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**QUAKER**

Ben Pink Dandelion

Open for transformation: Being Quaker (2014)

**JANUARY - APRIL 2026**

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“ Every course or retreat I have done has generated much food for thought, and I have emerged refreshed and with a new energy. ”

“ The quality is high, the space for self-reflection is very rewarding, the courses are very affordable, and bring fascinating people together. ”



# Welcome to Woodbrooke

We are delighted to share this new edition of Woodbrooke's brochure, introducing a refreshed look and feel for the year ahead. For the first time, this brochure combines a diary-style calendar with a selection of articles and features that offer a fuller picture of Woodbrooke's life and work.

The new calendar layout makes it easier to find and plan your learning, guiding you week by week through our courses from January to April 2026. Whether you're looking for a single session or hoping to build a regular pattern of study and reflection, we hope this new design helps you see how everything fits together.

We're also excited to now include articles that highlight other aspects of what we do, from our online worship community and the work of our Centre for Research in Quaker Studies, to the announcement of the 2026 Swarthmore Lecture. These pieces offer a glimpse into the breadth of Woodbrooke's work and the ways Friends around the world connect with it.

As always, Woodbrooke remains a place for learning, spiritual deepening, and encounter, rooted in the Quaker tradition and open to all. However you engage with us, we hope this new-style brochure inspires you to take part and find nourishment for your journey.

Mandy Cooper

**Chief Executive Officer**

**Woodbrooke**

# DECEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> 2025 – JANUARY 4<sup>th</sup> 2026

MON 29			
TUES 30			
WED 31			
THUR 1	<b>The Wisdom of Epiphany</b> Nigel Thomas	19:00-20:30	£30 1
FRI 2			
SAT 3	<b>Sharing Our Journeys of Faith</b> Kate McNally	09:00-16:30	£40
SUN 4			



## **The Wisdom of Epiphany** Nigel Thomas

What wisdom does Epiphany hold for us today? In this two-part course Friends will have the chance to engage with the stories, symbolism and ritual of Epiphany as found in liturgical traditions.

Thursdays 1 and 8 Jan **£30**

MON 5				
TUES 6	<b>Quaker Business Method Surgery</b> Wendy Hampton		10:00–11:30	Pay as led
WED 7	<b>Navigating Change Well as Quaker Communities</b> Elize Sakamoto, Alistair Fuller  In Partnership with Quakers in Britain		19:00–21:00	£54 1
THUR 8	<b>The Wisdom of Epiphany</b> Nigel Thomas  19:00–20:30 £30 2	<b>Parenting: A Spiritual Quest</b> Carolyn Baynes  19:45–21:00 £60 1		
FRI 9				
SAT 10	<b>Space for Joy</b> Till flo* Krapoth, Susan Groves		10:00–12:00	£48 1
SUN 11				



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# JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 2026

MON 12	<b>Feminist Theology for Quakers</b> Rhiannon Grant 19:00–20:30 £75 1	<b>Write From the Heart</b> Rosie Carnall 19:00–21:00 £60 1	<b>Essentials of Quaker Eldership</b> In Partnership with Quakers in Britain 19:30–21:00 Pay as led
TUES 13	<b>Why Pause? The Radical Politics of Stillness</b> Toni Spencer 18:30–20:00 £54 1		
WED 14	<b>Navigating Change Well as Quaker Communities</b> Elize Sakamoto, Alistair Fuller In Partnership with Quakers in Britain 19:00–21:00 £54 2	<b>Seeing the Light: Reflections Through Images</b> Duncan Dwinell 14:30–16:30 Pay as led	
THUR 15	<b>Parenting: A Spiritual Quest</b> Carolyn Baynes 19:45–21:00 £60 2	<b>Enquiring Into: Quaker Membership</b> Rosie Carnall 19:00–21:00 Pay as led	
FRI 16			
SAT 17			
SUN 18			



## Write From the Heart

Rosie Carnall

Mon 12 Jan – Mon 2 Feb £60

Explore creative writing as a tool for spiritual reflection and development through a range of reflective writing activities. Writing prompts and exercises will guide you to write from the heart rather than the head.

