“Woodbrooke is] an essential resource required to keep Quakers in Britain intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually equipped to rise to the challenges of the age.”

“Providing opportunities to develop spiritually, including in particular learning about Quakers and their contribution to societies around the world.”
Welcome to Woodbrooke

Welcome to our latest brochure. As well as lots of new courses and sessions you will notice some changes to how this brochure looks.

At the start of the pandemic, we stopped sending out printed brochures and moved to producing an e-brochure which we updated periodically. Printing and mailing brochures costs a lot of money, and in the meantime we focused on developing our website to make it easier to search for, view and book courses online. Throughout this period, we gathered feedback on what was useful to you in finding out about the learning Woodbrooke offers. In responding to this and developing this new look brochure we have focused on printability, accessibility, and simplicity.

You’ll notice there is less detail for our online courses and sessions. We hope that using the calendar listing you’ll see things that spark your interest, you will then be able to find out more about them and book on our website.

We are really excited to be using this brochure to launch ‘Woodbrooke Places’. This is a new initiative to bring in-person learning closer to Quakers around Britain. This includes day events at meeting houses around the country as well as residential events at a range of venues. These are featured on pages 16–27, again there is lots more information about each of these online. If you are less comfortable online it is now possible to book courses by phone.

As well as these in-person courses you can bring Woodbrooke learning to your meeting through Woodbrooke Where You Are (see page 3).

We hope that the design of this brochure will make it easy to print at home at a size which suits you, this also means you can pin it up on a noticeboard where your Quaker Meeting worships. We will also be sending a wall calendar, showing all our events throughout the year.

We are always looking to improve our communications, the Woodbrooke Learning Survey which is open until the middle of July 2023 is a great place to offer feedback: www.woodbrooke.org.uk/survey or you can email comms@woodbrooke.org.uk.

We hope that you will find learning which will nurture your spirit, inspire your activism and support your Quaker community.

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Head of Communications & Impact

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WORKSHOPS ON OFFER INCLUDE

- Diversity & Inclusion: Beginning the Conversation
- Being a Quaker Community
- Worship, Ministry & Afterword
- Hope as a Practice
- Quaker Spirituality in a day
- The Spiritual Roots of the Quaker Way
- Quaker History in a Nutshell

Find out more at www.woodbrooke.org.uk/WWYA or call 0121 728 2360
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3 August 7-8pm
Book Launch: A Simple Faith in a Complicated World by Kate McNally
Stuart Masters, Kate McNally

4 August 9-10.30am
Woodbrooke Breakfast Club... Truth
In partnership with BYM
Mel Cook and Jude Acton

10 August 7-9pm
(Re)Discovering Joy in Worship
Simonne Wood

11 August 9-10.30am
Woodbrooke Breakfast Club... Equality
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Mel Cook and Jude Acton

12 August 10-4.30pm
The History of the Quaker Way
Ben Pink Dandelion
Kingston Quaker Centre

13 August 3-5pm
Life Reflections
Daniel Flynn

16 Aug–20 Sept
Understanding Racism Book Group: Robin DiAngelo
Kate McNally, Tanya Hubbard

18 August 9-10.30am
Woodbrooke Breakfast Club... Peace
In partnership with BYM
Mel Cook and Jude Acton

22 Aug–19 Sept
The Gospel of Mary: opening the text together
David Curtis

25 August 9-10.30am
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29 Aug–19 Sept
Essentials of Quakerism
Rachael Swancott

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NOVEMBER

23 Nov–14 Dec  
**Tusting the Spirit: understanding discernment**
Rhiannon Grant, Linda Craig

24–26 Nov  
**Spiritual Nurture and Pastoral Care Gathering**  
Gilly Charters, Helen Chambers, Martin Pennock, Heather Rowlands

25 November  
10–4.30pm  
**Quaker Roots in Advices and Queries**
Stuart Masters

28 November  
7–8.30pm  
**The Quaker World: Quakers and the Holy Spirit**
Stuart Masters

29 November  
7–8.30pm  
**What is Quaker Faith and Practice?: the history and purpose of books of discipline**
Rhiannon Grant

30 November  
7–9pm  
**Working Towards... Understanding Anti-Racism**
Rachael Swancott, Kate McNally

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7 Victoria Terrace
Edinburgh EH1 2JL

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38 Elmbank Crescent
Glasgow G2 4PS

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Courses at Woodbrooke Places...

**SCOTLAND**

**Saturday 17 June 2023, 10:00-16:30**  
**Edinburgh Quaker Meeting House**

**READING THE BIBLE WITH EARLY FRIENDS**  
Stuart Masters

During this day, we will look at how early Friends used the Bible, and consider what is distinctive about the Quaker approach. What does this tell us about the overall shape and orientation of Quaker spirituality?

**Saturday 14 October 2023, 10:00-16:00**  
**Glasgow Quaker Meeting House**

**MINIMALISM: THE JOY OF LESS**  
August Gawen

Even if we aim to live simply, we can end up with possessions and habits that overwhelm us. What might our lives be like with less? And how can minimalist practices enrich our spiritual lives?

