South Wiltshire AM	Rachel Celia	
East Cheshire AM	Keith Braithwaite	Sally Mendham
East Kent AM	Gerald Bane	George Conyne
Quakers in Scotland	Robert Thompson	Norman Alm
Quakers in Scotland	Elaine Millar	Ann Kerr
Gloucestershire AM	Sarah Eilbeck	
Hampshire & Islands AM	Rosemary Kirk	Cathy Eglington
Hardshaw & Mann AM	Diana Jeater	Richard Melling
Hertford & Hitchin AM	Ian Chandler	
Ipswich & Diss AM	Sally Sparrow	Steve Whiting
Kendal & Sedbergh AM	Maggie Mason	
Kingston & Wandsworth AM	Kim Boyd	Linda Murgatroyd
Lancashire Central & North AM	Jane Vicary	Jennifer Maclennan
Leeds AM	Veronica O'Mara	Richard Hawkins
Leicester AM	Margaret Theaker	Debbie Hansen
Lincolnshire AM	Chris Rose	Julia Richardson
London West AM	Charles Phillips	Clare Scott Booth
Luton & Leighton AM	Anne Seilly	Helen Osborn
Manchester & Warrington AM	Kate Hughes	Jenny Amery
Mid-Essex AM	Anne Olding	Frankie Carpenter
Mid-Wales AM	Carol Satterthwaite	Tasha Alden
Mid-Somerset AM	Christopher Greenfield	Jane Wilson
Mid-Thames AM	John Griffin	
Norfolk & Waveney AM	Lucy Faulkner Gawlinksi	Liz Hoffbauer
North East Thames AM	Liz Ingham	Jo Law

Table 6. Meeting for Sufferings membership, continued

Area Meeting	Representative	Alternate
North London AM	Ann Boater	
Quakers in Scotland	Lex Ryder	Mary Dower
North Somerset AM	Shella Parry	Carinne Allinson
North Wales AM	Mike Turton	Terry Eckley
North West London AM	Tony D'Souza	Natalie Stacey
Northamptonshire AM	Magnus Ramage	Matt Keen
Northumbria AM	David Jenkins	Michelle Caulkett
Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire AM	Nicola Hoskin-Stone	
Oxford & Swindon AM	Jennifer Barraclough	
Pendle Hill AM	Damian Entwistle	Ben Pink Dandelion
Pickering & Hull AM	Paul Wicks	Chris Fellowes
Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations	Hilary Stringer	Elaine Green
Quaker Peace and Social Witness Central Committee	Sue Curd	
Quaker Life Central Committee	Zélie Gross	
Quaker World Relations Committee	Ruth Homer	
Sheffield & Balby AM	Emma Norminton	
South East London AM	Judith Niechcial	Ian Tilley
South East Scotland AM	Jane Kelly	Katrina McCrea
South London AM	Janet Veitch	Eva Kalmus
South Wales AM	Teresa Murray	Julia Richardson
Southern East Anglia AM	Robert Parkes	Sara Merrit
Southern Marches AM	Ann Davison	Jan Arriens
Staffordshire AM	Janet Baker	Debby Flack
Surrey & Hampshire Border AM	Carina Hamilton	Rosemary Loving
Sussex East AM	Peter Aviss	Mary Elliott

Table 6. Meeting for Sufferings membership, continued

Area Meeting	Representative	Alternate
Sussex West AM	Christine Habgood-Coote	
Swarthmoor (South West Cumbria) AM	Bill Shaw	
Teesdale & Cleveland AM	David Simpson	Helen Whittington
Thaxted AM		
Wensleydale & Swaledale AM	Ian Hunter Smart	Samuel Cooper
West Kent AM	Jill Clarke	John Spencer
Quakers in Scotland	Elaine Millar	Ann Kerr
West Somerset AM	Ali Dominy	Margaret Stocks
West Weald AM	John Manfield	Jacinta White
West Wiltshire & East Somerset AM	James Copestake	Rachel Berger
Wirral & Chester AM	Jane Laxton	
Worcestershire & Shropshire AM	Penny Osborne-Gajewski	Colin Billett
York AM	John Bourton	
Young Friends in Britain	Chloe Scaling	Will Reed

Quakers share a way of life, not a set of beliefs. Quaker unity is based on shared understanding and a shared practice of silent worship – a communal stillness.

Quakers seek to experience God directly – internally, in relationships with others, and with the world. Local meetings for worship are open to all who wish to attend.

Quakers try to live with honesty and integrity. This means speaking truth to all, including people in positions of power. The Quaker commitment to peace arises from the conviction that love is at the heart of existence and that all human beings are unique and equal.

This leads Quakers to put faith into action by working locally and globally to change the systems that cause injustice and violent conflict.

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