MON 19	<b>Feminist Theology for Quakers</b> Rhiannon Grant 19:00-20:30 £75 2	<b>Write From the Heart</b> Rosie Carnall 19:00-21:00 £60 2
TUES 20	<b>Why Pause? The Radical Politics of Stillness</b> Toni Spencer 18:30-20:00 £54 2	
WED 21	<b>Navigating Change Well as Quaker Communities</b> Elize Sakamoto, Alistair Fuller In Partnership with Quakers in Britain 19:00-21:00 £54 3	<b>Poetry for Spiritual Deepening and Reflection</b> Saskia Stenson 19:00-21:00 Pay as led
THUR 22	<b>Parenting: A Spiritual Quest</b> Carolyn Baynes 19:45-21:00 £60 3	<b>By the Rivers of Babylon: Rebellion, Protest and Pop</b> Josh Selfe 19:00-21:00 Pay as led
FRI 23		
SAT 24		
SUN 25		



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Bring Woodbrooke learning to where you are with our packages specially designed for your community.

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- Worship & Spirituality
- History & Theology
- Racial & Social Justice

Workshops are available online, blended, or in-person with live sessions, tutor input, and group materials tailored to your needs.

Find out more at

[www.woodbrooke.org.uk/wwya](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/wwya)

or call 0121 728 2360



# Woodbrooke Online Worship Turns 10!

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Ten years ago, on 11 March 2016, Woodbrooke, in partnership with the European and Middle East Section of FWCC, began offering online meetings for worship twice a week. The aim was simple: to extend our ministry of learning and spiritual nurture to Friends who couldn't easily gather in person.

Since then, attendance has grown, technology improved and online worship blossomed into a daily rhythm of connection and care. Today, Friends can join 11 meetings each week:

**MONDAY 9:30**

**TUESDAY 7:00 & 19:30**

**WEDNESDAY 7:00 & 9:30**

**THURSDAY 11:00 (1 Hour) & 19:30**

**FRIDAY 13:00 & 21:00**

**SUNDAY 10:30 (1 Hour) & 19:30**

At the start of this year, around 220 individuals attended at least one meeting a week, with many joining more often. Those who join Woodbrooke's online worship tell us that it is 'a lifeline,' 'a joy,' and 'a profound deepening of my faith.' One Friend shared:

“ Online worship has completely transformed my spiritual life and is consequently transforming my life as a whole. ”

You can find out more about Woodbrooke's online Meetings for Worship, and join us, by visiting [www.woodbrooke.org.uk/worship](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/worship)

# JANUARY 26<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

<b>MON 26</b>	<b>Feminist Theology for Quakers</b> Rhiannon Grant	19:00-20:30	£75	<b>Write From the Heart</b> Rosie Carnall	19:00-21:00	£60	
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<b>TUES 27</b>	<b>Why Pause? The Radical Politics of Stillness</b> Toni Spencer				18:30-20:00	£54	
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<b>WED 28</b>	<b>Navigating Change Well as Quaker Communities</b> Elize Sakamoto, Alistair Fuller	19:00-21:00	£54	<b>Spiritual Wholeness</b> Kate McNally	18:30-20:00	£54	
	In Partnership with Quakers in Britain		4			1	
<b>THUR 29</b>	<b>Parenting: A Spiritual Quest</b> Carolyn Baynes	19:45-21:00	£60	<b>The Spiritual Roots of Quaker Witness</b> Ben Pink Dandelion	19:00-20:30	Pay as led	
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<b>FRI 30</b>				<b>Spiritual Practices to Guide and Nurture</b> Wendy Hampton, Deborah Shaw	19:00-20:30	£54	
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<b>SAT 31</b>	<b>Quaker Clerking in a Nutshell</b> Judith Roads, Elize Sakamoto	10:0-16:00	£45			14:00-18:00	£54
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<b>SUN 1</b>					14:00-18:00	£54	
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## **Spiritual Practices to Guide and Nurture** Deborah Shaw, Wendy Hampton

Have you ever wished that you had greater clarity about how you are called to minister in the world? In this course, you will experience a variety of Quaker spiritual practices to help you discern your calling and sustain you in service and witness.

