

## MAY 2019 UPCOMING COURSES

# **Becoming a Band of Everyday Prophets**

## Friday 31 May - Sunday 1 June

£165 - Residential

What does the prophetic voice sound like in our time? The everyday prophet listens for the Holy in the midst of the turmoil of ordinary life and lives out of the wisdom the spirit opens in our hearts. We will explore how our meetings might nurture us as we become everyday prophets creating a community that sustains all of us as we faithfully witness to God's way in actions large and small.

**Young Friends offer:** we are offering a limited number of **free places** for Young Friends aged 18-35. To take up one of these places please email learning@woodbrooke.org.uk or call 0121 415 6785. <a href="https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/becoming-a-band-of-everyday-prophets">www.woodbrooke.org.uk/becoming-a-band-of-everyday-prophets</a>

# God in Jewish Tradition

## Friday 31 May - Sunday 1 June

What images of God can one find in Jewish tradition: in the Bible, in Jewish liturgy, in the prophetic literature, in Jewish poetry, in the mystical tradition? During this weekend we will explore how God is portrayed and 'imagined' within Jewish texts spanning more than 2500 years. Through discussion and personal reflection we will consider how such images of divinity resonate with participants' own spiritual journeys.

www.woodbrooke.org.uk/god-in-jewish-tradition

# The Beatitude Way - pathway of prophets

## Friday 7 - Sunday 9 June 2019

An opportunity to experience the ancient wisdom of The Beatitudes, recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, viewed through the lens of his native Middle Eastern culture and Aramaic language. We will breathe fresh life into these key teachings which encapsulate Jesus' healing ministry. Following a roadmap provided by the mystical Tree of Life, you will have the chance to walk beside the Aramaic Jesus on a journey towards prophetic consciousness.

www.woodbrooke.org.uk/the-beatitude-way

# Leadership amongst Friends

## Friday 14 - Sunday 16 June 2019

How does leadership work in our non-hierarchical Society of Friends? What does it mean to take a lead when working with others? Are you interested in questions of leading and following in a Quaker context. Through discussion, refection and experiential activity we will explore the 'leaderful behaviour' that enables our meetings and structures to fulfil their spiritual purpose, including the connections between leadership and service, issues of authority and power, and being a leader in our own lives.

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## Praying as you can, not as you can't

Monday 24 June

A chance to reflect on if and how Quakers pray. This day offers opportunities to explore and deepen our understanding of how we engage with 'the seed' and to experience a variety of spiritual practices that might lead us to a place of prayer. We will spend time alone as well sharing our reflections and experiences with others.

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www.woodbrooke.org.uk/praying-as-you-can

# Finding Meaning in the Margins

## Friday 19 - Sunday 21 July

With a mix of nature, music, poetry, writings and our own experiences, we will explore the transformational role of margins in nature, in the lives of social and spiritual reformers and - crucially - in our own lives. Often what we or society exclude from the centre contains the seeds of new life, potentially enabling us and our communities to become whole. We will look at ways of integrating the margins, helping to renew and heal ourselves and the world we live in. www.woodbrooke.org.uk/finding-meaning

# Quaker Feminism? Exploring contributions of early Quaker Feminists to Women's Rights

## Monday 29 - Wednesday 31 July 2019

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This course will explore the disproportionate role that early Quaker feminists made to the advancement of women's rights. Women such as Alice Paul, Lucretia Mott, Susan Anthony, Angelina Grimke, Abby Foster and Elizabeth Stanton were key figures in the first wave of feminism and the suffragette movement. Unfortunately, today they are not household names and their contributions often forgotten or not even known about. We will discuss and celebrate their achievements, while also looking at what role spirituality played in their activism and ideas about gender equality. We will also debate how feminism developed within global Quakerism both historically and today. www.woodbrooke.org.uk/quaker-feminism

To book a place on any course just click on the link with the course description to book online. Alternatively you can email enquiries@ woodbrooke.org.uk or call 0121 472 5171.

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