**Saturday 18 November 2023, 10:00-16:00**  
**Edinburgh Quaker Meeting House**

**NAMING THE MYSTERY**  
Rhiannon Grant

In meeting for worship, we come together in expectant waiting and to listen – but what are we waiting for? And what are we listening to? During this day together we will play with ways to name this mystery, sometimes known as God, Spirit, Love, or Light.
Introducing Woodbrooke Places...

WALES

SWANSEA QUAKER MEETING HOUSE
Swansea Local Meeting, Pagefield House, Page Street, Swansea, SA1 4EZ

WREXHAM QUAKER MEETING HOUSE
Holt Road, Wrexham LL13 8HN

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Wales

Saturday 22 July 2023, 10:00-16:00  
**A REGENERATIVE WAY OF SEEING: RE-FRAME YOUR NOW, RE-VISION YOUR FUTURE**  
Swansea Quaker Meeting House  
Ruth Davey  
How are you feeling in the face of increased uncertainty and change? How does a blend of mindfulness, photography and nature connection, together with silence and stillness, help you stay well and resilient?

Saturday 4 November 2023, 10:00-16:30  
**‘THE LIFE STIRRING WITHIN’: A QUAKER RETREAT DAY**  
Swansea Quaker Meeting House  
Timothy Ashworth  
A retreat is a time for refreshment and renewal. By deliberately pulling back from our everyday busyness, we aim to connect with the source of what is most important in our lives. Here we refresh our sense of direction and renew our commitment.

Saturday 25 November 2023, 10:00-16:30  
**QUAKER ROOTS IN ADVICES AND QUERIES**  
Wrexham Quaker Meeting House  
Stuart Masters  
Advices and queries have been carefully drafted over the years to reflect Quaker insights, concerns and practices. The current edition in QF&P retains a number of references taken from early Quaker writings. During this day we will look at four examples.
Introducing Woodbrooke Places...

YORKSHIRE

CENTRAL LEEDS QUAKER MEETING HOUSE

188 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds LS2 9DX

THE BRIERY, ILKLEY

The Briery Retreat & Conference Centre
38 Victoria Ave, Ilkley LS29 9BW

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During this day we will explore four well-known passages written by George Fox and listen to them performed in plainsong by Paulette Meier. What did these messages mean in the 17th century? What do they mean for us today?

Are you a roleholder in need of refreshment? Join us for a day of informal workshops. We will explore Threshing and Clearness; take time out to relax and recharge; and end with a lively discussion of how service and spirituality can support each other.

Meeting for Worship is a central Quaker practice, but it can be a bit of a mystery! To explore it, we’ll spend time together in silence and discussion. We’ll cover the diversity of spiritual experiences, spoken ministry, and the use of Advices & Queries.

The Quaker way is often portrayed as an individual one or one hard to define. However, there is a clear and contained sense of what it is to be a Quaker and how to be Quaker. This course explores what can be thought of as the heart of the Quaker way.

This course will allow participants to engage with critical moments in Quaker history through the writings of key thinkers including founder George Fox. What can we learn from the past about how we can navigate challenges facing Quakerism today?
ABOUT GLENTHORNE

Woodbrooke is partnering with Glenthorne as part of our Woodbrooke Places initiative to provide residential Woodbrooke courses in 2023 and 2024.

Glenthorne is a long-established guest house and meeting place in Grasmere. It is open to anyone who is seeking a relaxed welcoming atmosphere, comfortable accommodation, and delicious home-cooked meals in stunning surroundings.

Glenthorne aims to meet the differing needs of all their guests in a peaceful atmosphere with Quaker values and ethos. They have a newly-built ground-floor accommodation for disabled visitors and well-appointed single and double rooms – mostly en suite – in the main house and adjacent Bankside. Most rooms have access to free Wi-Fi.
Courses at Woodbrooke Places...

GLENTHORNE

21 July – 23 July 2023

THE HEART OF THE QUAKER WAY

This course will outline the essential aspects of the Quaker way of faith, its core understandings, and its message for the future: direct encounter with the divine; a distinctive form of worship; the centrality of discernment; and our witness in the world.

Ben Pink Dandelion

Sold out 15 September – 17 September 2023

SIMPLICITY: A QUAKER-BUDDHIST RETREAT

“Life from the Centre is a life of unhurried peace and power. It is simple. It is serene. It is amazing. It is radiant.” During this retreat we aim to discover something of the truth of these words of the Quaker teacher and mystic, Thomas Kelly.

Timothy Ashworth, Lesley Collington

Glenthorne Quaker Centre, Grasmere

More Glenthorne Retreats coming in 2024

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KENTS HILL PARK, MILTON KEYNES
Timbold Drive, Kents Hill Park, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire MK7 6BZ

THE HAYES, SWANWICK
Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 1AU

WITNEY MASONIC CENTRE
Witney Masonic Centre, 20 Church Green Witney, Oxon OX28 4AW

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CENTRAL ENGLAND

REPARATIONS: A RETREAT FOR FRIENDS ALREADY ACTING ON THIS COMMITMENT

A residential retreat to nourish, encourage and resource Friends already engaged in anti-racism and reparations work. Come together to learn, share experiences, resources, challenges and ideas and to collectively identify ways forward.

Sunday 29 October 2023, 10:30-16:30

FINDING THE HIDDEN WORLD OF EARLY QUAKERS

Join Isabella Rosner, Erica Canela and Ben Pink Dandelion for a day event which examines the world and lives of early Quakers and includes an exclusive viewing of an exhibition of early Quaker schoolgirl needlework.