Fri 30 Jan – Sun 1 Feb

£54

MON 2	Feminist Theology for Quakers Rhiannon Grant	19:00-20:30	£75	Write From the Heart Rosie Carnall	19:00-21:00	£60	Surgery Hour for Quaker Treasurers Paul Whitehouse	19:00-20:30	Pay as led
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TUES 3	Why Pause? The Radical Politics of Stillness Toni Spencer	18:30-20:00	£54	The History, Present, and Future of LGBTQIA+ People in Quakerism. Ben Pink Dandelion, Brian Blackmore	19:00-21:00	£60	A Short Guide to Stilling the Mind Diana Lampen	18:00-19:00	Pay as led
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WED 4	Spiritual Wholeness Kate McNally							18:30-20:00	£54
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THUR 5	Parenting: A Spiritual Quest Carolyn Baynes	19:45-21:00	£60	Exploring Threshing and Clearness Rachael Swancott	19:00-21:00	£15			
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FRI 6									
SAT 7	Space for Joy Till flo* Krapoth, Susan Groves	10:00-12:00	£48	Early Friends and the Books of Moses Ben Wood	14:00-16:00	Pay as led			
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SUN 8									



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<b>MON 9</b>	<b>Feminist Theology for Quakers</b> Rhiannon Grant	19:00–20:30	£75	<b>Simplicity: A Quaker Way of Being</b> Lindsey Markwell	18:30–20:00	£54	<b>Essentials of Quaker Eldership</b> In Partnership with Quakers in Britain	19:30–21:00	Pay as led
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<b>TUES 10</b>	<b>Why Pause? The Radical Politics of Stillness</b> Toni Spencer	18:30–20:00	£54	<b>The History, Present, and Future of LGBTQIA+ People in Quakerism.</b> Ben Pink Dandelion, Brian Blackmore	19:00–21:00	£60	<b>A First Look at Quakerism</b> Wendy Hampton	19:00–21:00	Pay as led
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<b>WED 11</b>	<b>Spiritual Wholeness</b> Kate McNally						18:30–20:00	£54	
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<b>THUR 12</b>	<b>Parenting: A Spiritual Quest</b> Carolyn Baynes	19:45–21:00	£60	<b>Rediscovering Jesus</b> Ann Conway-Jones	18:30–20:00	£75			
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<b>FRI 13</b>									
<b>SAT 14</b>									
<b>SUN 15</b>									



## Foundation Course in Nonviolent Communication Özge Altinkaya, Jenny Tipping

Wed 18 Feb – Wed 25 Mar **£86**

Would you love to deepen your personal relationships? Would you like to connect to yourself with empathy? Do you long for greater compassion and love in public discourse? Join others to learn the basics of Nonviolent Communication.

MON 16	Simplicity: A Quaker Way of Being Lindsey Markwell		18:30-20:00	£54	2	Journeys in Christian Mysticism Mark Russ, Ben Wood		19:00-21:00	£86	1	
	TUES 17	The History, Present, and Future of LGBTQIA+ People in Quakerism Ben Pink Dandelion, Brian Blackmore		19:00-21:00	£60	3	Resourcing and Resilience for Social Justice In Partnership with Quakers in Britain		19:00-20:30	Pay as led	
WED 18		Spiritual Wholeness Kate McNally		18:30-20:00	£54	4	Being a Quaker Registering Officer. Michael Booth, Seren Wildwood, Linda Craig, Judith Baker		18:30-20:00	£135	1
							Foundation Course in Nonviolent Communication Jenny Tipping, Özge Altinkaya		19:00-21:15	£86	1
THUR 19	Rediscovering Jesus Ann Conway-Jones								18:30-20:00	£75	2
FRI 20	Henry Cadbury: Quaker, Pacifist, and Skeptic Lily Chadwick, James Krippner								19:00-20:30	Pay as led	
SAT 21											
SUN 22											



