



Worship, Spoken Ministry, and Afterwords

Friday 13 April 2018 - Sunday 15 April 2018

What's going on when people speak during silent, waiting worship? What's the difference between things said in ministry and things said during afterwords – and what is this 'afterwords' business anyway? This course uses Rhiannon Grant's research into the many forms of 'afterwords' in Britain Yearly Meeting and around the world to explore what it is, how it used, and what effects – positive and negative – it can have. There will be space for discussion, disagreement, and experiment with worship and afterwords.

Quaker Discipleship: What is it?

Friday 20 April 2018 - Sunday 22 April 2018

What does discipleship mean for Quakers? Who and what are we following? This course will take you deeper into the roots of Quaker belief and testimony. We will also consider Jesus' teachings and how they relate to Quakerism today and we will go on to explore what discipleship means in other faith traditions. We will finish by thinking about how our Quaker discipleship translates into positive action in the world.

Leadership Amongst Friends: Online Course

Monday 23 April 2018 - Sunday 13 May 2018

How does leadership work in our non-hierarchical Society of Friends, and what does it mean to take a lead when working in relationship with others? This course is for anyone across our programmed and unprogrammed traditions who is interested in questions of leading and building a participatory community within a Quaker context. This course is intended for Quakers and others who have an interest in Quaker leadership.

To Save From Fear: Spiritual Disciplines for Difficult Times

Friday 25 May 2018 - Sunday 27 May 2018

The culture of fear in which we live, coupled with our own personal anxieties, is an impediment to deepening our spiritual life. Centred in worship, this retreat will offer individual and group reflection and exploration of ways of embracing hope and optimism. Together we will seek to open ourselves to 'that perfect love which casts out fear' and thus enable our growth in the Spirit.

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Sharing our Stories: Gender and Sexual Diversity Retreat

Friday 25 May 2018 - Sunday 27 May 2018

A weekend combining quiet retreat and opportunities for sharing and celebrating diverse gender identity and sexual orientation. Focussed on Quaker worship and fellowship, with a choice of creative activity, personal sharing, and workshops on gender and sexual diversity and faith, we will reflect on how being a Quaker supports our personal journeys and lets our lives speak. This weekend will provide a safe, welcoming space for LGBT+ Friends, including those beginning to understand their sexual or gender identity, and those who have been closeted for years.

A Friendly Introduction to Membership: Online Course

Monday 11 June 2018 - Friday 29 June 2018

What is Quaker membership? How do I apply and what will happen? The course gives an opportunity to explore the meaning of membership and belonging, and to share with others at a similar stage in their journey with Quakers. We will look at the history of Quaker membership, the practical aspects of applying for membership, and at the rewards and responsibilities that belonging to a faith community brings.

This course can be completed in your own time, although we recommend setting aside 2-3 hours a week. There will be video, audio and written materials for you to engage with, and forums for you to share reflections and ask questions. There will be a live online Q&A webinar on Thursday 21 June at 20.00 GMT+1. If you can't join this discussion live, it will be recorded for you to watch at your convenience. This course is intended both for those who are considering membership of the Religious Society of Friends, and for those who have recently become members.

Equipping for Disability Equality

Friday 25 May 2018 - Sunday 27 May 2018

Quaker meetings are 'Service Providers' under the Equality Act 2010, and committed to fulfilling an 'equality testimony' as faith in action. This course will equip meetings to understand and explore legal obligations and key disability rights ideas with joy, celebration and creativity, highlighting links to Quakerism. Tutors will share personal experience of using the Equality Act 2010, and its strengths and limitations as a tool for disability equality. Suitable for anyone, but we particularly encourage meetings to send representatives.

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