CLIMATE JUSTICE GATHERING

This retreat offers the opportunity to connect deeply with like-minded people in the tranquil setting of The Hayes. Bringing friends together in-person to reflect, discern next steps, and recharge our spiritual, mental and emotional batteries.

SPIRITUAL NURTURE AND PASTORAL CARE GATHERING

This residential weekend provides an opportunity for in-depth discussion and reflection for those of you responsible for eldership or pastoral care. Time together with your tutors and peers will help you gain understanding and confidence in your role.
Introducing Woodbrooke Places...

SOUTHERN ENGLAND

KINGSTON QUAKER CENTRE
Fairfield East,
Kingston upon Thames
KT1 2PT

FOREST HILL FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE
34 Sunderland Road
SE23 2QA

PENNY BROHN, BRISTOL
Chapel Pill Lane
Pill, Bristol
BS20 0HH

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Many of us have a problem with the word, maybe the whole concept, of prayer. This day workshop gives us the opportunity to share what we feel about it and explore different types of prayer. What is prayer? Who or what do we pray to? Does it work?

WHAT IS PRAYER?

Jennifer Kavanagh

Saturday 7 October 2023, 10:00-16:00

Kingston Quaker Centre

The Quaker way has undergone many changes since the start of the movement in the 1650s. This day will offer a clear and accessible outline of the key changes in attitude and emphasis that have brought us to our current expression of the Quaker faith.

THE HISTORY OF THE QUAKER WAY

Ben Pink Dandelion

Saturday 12 August 2023, 10:00-16:30

Kingston Quaker Centre

Drawing on nature and focusing on mindful presence, we will re-connect our deepest motivations with our faith at the heart. This gentle retreat offers support and nourishment to anyone giving or hoping to offer service, especially climate witness.

NATURE-CONNECTION RETREAT TO SUPPORT OUR CLIMATE WITNESS

Kim Harrison, Jacquie Cole

2 September 2023, 10:30-17:00

Forest Hill Friends Meeting House

How are we to live an authentic spirituality? What spiritual principles do we apply in our daily lives and how can we be accountable to our faith community in our quest for spiritual authenticity?

CREATING AUTHENTIC SPIRITUALITY: A RULE TO LIVE BY

Alex Wildwood, ‘Ben’ Pink Dandelion

15-18 January 2024

Penny Brohn, Bristol
Woodbrooke’s Learning and Research Team

‘Ben’ Pink Dandelion is Woodbrooke’s Programme Leader for Research. Ben’s specialism is in the sociology of religion although has also been published in history, theology, spirituality, travel and urban studies. He initiated what is now the Centre for Research in Quaker Studies in 1998. He has supervised over 90 postgraduate completions. Ben is Honorary Professor of Quaker Studies at the University of Birmingham.

Aled Vernon-Rees is Woodbrooke’s Communication Officer. He works to maintain and produce content for Woodbrooke’s communications channels. Aled has a broad range of interests which include philosophy, politics, religion, music, literature, and nature. He has a BA (hons) in Philosophy from the University of East Anglia and an MA in Theology and Religious Studies from the University of Leeds. Before his role at Woodbrooke Aled worked at the Inter Faith Network for the UK.

Beccy Berridge is Woodbrooke’s Learning & Research Administration Manager. Having previously worked at Woodbrooke in several administrative roles for eight years, Beccy spent a decade expanding her skills elsewhere before coming home to Woodbrooke in 2018. She has worked as a primary school teacher, a database designer, and in university administration. Beccy is happiest in a kayak or surrounded by her four cats.

Bettina Gray is Woodbrooke’s Library Assistant. She has been working at Woodbrooke since 2004, and in the library since 2006, and enjoys sharing its contents with readers. Bettina has a B.A. in philosophy, and enjoys getting away from the city, especially to the sea, as well as spending time with her family and her cat.

Carl Phillip is part of Woodbrooke’s Learning and Research Administration Team. Along with other members of the team he is responsible for supporting all aspects of running Woodbrooke’s courses and events with particular emphasis on Woodbrooke’s Woodbrooke Where You Are events. Carl has grown through the ranks holding several job titles over the years working in a Quaker environment at Woodbrooke while being a keen gardener and amateur florist.

Jacquie Cole is Woodbrooke’s Programme Coordinator for Quaker Service and Roles. Throughout her working life in education, training and consultancy, Jacquie has sought to empower others to fulfil their
potential. Jacquie’s facilitation style has been fundamentally shaped by her MA dissertation (Educational Improvement, Development and Change). As a ‘social artist’, she has encouraged and enabled practitioners and volunteers to come together and share learning through Communities of Practice.

**Jon Martin** is Woodbrooke’s Head of Communications & Impact. He has over ten years of experience participating in and thinking about online and offline communities. He has a background in arts marketing and student union communications, as well as working as Outreach & Marketing, for Quakers in Britain. He has a MA in Politics from Lancaster University where his study focused on student movements and the Neoliberal University.

**Kevin Smith** is Woodbrooke’s Head of Finance and Compliance. Outside of figures he is interested in nature and in early British and Christian history, particularly Celtic Christianity.