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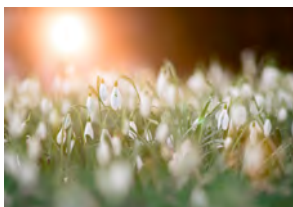
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TUES 24	The History, Present, and Future of LGBTQIA+ People in Quakerism Ben Pink Dandelion, Brian Blackmore							19:00-21:00	£60
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WED 25	Being a Quaker Registering Officer. Michael Booth, Seren Wildwood, Linda Craig, Judith Baker		18:30-20:00	£135	Foundation Course in Nonviolent Communication Jenny Tipping, Özge Altinkaya		19:00-21:15	£86	
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THUR 26	Rediscovering Jesus Ann Conway-Jones	18:30-20:00	£75	From Problem to Programme: Practical Paths to Social Change John Lampen		19:00-20:30	£40	Understanding Quaker Meetings Wendy Hampton	
				3			1		Pay as led
FRI 27	Quakers and Abolitionism in the American South Lily Chadwick, Katy Telling							19:00-20:30	Pay as led
SAT 17									
SUN 1									



## Essentials of Quakerism Wendy Hampton

Thurs 5–Thurs 26 March **£30**

Curious about Quakerism? This course offers an introduction to the essentials of the Quaker way. Together we'll explore Quaker worship, discernment, and witness, with space for questions, discussion, and reflection on how these practices shape daily life.

<b>MON 2</b>	<b>Simplicity: A Quaker Way of Being</b> Lindsey Markwell 18:30–20:00 £54 4		<b>Journeys in Christian Mysticism</b> Mark Russ, Ben Wood 19:00–21:00 £86 3	
<b>TUES 3</b>	<b>The History, Present, and Future of LGBTQIA+ People in Quakerism.</b> Ben Pink Dandelion, Brian Blackmore 19:00–21:00 £60 5	<b>In Search of Stillness: A Simple Meditation for Inner Peace</b> Joanna Godfrey Wood 19:00–21:00 £48 1	<b>Quaker Business Method Surgery</b> Wendy Hampton 19:30–21:00 Pay as led	
<b>WED 4</b>	<b>Being a Quaker Registering Officer</b> Michael Booth, Seren Wildwood, Linda Craig, Judith Baker 18:30–20:00 £135 3		<b>Foundation Course in Nonviolent Communication</b> Jenny Tipping, Özge Altinkaya 19:00–21:15 £86 3	
<b>THUR 5</b>	<b>Rediscovering Jesus</b> Ann Conway-Jones 18:30–20:00 £75 4	<b>From Problem to Programme: Practical Paths to Social Change</b> John Lampen 19:00–20:30 £40 2	<b>Essentials of Quakerism</b> Wendy Hampton 19:00–21:00 £30 1	
<b>FRI 6</b>				
<b>SAT 7</b>	<b>Space for Joy</b> Till flo* Krapoth, Susan Groves 10:00–12:00 £48 3			
<b>SUN 8</b>				



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# STUDY & RESEARCH

with Woodbrooke's Centre for Research in Quaker Studies

## TAUGHT DEGREES

Explore taught postgraduate learning with our partnership with The Queen's Foundation. Take taught modules with a Quaker element as part of their Postgraduate Certificate in Theology and Transformative Practice. These are validated by Birmingham Newman University and can be used towards the Postgraduate Diploma or MA.



## POSTGRADUATE STUDY

Study with a leading University, from home, with personalised academic support as part of a welcoming community of researchers. Deep dive into something which fascinates you, with a PhD or an MA by research from the Centre for Research in Quaker Studies and the University of Birmingham.

## PROJECT CONSULTANCY

If you are researching, writing, or editing a project, we can support you with guidance and academic support. Our team has extensive experience of research and publishing and can support all stages of an individual or group project. We are currently providing support for meetings investigating their links to colonialism and the trans-Atlantic trade in enslaved people.



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 **CENTRE FOR  
RESEARCH IN  
QUAKER STUDIES**

# An Update from our Centre for Research in Quaker Studies

Woodbrooke's Centre for Research in Quaker Studies is thriving. In the past year, we have welcomed eight new PhD students, bringing our community to around 25 researchers exploring Quakerism across centuries and disciplines from history to sociology and beyond.

In December 2025, Oscar Malande graduates from his pioneering research on postcolonial Quakerism in Kenya. You can hear about Oscar's work at our Meet the Students session in April.

