

## Quaker Meeting for Worship to give thanks for the life of our Friend Sue Little

### Keighley Friends Meeting House

17<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Quaker Meetings for Worship are based on silent reflection and prayer. Quakers have learned that shared waiting in the divine presence can bring many gifts.

A Quaker Memorial Meeting is no different. It is an opportunity to share our grief and give thanks for a life lived to the full. Reassurance and comfort can come from touching, even briefly, the eternal reality which encloses our little world of space and time.

As we are told in the Quaker booklet of "Advices and Queries":

*Accepting the fact of death, we are freed to live more fully. In bereavement give yourself time to grieve. When others mourn, let your love embrace them.*

The Meeting begins as soon as the first people sit down and settle into expectant silence. Two Elders sit facing the gathered group, and are responsible for introducing and ending the Meeting.

There will be a short introduction. After this, the silence may be broken by anyone who feels moved to stand and speak. The contributions might be testimony to the qualities of Sue and her life, reflections on the mystery of life and death, vocal prayer or reading helpful passages from the Bible or elsewhere. Please allow a pause for reflection of a few minutes between contributions.

Whether in silence or in speech, by their attentive thought and prayer, everyone present contributes to the power of the Meeting.

The Meeting will be closed by the two Elders shaking hands, giving an encouragement for everyone else to do so.