**Kim Harrison** is Woodbrooke’s Project Manager for the Climate Crisis: Spiritual Nurture and Learning Project. She has over 13 years experience of direct action, campaigning, political lobbying and supporting/empowering protesters and is actively involved in Quaker environmental groups. In 2010/11 she helped found the grassroots legal support group Green and Black Cross (GBC). Kim has a Masters in Art therapy from Roehampton University, and a BA in Fine Art from the Glasgow School of Art, focusing on spirituality in art.

**Lynda Scotson** is part of Woodbrooke’s Learning and Research Administration Team. Along with other members of the team she is responsible for supporting all aspects of running Woodbrooke’s courses with particular emphasis on online courses. Lynda has extensive experience in administration in both public sector organisations and charities and is passionate about lifelong learning. In her spare time she enjoys writing.

**Martin Ford** is Interim Co-CEO of Woodbrooke. He has worked as a management consultant in a range of public and private sector settings. Martin holds several Trustee Director board roles including in housing services, specialising in supported housing. Trustee Director of the Retreat Hospital in York. He also serves as Clerk to the General Assembly of the Quaker Council for European Affairs based in Brussels. In his spare time he sings Barbershop and gardens with his family.
**Rachael Swancott** is Woodbrooke’s Programme Coordinator for Community. She has a particular interest in working with Friends to be an Anti-Racist faith group and inclusivity and diversity in our communities in general. She is a life-long Friend who is passionate about nurturing our meetings and building strong lasting, communities for Friends to thrive together.

**Rhiannon Grant** is Woodbrooke’s Deputy Programme Leader for Research. Her work at Woodbrooke spans academic and practice-based approaches to Quakerism. She supervises research and teaches postgraduate students within the Centre for Research in Quaker Studies. Rhiannon has MA in Gender, Sexuality and Queer Theory at the University of Leeds and stayed to write a PhD entitled ‘Wittgensteinian investigations of contemporary Quaker religious language’. Rhiannon has published a range of fiction, non-fiction and academic publications as well as having an active Quaker blog and tiktok.

**Simon Best** is Woodbrooke’s Head of Programmes & Partnerships. He holds overall responsibility for our learning and research programmes and the Swarthmore Lecture. Over the past twenty years Simon has worked for a number of Quaker organisations. He is passionate about creating opportunities for Quakers to learn and grow individually and together as inclusive, all-age communities. Simon has a PhD in Quaker Studies from the University of Birmingham, where his thesis focused on the spiritual beliefs and religious practices of adolescent Quakers.

**Simonne Wood** is Woodbrooke’s Programme Coordinator for Worship & Spirituality. She has a background in adult vocational education and academic administration, with a specialism in online learning. She has recently moved back to the UK after 9 years in Aotearoa, New Zealand, where she was an active member of Dunedin Monthly Meeting. Simonne has a diploma in adult education and a Master’s in International Relations, with a dissertation focusing on the environmental damage caused by so-called “sustainable” development.
Stuart Masters is Woodbrooke’s Programme Coordinator for History & Theology. Before coming to Woodbrooke, he worked in the social housing sector for 23 years. His research and teaching focuses on Quaker spirituality and theology, eco-theology, and the relationship between Quakerism and other Christian traditions. Stuart has served as a representative on a number of interfaith networks, he has published numbers articles, chapters and books, and is a member of the Advisory Council for the American Journal, Quaker Religious Thought.

Tanya Hubbard is Woodbrooke’s Programme Coordinator for Racial & Social Justice. She is a facilitator and trainer of conflict transformation and dialogue. She has worked in China, the Palestinian refugee camps of Lebanon, Thailand, Uganda, London, Myanmar and France. Her passion is in using non-violent communication and creative approaches to enable people to re-connect compassionately with themselves, to re-humanise and connect with people who are ‘other’ and to notice the human impact of systemic oppression. Raised in a Quaker family in Wales, Tanya is also a certified yoga teacher and permaculture practitioner.

Timothy Ashworth is Woodbrooke’s Programme Tutor. He has a long-term interest in spiritual experience which has shaped his retreat work for Woodbrooke and his particular focus on earliest Christianity, Quaker convincement and transformative experiences in other faiths. He has been leading courses and retreats for Woodbrooke for over 25 years and is well published in the area of Biblical Studies.
Woodbrooke’s Associate Tutors

**Jude Acton** has worshipped with Quakers for most of her life and has worked in a wider variety of settings in formal and informal education, training and facilitation. Currently Jude has paid work for BYM as the Quaker Life Team Leader for Youth, Children, and Families. Some of the courses she tutors for Woodbrooke are part of this work.

**Libby Adams** is Head of Library and Archives for the Library of the Society of Friends, based at Friends House.

**Stephen W. Angell** is the Leatherock Professor of Quaker Studies at the Earlham School of Religion. He is the author, co-author, or co-editor of 11 books and numerous articles and book chapters, including (with Hal Weaver and Paul Kriese) Black Fire: African American Quakers on Spirituality and Human Rights (Quaker Press of Friends General Conference, 2011). He is a member of Oxford Meeting, part of Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting.

**Averil Armstrong** is a retired accountant who has been a Quaker Treasurer in several roles, as Local Meeting and Area Treasurer as well as others. She has a passion to help Friends see the good work that money can do, and is keen to empower Treasurers to encourage their Meetings to live adventurously in the Light.