We hold two student days each year where researchers share their work and build community, and we collaborate with the Quaker Studies Research Association to host a blended annual conference every June, alongside the George Richardson Lecture. The 2025 Lecture will be given by Julie Holcomb on the Orthodox Quaker abolitionist George W. Taylor on 9 December if you missed this live then it will be available, along with past lectures at [www.woodbrooke.org.uk/richardson-lectures](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/richardson-lectures)

Shena Deuchars continues her analysis of the British Quaker Survey, now focusing on dual affiliation among Friends. As she enters her final year of study, we look forward to sharing her findings once her thesis is submitted.

With new voices, deepening research, and growing collaboration, CRQS remains a vital space where Friends explore the Quaker story, past, present, and future.

To keep in touch with the work of CRQS you can sign up for our research newsletter here: [www.woodbrooke.org.uk/signup](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/signup)

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<b>TUES 10</b>	<b>The History, Present, and Future of LGBTQIA+ People in Quakerism.</b> Ben Pink Dandelion, Brian Blackmore		19:00-21:00 £60 6	<b>In Search of Stillness: A Simple Meditation for Inner Peace</b> Joanna Godfrey Wood		19:00-21:00 £48 2
<b>WED 11</b>	<b>Being a Quaker Registering Officer</b> Michael Booth, Seren Wildwood, Linda Craig, Judith Baker		18:30-20:00 £135 4	<b>Foundation Course in Nonviolent Communication</b> Jenny Tipping, Özge Altinkaya		19:00-21:15 £86 4
<b>THUR 12</b>	<b>Rediscovering Jesus</b> Ann Conway-Jones		18:30-20:00 £75 5	<b>From Problem to Programme: Practical Paths to Social Change</b> John Lampen		19:00-20:30 £40 3
<b>FRI 13</b>	<b>Hope for the Future in Dark and Difficult Times - QCCIR/Woodbrooke Conference 2026</b> Residential: £385 Online: £115		<b>Spiritual Nurture and Pastoral Care Gathering</b> Heather Rowlands , Helen Chambers , Gilly Charters		£335	
<b>SAT 14</b>	The Hayes (Swanwick, Derbyshire)		Highgate House (Northamptonshire)			
<b>SUN 15</b>						<b>Healing the Voice</b> Carolyn Baynes 16:00-17:30 Pay as led



## How Do Quakers Talk About God? Rhiannon Grant

Tue 10 Mar 19:00-21:00

Pay as Led

Love, Light, Spirit, Christ, Buddha, Seed, Energy, and more: Quakers talk about the divine in many ways. They also value silence. In this one-off session we'll have a brief tour of some of the expressions Quakers use and why it's difficult.

<b>MON 16</b>	<b>Journeys in Christian Mysticism</b> Mark Russ, Ben Wood		19:00-21:00	£86	5											
<b>TUES 17</b>	<b>In Search of Stillness: A Simple Meditation for Inner Peace</b> Joanna Godfrey Wood	19:00-21:00	£48	3	<b>Why Nominations Matter to Quakers</b> Christine Habgood-Coote	19:00-21:00	£15	<b>Resourcing and Resilience for Social Justice.</b> In Partnership with Quakers in Britain	19:00-20:30	Pay as led						
<b>WED 18</b>	<b>Being a Quaker Registering Officer</b> Michael Booth, Seren Wildwood, Linda Craig, Judith Baker		18:30-20:00	£135	5	<b>Foundation Course in Nonviolent Communication</b> Jenny Tipping, Özge Altinkaya		19:00-21:15	£86	5						
<b>THUR 19</b>	<b>Rediscovering Jesus.</b> Ann Conway-Jones	18:30-20:00	£75	6	<b>Problem to Programme: Practical Paths to Social Change</b> John Lampen	19:00-20:30	£40	4	<b>Essentials of Quakerism</b> Wendy Hampton	19:00-21:00	£30	3	<b>Enquiring Into: a Testimony to Simplicity</b> Rosie Carnall	19:00-21:00	£25	1
<b>FRI 20</b>																
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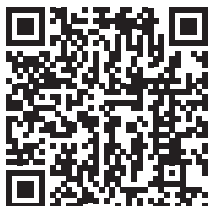
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<b>MON 23</b>	<b>Quakers and Animism</b> Suzanne Owen, Ben Wood			19:00-21:00	Pay as led	
<b>TUES 24</b>	<b>In Search of Stillness: A Simple Meditation for Inner Peace</b> Joanna Godfrey Wood	19:00-21:00	£48	<b>Quiet Diplomacy: Connection and Community</b> Laurel Townhead	19:00-20:30	Pay as led
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<b>WED 25</b>	<b>Being a Quaker Registering Officer</b> Michael Booth, Seren Wildwood, Linda Craig, Judith Baker	18:30-20:00	£135	<b>Foundation Course in Nonviolent Communication</b> Jenny Tipping, Özge Altinkaya	19:00-21:15	£86
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<b>THUR 26</b>	<b>Essentials of Quakerism</b> Wendy Hampton	19:00-21:00	£30	<b>Enquiring Into: a Testimony to Simplicity</b> Rosie Carnall	19:00-21:00	£25
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<b>FRI 27</b>						
<b>SAT 28</b>						
<b>SUN 29</b>						



## Zealous: A Darker Side of the Early Quakers

Erica Canela

In this course we will explore the convictionment of early Quakers during the political and social upheaval of the English Civil Wars and the execution of King Charles I. What effect did this context have on the fledgling faith and its membership?

Thurs 2 – Thurs 23 April

£54

MON 30					
TUES 31	<b>Quakers in Wartime: The Friends Ambulance Unit and 'Children of the China Convoy'</b> Lily Chadwick, Janet Harris		19:00-20:30	Pay as led	
WED 1					
THUR 2	<b>Zealous: A Darker Side of the Early Quakers</b> Erica Canela	19:00-20:30	£54 1	<b>Exploring Our Quaker Roots: Moving Towards Repair</b> Freddie Wall	18:30-20:30 £54 1
FRI 3					
SAT 4					
SUN 5					



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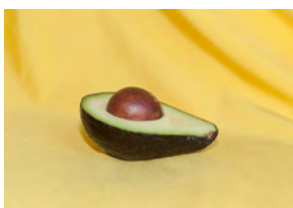
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# APRIL 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 2026

MON 6				
TUES 7				
WED 8	<b>The Experience of Convincement: A Weekly Retreat</b> Tim Ashworth		14:30-17:00	£60 1
THUR 9	<b>Zealous: A Darker Side of the Early Quakers</b> Erica Canela	19:00-20:30 £54 2	<b>The Big Quaker Quiz</b> Josh Selfe	19:00-21:00 Pay as led
FRI 10				
SAT 11	<b>Space for Joy</b> Till flo* Krapoth, Susan Groves		10:00-12:00	£48 4
SUN 12				



## Millennials, Gen Z and the Quaker Way

Josh Selfe, Wendy Hampton

Are Millennials and Gen Z really too busy munching on sour dough, avocado sandwiches and watching TikTok to care about spirituality? This course explores what draws younger adults to Quakerism, what might put them off, and how our meetings can remain welcoming spaces for spiritual exploration.

Thurs 16 – Thurs 23 April £25

<b>MON 13</b>	<b>Essentials of Quaker Eldership</b> In Partnership with Quakers in Britain		19:30–21:00	Pay as led	
<b>TUES 14</b>	<b>Meet the Students:</b> <b>Oscar Malande</b> Ben Pink Dandelion	16:00–17:00 Free	11:00–13:00 £20 1	<b>Resourcing and Resilience for Social Justice</b> In Partnership with Quakers in Britain	19:00–20:30 Pay as led
<b>WED 15</b>	<b>The Experience of Convincement: A Weekly Retreat</b> Tim Ashworth			14:30–17:00 £60 2	
<b>THUR 16</b>	<b>Zealous: A Darker Side of the Early Quakers</b> Erica Canela	19:00–20:30 £54 3	19:00–20:30 £25 1	<b>Millennials, Gen Z and the Quaker Way</b> Josh Selfe, Wendy Hampton	
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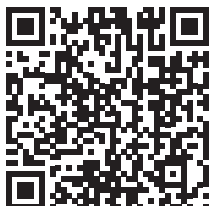
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# APRIL 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 2026