**Ann Bettys** is an experienced teacher and facilitator who has had a lifelong passion for dance. She has danced many forms of movement from contemporary to jazz, salsa, clog and even Morris dance. Her interests currently lie with finding ways to allow the expression of feelings about the world through dance and movement. Music and rhythm are an important part of the dance experience. Ann has been collaborating with Robin Bowles on dance and music for many years.

**Clare Bonetree** has many years’ experience of different forms of action for social justice in LGBT, feminist, disability, environmental, and peace movements in the UK. She has been an associate trainer with Turning the Tide since 2015 and designed the Doing Hope toolkit following a workshop at Quaker Activist Gathering in autumn 2018. Clare is a practicing Buddhist, and trained in permaculture and earth-based spiritual activism with the activist, writer and witch Starhawk.

**Robin Bowles** has played music all his life in a wide variety of settings and has a particular passion for playing music for improvised dance. He spent many years as a community musician and workshop facilitator specialising in working with dance and movement. He currently teaches piano and plays a variety of tuned and percussive instruments. He has played in a wide variety of bands much of his life embracing many genres of music from classical, rock, pop and soul through to jazz, Celtic and eastern European folk and free improvisation.
Erica Canela is a PhD graduate from the University of Birmingham. She is the Reviews Editor of Quaker Studies and has co-authored a chapter on Quakerism in the Atlantic World, 1690 - 1830. She is also writing two books for the Brill series Research Perspectives in Quaker Studies, the first is The First Quakers, 1647 - 1660, and the other Communicating the Thoughts and Actions of the Early Quakers: Understanding and Interpreting the Swarthmore Manuscripts will be co-authored with Richard C. Allen.

Rosie Carnall is a Quaker and an experienced facilitator. Her practice centres on philosophical enquiry and creative writing. She loves to get people of all ages thinking, talking and creating together – in pubs, art galleries, community venues or online. Rosie has an MA in Creative Writing and a professional background in mediation. She is a former Eva Koch scholar and serves on the Book of Discipline Revision Committee.

Helen Chambers has been an elder with oversight and is a trainer with Quaker Life children and young people’s team.

Gilly Charters came back to Quakers in the 1980s. She has served with Eldership and Oversight teams and enjoys inreach and outreach.

Lesley Collington lives in Dorset, and has practiced in the Plum Village Buddhist tradition for many years. A member of The Order of Interbeing, she became a Dharma Teacher in 2016. She enjoys practicing calligraphy, pottery and Tai Chi.

Ann Conway-Jones specialises in biblical interpretation and early Jewish Christian relations. She combines up-to-date scholarship with enthusiasm for teaching adults. She is an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Birmingham. She is also Chair of the Birmingham Council of Christians and Jews. She is fascinated by the way in which two different religious traditions have evolved from the same scriptural roots. She is more interested in questions than answers!

Mel Cook is Quaker Life Officer Youth, Children and Families and works with the wider Quaker Life Team supporting and encouraging this work in Quaker communities. She is a keen artist, enjoys good food and chat and is an accomplished kitchen disco dancer.

Windy Cooler, assistant clerk of Sandy Spring Meeting, describes herself as a practical theologian, public minister, good Quaker pirate, and cultural worker. She has been an embraced public minister since 2018, traveling widely among Friends with a concern for communities in crisis and Quaker family life. She was co-editor of Friends Journal’s News section (2018-23); the Pendle Hill 2020 Cadbury Scholar, a 2022-23 fellow of the interfaith NGO Odyssey Impact, and a current doctoral candidate at
Lancaster Theological Seminary. She is the convener of Testimonies to Mercy, a seven-part traveling retreat series on the future of Quakerism; and Life and Power, an international discernment project on abuse. She holds a master of divinity from Earlham School of Religion.

**Linda Craig** is a recent Clerk to Woodbrooke Trustees, a registering officer and former General Secretary of Quaker Peace and Social Witness (QPSW).

**David Curtis** is currently working on a new translation of The Gospel of Mary, wanting to make this more widely accessible. His teaching methods aim to put people directly in contact with the text, without his own views or interpretations getting in the way. David's emphasis is on facilitating a safe and supportive space for the non-judgemental sharing of insight, difficulty and experience. The Friendly Study method developed by American Quakers Joanne and Larry Spears works well to provide this.

**C. Wess Daniels**, Ph.D. is the William R. Rogers Director of Friends Center & Quaker Studies at Guilford College. He lives in Greensboro, North Carolina with his wife, Emily and their three children. Identifying as a ‘convergent Friend,’ Wess is a bridge-builder and boundary-crosser and is interested in teaching liberating faith and practice, and the revitalization of faith traditions that work toward justice. Prior to teaching at Guilford, Wess was a ‘released Quaker minister’ at Camas Friends Church in Washington. He is the author of, ‘Resisting Empire: The Book of Revelation’ (2019) and is active in the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival.

**Ruth Davey** is the Managing Director of Look Again and a leader in the field of mindful photography. She brings together 30 years-experience of working in the private, public and non-profit settings around the world with her love of photography, to support the health and wellbeing of people and planet. Following a breakdown, Ruth combined what she loves – photography, mindfulness and nature – as part of her recovery. She reframed her breakdown as a breakthrough. This led to her creating what is currently the only evidence-based mindful photography methodology for improving mental health and wellbeing.

**Sam Donaldson** hosts courageous conversations, brave learning spaces and slow, sacred retreats, helping people and organisations to make sense of and live well within this time of multiple system failure, the sixth mass extinction. He has completed a PGC in Psychosynthesis Leadership Coaching and is a practicing Zen Buddhist and Quaker. He has a first-class BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Oxford University, and an MA in Post-war Recovery Studies from York University. He writes, organise for
peace and eco-justice, and loves to read, listen to music, play tennis, watch rugby and walk in nature.

Jack Durtnell (~Swift) is a musician and 8 Shields trained nature connection facilitator. Jack has been actively involved in deep nature connection as an adult since 2016. He has staffed on the 8 Shields flagship programme, Art Of Mentoring in the UK since 2017 and teaches with Kinship in Nature (London), Cultivating Curiosity (Sussex), and Sacred Earth’s Earth Steward Apprenticeship year course programme for teens.

Peter Eccles is a lifelong Quaker and is a member of Cheadle Hulme Meeting in East Cheshire Area Meeting, Britain Yearly Meeting. He has clerked his local meeting, his monthly/area meeting and Britain Yearly Meeting. He gave the Swarthmore Lecture in 2009. He is a retired mathematician and now helps run a music studio with a Quaker musician friend.

Solveig-Karin Erdal has been a Friend for thirteen years and had various roles in the Sweden Yearly Meeting during those years. She has clerked the planning committee for the Nordic Yearly Meeting Gathering 2022 and was treasurer of the Sweden YM clerks committee. She was an EMES (FWCC Europe & Middle East Section) representative and also active in re-starting the local worship group in Malm after the pandemic. She grew up in Norway where her grandfather and his relatives were Quakers since way back. As a student, she started finding out for herself what Quakerism was about and how it overlapped with her faith and values. She has worked within university administration most of her professional years, and is currently a quality coordinator at Malmö university, where a fair share of her days are spent planning meetings, running meetings and following up after meetings. She also has experience from chairing meetings within other associations, interest groups and organisations. She tutors on Woodbrooke’s global clerks course and has been a participant on courses at and by Woodbrooke.

Nancy Fee is a member of Pretoria Meeting, Southern Africa Yearly Meeting. She is clerk of her local meeting, and has clerked communications and learning activities for SAYM. She is currently co-clerk of the International Planning Committee of the FWCC World Plenary Meeting, to be held in Durban in 2024. She is a public health specialist, and worked for the UN across Africa and Asia. She normally spends part of each year in London, and is an elder in Westminster Meeting.

Daniel Clarke Flynn is a native of San Francisco, California, citizen of Ireland, and resident of Belgium. He earned a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C.,
and pursued a three-decade career in international corporate Human Resources before taking early retirement and serving as a Cambridge Certified English language trainer for adults for two decades in the U.S. and Europe. More recently he has been leading Career Management and Life Reflections workshops in Europe and the U.K. and doing volunteer service for MSF (Doctors Without Borders) headquarters in Brussels. A Quaker since 2015, he has written articles for The Friend and Among Friends. He does translations into English from French, Italian, German, and Spanish.

Ursula Fuller is a long-term Quaker, a Quaker treasurer and trustee, and was clerk of Quaker Stewardship Committee.

August Gawen is a trans man, minimalist and pioneer of compassionate minimalism. August writes one of the top minimalism blogs in the UK and has recycled, donated and re-gifted 90% of their possessions. As a trans person, August is also passionate about gender diversity and is a trustee and co-founder of The Trans Tearoom – a brand new project in Birmingham offering peer to peer support for gender diverse individuals.

Till Geiger is a member of Disley Meeting (East Cheshire Area Meeting) and he currently and rather scarily serves as an Elder. For the last ten years, he has helped to organise the ECAM Young Quakers Camp at Yealand and currently serves as AM representative on Northern Friends Peace Board. He has served on BYM Library Committee and is currently one of the co-clerks of the QPSW Peace Education, Campaigning and Networking Sub-Committee. Before early retiring, he taught international history of the cold war at the University of Manchester.

Zélie Gross is enthusiastic about enabling participants on her courses to discover their unique gifts and abilities and to broaden their experience through exposure to new stimuli and fresh challenges. Zélie brings her background in art teaching to an essentially creative approach to learning, together with a preference for collaborative ways of working and techniques that promote playful experiment.

Philip Gross is committed to the principles of collaboration and disciplined playfulness in freeing the life of our words. He has worked with visual artists, dancers and musicians as well as fellow poets, and his own prize-winning poetry has been praised for its powers of close observation and his thoughtful, questioning, exploratory approach to the writing itself.

Marilyn Higgins is a member of Central Edinburgh Meeting and recently served on Quaker Life Central Committee. She has considerable experience of being a Woodbrooke Associate Tutor, principally facilitating various roles’ courses, including nominations. She has served in a number of Quaker roles over the years.
Hilary Hinds is Professor of English at Lancaster University and author of ‘George Fox and Early Quaker Culture’. She gave the George Richardson Lecture in 2019.

Andrew Jack has been a Quaker for over a decade. He studied philosophy at London and Oxford universities, and has taught philosophy in London, Oxford and Hong Kong. As a research student at Woodbrooke, he is working on Philosophy and Quakerism.