MON 20				
TUES 21	<b>A Guide to the Quaker Business Method</b> David Heslop	11:00–13:00 £20 2	<b>Peace Within: Forgiving Ourselves</b> Paul Ricketts	19:00–21:00 Pay as led
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FRI 24	<b>George Fox and Early Quaker Culture</b> Ben Pink Dandelion, Hilary Hinds  Glenthorne Quaker Centre			
SAT 25			<b>Quaker Trusteeship in a Nutshell</b> Linda Craig, Sarah Donaldson	10:00–16:00 £45
SUN 26				



## George Fox and Early Quaker Culture

Hilary Hinds, 'Ben' Pink Dandelion

Fri 24 – Sun 26 April **£325**

George Fox was the key leader of the early Quaker movement but how did he create such a powerful Quaker culture? What were the hallmarks of the early Quaker faith and practice? Why was he so successful?

MON 27			
TUES 28	Quaker Concern: From Awareness to Action Wendy Hampton	19:00–21:00	Pay as led
WED 29	The Experience of Convincement: A Weekly Retreat Tim Ashworth	14:30–17:00	£60 4
THUR 30			
FRI 1			
SAT 2	2026 Swarthmore Lecture Stuart Masters	19:00–20:15	Free
SUN 3			



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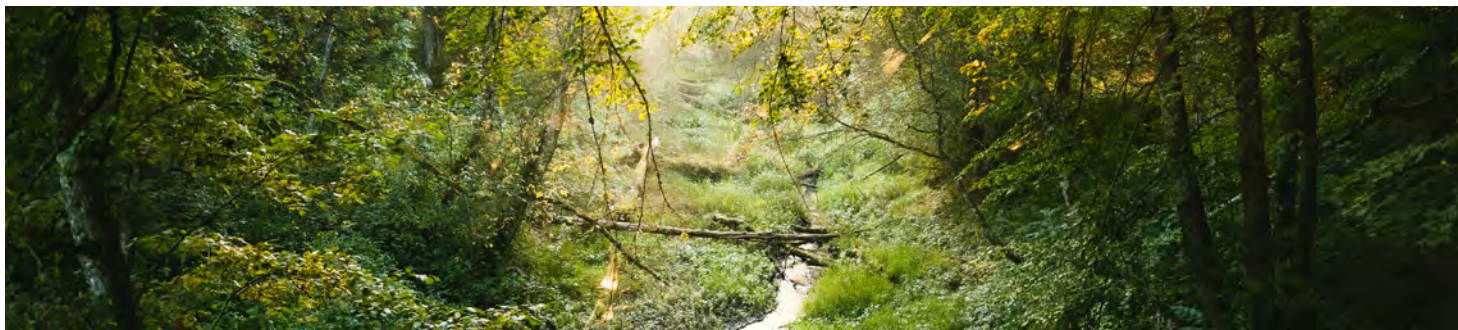
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# LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

<b>FRI 8 – THUR 28 MAY</b>	<b>The Start of the Quaker Way</b> Ben Pink Dandelion	<b>19:00–20:30</b>	<b>Pay as led</b>
<b>FRI 29 – SUN 31 MAY</b>	<b>God in All Things: A Quaker Look at Ignatian Spirituality</b> Mark Russ Glenthorne Quaker Centre		<b>£295</b>
<b>SAT 27 JUNE</b>	<b>Quakers and the Law: The Annual CRQS/QSRA Quaker Studies Conference</b> Ben Pink Dandelion Central Bristol Friends Meeting House	<b>10:00–17:00</b>	<b>£25</b>
<b>FRI 18 – SUN 20 SEPT</b>	<b>Margaret Fell: The Mother of Quakerism</b> Stuart Masters Glenthorne Quaker Centre		<b>£295</b>
<b>TUES 13 OCT</b>	<b>Meet the Students: Sheryl Metzger</b> Ben Pink Dandelion	<b>19:00–20:00</b>	<b>Free</b>



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# Swarthmore Lecture

Woodbrooke is delighted to announce that Stuart Masters will give the 2026 Swarthmore Lecture:

## **Tangled Roots: Navigating the Complex Legacy of Early Friends**

Stuart's lecture invites Friends on a journey into the faith and practice of the first Friends and will explore how it continues to shape and challenge Quakers today. He will trace the diverse mix of characteristics visible in the early movement, visionary and practical, radical and disciplined, and show how these have created creative tensions that still influence our spiritual lives and communities.