Xavier L. Johnson is an Assistant Professor of the Practice of Preaching and Black Church Studies at United Theological Seminary and the pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, both in Dayton, Ohio. He has previously taught at Earlham School of Religion and Duke Divinity School. He has published numerous articles and book chapters.

Jennifer Kavanagh is a speaker on the Spirit-led life, and author of, among other books, A Little Book of Unknowing, The World is our Cloister and Simplicity Made Easy. She has run retreats and workshops at Woodbrooke and elsewhere for the last ten years. Jennifer finds balancing an active life with a pull towards contemplation a continuing and fruitful challenge.

Jon R. Kershner is an Instructional Designer at the University of Washington and Lecturer in Religion at Pacific Lutheran University. He is a member of Sierra-Cascades Yearly Meeting in the USA. His recent publications include John Woolman and Delaware Indians in The Quaker World, Woolman and Wilderness: A Quaker Sacramental Ecology in Quakers, Creation Care, and Sustainability, John Woolman and the Government of Christ, an edited volume, Quakers and Mysticism: Comparative and Syncretic Approaches to Spirituality, and To Renew the Covenant: Religious Themes in Eighteenth-Century Quaker Abolitionism.

Diana Luther Powell is an Associate Tutor at Woodbrooke and was a Quaker Prison Chaplain for nine years until retiring at the end of 2022. She has co-tutored the ‘Going Inside’ course since 2021. Qualified as a specialist dance teacher, she worked across the whole range of education from Year One to 80 year olds! Her most recent work before retirement in 2012 was as a commissioner for adult drug misuse which actually sparked her interest in prison work. Diana lives in South Yorkshire and worships at Wooldale LM which is part of Central Yorkshire Area Meeting.

Hezron Masitsa was born and raised a Quaker. He is a member of Nairobi Yearly, Ngong Road Monthly. He has served the church in different capacities including Sunday School teacher, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Clerk. He recently served as Executive Secretary for FWCC-AS and currently serves as a part-time staff member with FWCC World Office.
He holds an MA in Peace Studies and International Relations. He has also attended short courses in Peace Building and Conflict Transformation and Mediation from the Summer Peace Institute (Eastern Mennonite University), and the Albine Christian University and Duncum Center for Conflict Resolution. He is a trainer in Reflecting on Peace Practice (RPP), Do No Harm/Local Capacities for Peace (DNH/LCP), Transformative Mediation and Alternatives to Violence (AVP).

**Caitlin McGeever** is a PhD candidate at George Mason University in Virginia. She studies early modern religion, gender, and family history in Early America and the Atlantic World. Her dissertation explores seventeenth-century Quaker enslavement on Barbados and how their interaction with slavery was shaped by distinct Quaker ideas about family and the household.

**Kate McNally** is a member of Belgium and Luxembourg Yearly Meeting. A psychologist by training, Kate lives in Brussels where she works on issues of migration and anti-racism.

**Rachel Muers** is a life long Quaker and is Chair of Divinity at Edinburgh University. She is the author of *Testimony: Quakerism and Theological Ethics* (SCM Press).

**Rajan Naidu** of Stourbridge Meeting is also attached to Hampstead Meeting. He is a committed communicator and campaigner for social justice and environmental justice. Rajan has written in *The Friend* about the connections between Quaker testimonies and concern for animals / being vegan. During the last year Rajan has supported the RJ Working team’s learning and development in the delivery of several workshops with the goal of growing participants capabilities for “Tackling Racism Restoratively”. He especially supported young leaders within the organisation to hold a safe and brave space for talking in depth.

**Nim Njuguna** is a retired Baptist minister and former Quaker prison chaplain/restorative justice trainer. Nim is now involved in researching and writing on diversity and inclusion spirituality informed by intersectionality and unconscious bias perspectives. He offers spiritual accompaniment, (in person or on Zoom) supervision, mediation and facilitates refresher courses for spiritual directors with SPIDIR spiritual direction network. He approaches his practice from liberation theologies and person-centred therapeutic perspectives and is keen to explore how to move spirituality from contemplation to action. He is a past tutor on the Encounter course at the London Centre for Spirituality (where he trained 15 years ago) He is a lifetime member of Spiritual Direction Europe.

**Liz Njuguna-Wyatt** is a member of Britain Yearly Meeting now living in Kenya. She recently retired as an ESOL practitioner and
teacher trainer in the FE sector in London with a special interest in adult literacies. She practises spiritual accompaniment and appreciates this ministry as nurturing, nourishing and nudging us into deeper experiences of who we are in the Divine for living and acting in the world.

**Lucy Parker’s** mother first went to Meeting at the age of 17, and Lucy has worshipped with Friends since her teens after moving to the UK. Lucy has served in most roles in her local and area meetings, as well as on various central committees. She has particular interest and experience in clerking, eldership, church government, and nominations. Lucy is currently Co-Clerk of Central Nominations Committee.

**Martin Pennock** is a linguist who, as an experienced clerk and elder at local, area and national levels, has always sought to leaven his respect for Quaker discipline with humour.

**Jasmine Piercy** is a British Quaker living in Slovenia. She is a Woodbrooke Associate Tutor and serves as an elder and facilitator for the Friends network around the world. She previously coordinated the Quaker Voluntary Action working retreats programme across Europe and has a background in education and the arts.

**James Priestman** has been a Member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) since 2018. He worships with Ealing Meeting. He was awarded a BA Honours Degree in Biblical Studies by the University of Sheffield in 1989. He has a Master’s degree in Social Psychology and Social Research Methods (London School of Economics & Political Science, 2000) and a Master’s Degree in Social Work (Royal Holloway, University of London, 2014). James writes poems on Biblical themes, which have been published in Ambit, Sofia and The Friend. He works in the NHS as a social worker within a community mental health team.

**Laura J. Rediehs** is Associate Professor of Philosophy and Coordinator of Peace Studies at St. Lawrence University in the U.S.A. Her research interests include the philosophy of science and religion, Quaker epistemology, the incommensurability problem, and nonviolent conflict resolution. She is a member of the Quaker Studies Research Association, and serves on the Executive Committee of the Friends Association for Higher Education. Her Quaker Meeting is the St. Lawrence Valley Friends Meeting in Potsdam, NY.

**Denise Renshaw** retired in 2006 from full time work as a Physiotherapist and started to volunteer with a small charity that ran the visitor’s centre at a women’s prison nearby. Working with prisoner’s families had interested her for a while. In 2009 her Area Meeting asked if she would put her name forward to be the Quaker Chaplain at the prison. She is very grateful for the divine nudges that led her to prison chaplaincy.
Isabella Rosner is a Ph.D. student at King’s College London, where she researches Quaker women’s art before 1800. Her project focuses on seventeenth-century English needlework and eighteenth-century Philadelphia wax and shellwork. She received her BA from Columbia University and her MPhil from Cambridge University and has been lucky enough to work at museums in the US and UK. Isabella specializes in the study of schoolgirl samplers and early modern needlework and hosts the ‘Sew What?’ podcast about historic needlework and those who stitched it.

Heather Rowlands is currently serving her local meeting as clerk and is a member of the children’s committee. She has worked in primary education and now works for the Birmingham based peace education charity Peacemakers.

Mark Russ is a writer, theologian and teacher. His teaching interests include spiritual practice and music, the Bible, apocalyptic literature, hope, whiteness, modern Christian theology, and the beginnings of Liberal Quakerism. He particularly enjoys working with people who are new to Quakerism. In 2022 he began a PhD at the Universities of Nottingham and Birmingham, researching the liberal Quaker theology of the human being. As a writer, Mark has been an active blogger at jollyquaker.com since 2013, and has written for the Friend, Friends Quarterly and Quaker Studies. His first book, ‘Quaker Shaped Christianity’ is published by Christian Alternative Books in 2022 as part of the ‘Quaker Quicks’ series. Mark came to Quakers in his late teens, and spent a decade as a music teacher in Birmingham and London. In 2014 he and his husband spent a year living and working in faith-based intentional communities in the UK and the USA. He holds MAs in Music Education from the Institute of Education, and in Systematic and Philosophical Theology from the University of Nottingham. From 2015 to 2022 he worked as a Programmes Coordinator at Woodbrooke.

Annique Seddon’s working life was as an English teacher in comprehensives and in a tertiary College. She trained as a counsellor at Manchester University and set up a Counselling service for staff and students at the college and led the Counselling Welfare and Chaplaincy service. Since retirement she has led courses at Woodbrooke and Swarthmoor Hall and been a personal tutor for EFM since 2008. Her inspiration comes from the natural world, literature and the arts, and spiritual teachers.

Gill Sewell has been a Quaker for almost 40 years. Within the Quaker community she has given service at local, area and yearly meetings and was previously employed in the national Ministry and Outreach team. She currently co-edits
Friends Quarterly magazine. Gill is a spiritual accompanier, supervisor, Ignatian guide and also a tutor on a formation course for spiritual directors. She loves creative approaches to spirituality and enjoys cycling and aquarobics.

Chris Skidmore is a former clerk of Yearly Meeting who has been part of the ‘Being a Quaker Clerk’ team since 2017, teaching both at Woodbrooke and on-line.

Oliver Waterhouse works as a Team Leader in the Quaker Life staff team. For the last 12 years his work has been in support of Quaker communities and currently focusses on supporting good governance locally. Away from paid work he is a treasurer and a trustee and supports the delivery of events for young Quakers.

Alex Wildwood gave the 1999 Swarthmore lecture, ‘A Faith to call our Own’ and is co-author, with Timothy Peat Ashworth, of ‘Rooted in Christianity, Open to New Light: Quaker spiritual diversity’. He has been facilitating groups since the 1980s and would describe himself as an evolutionary.

Danielle Wilson is Inclusive Gathering Birmingham’s pioneer pastor/leader and loves to help create safe spaces to discuss life’s deepest questions – particularly over food. She believes that loving Jesus pushes us to pursue social justice and inclusion in our communities. Danielle has more than 25 years’ experience in mission leadership and communications and was part of the team that launched and led Red Letter Christians in the UK 2019-2022. She has an MA in Contemporary Missiology: Reconciliation, Justice and Advocacy. She’s also been a singer for many years with the all-female acoustic soul band Eeek. She’s married to Joel and mum to Evie and Josie.