Friends practice a Spirit-led faith based on continuing revelation, making them cautious of traditions. However, since they have established a tradition of their own, how should Quakers balance the inward guidance received in the present, with the beliefs and practices inherited from the past?

Stuart will also reflect on the long-standing tension between communal order and individual freedom. Sometimes Friends have enforced uniformity through systems of

corporate discipline, while at other times they have promoted freedom and a permissive attitude to individual belief and behaviour. The first Friends combined deep contemplation with a lively, embodied response to the Spirit, yet later generations have often found it hard to hold these two aspects together.

Quakers have always stood between the world as it is and the vision of a new creation grounded in peace, justice, and truth. Stuart will ask how Friends today might remain faithful in action, playing a constructive role in the world while resisting its violent and unjust ways.

By engaging with these enduring questions, Stuart suggests that Friends can gain a deeper appreciation of the roots of global Quaker diversity and become better equipped to navigate the challenges and choices of our own time.

The lecture will take place during Britain Yearly Meeting, which will be held 1 to 4 May 2026 and will be livestreamed on the Woodbrooke YouTube Channel. You can find out more about the Swarthmore Lecture, sign up to receive updates about Stuart's lecture and watch past lectures here: [woodbrooke.org.uk/swarthmore](https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/swarthmore)

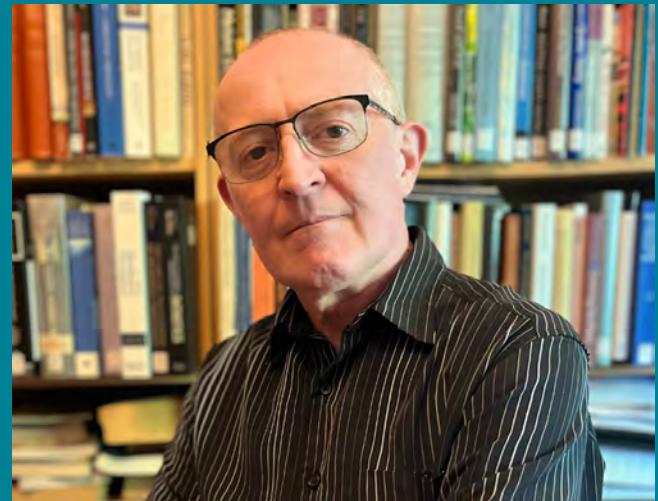
# About the Swarthmore Lecture

The Swarthmore Lecture was established by Woodbrooke in 1907 and has two key purposes: to interpret to Quakers their message and mission and to make the wider public aware of the spirit, the aims, and fundamental

principles of Friends. Over the years the lecturers, nominated and supported by the Swarthmore Lecture Committee, have spoken on topics from Quaker spirituality and theology to witness and activism.

## About Stuart

Stuart Masters is a member of Central England Area Meeting. He is a teacher and writer with a focus on the Quaker faith, its history, theology, spirituality and relationship with other traditions. For fifteen years he worked for Woodbrooke, and following his retirement continues to offer courses and events as an Associate Tutor. His book **The Quaker Faith: Friends of Love and Truth** was published by T&T Clark in October.



# COULD YOU OFFER SERVICE TO WOODBROOKE?

This is an exciting time for Woodbrooke as we continue and develop our ministry and mission to 'teach each other, and those who wish to join us, what it is to be Quaker' (Ben Pink Dandelion, Open for Transformation, 2014).

We are seeking those with enthusiasm and an interest in Quaker learning to join our Board of Trustees at this pivotal point in our development as we aim to extend our reach and focus on our core purpose of providing learning, research, worship and community.

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