



## John Woolman and the Apocalypse of the Heart

*Monday 11 June 2018 - Friday 29 June 2018*

*£245 - Residential*

This course examines the life of colonial Quaker John Woolman, who is best known for his antislavery activities and simplicity, but his theology is lesser known. This course is informed by Woolman's Journal but also includes texts from his other writings. Each session will focus on a theological theme that enlivened his theology and shaped his vision for colonial America. This examination of Woolman's life raises questions for the impact of Quaker tradition on faithfulness today.

Please note, Jon Kershner will introduce each topic via a live linkup from US, whilst Martin Layton will facilitate discussion from Woodbrooke.

## Listening and Gathering: Holding Space for Spirit

*Tuesday 10 August 2018 - Thursday 12 August 2018*

*£245 - Residential*

Do you hold space for others? Or feel drawn to try? Perhaps you're someone who listens and accompanies; gathers and grows community; or facilitates conflict resolution. This course invites you to explore the personal aspects and spiritual source of such practice. Join us to welcome a spaciousness that holds and nourishes connection with spirit, ourselves and each other. We will learn by being and doing - come prepared to practice, reflect and share.

## Stories for our time: Storytelling as a Tool for Peace, a Tool for Change

*Tuesday 10 August 2018 - Thursday 12 August 2018*

*£245 - Residential*

A rich and exciting weekend, exploring the power of stories to change our world and gain some insights in how to tell them. We will share traditional heroic tales, historical stories from Quaker and Peace traditions and real life stories about those who build a better world, discovering what makes an inspirational story? All you need to bring is an open heart and a story that inspires and motivates you. No previous experience of storytelling is required

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## Exploring Simplicity

*Friday 17 August 2018 - Sunday 19 August 2018*

*£245 - Residential*

What does the Quaker testimony of simplicity mean to you, and how do you put it into practice? What are the barriers and benefits? In this course we will explore these issues through a mix of group-work and reflective/creative exercises. We will dip into the history of the testimony and consider our spiritual practice and how the inward and outward connect. We'll discuss how Local and Area Meetings can support us in living simply today.

## Equipping for Disability Equality

*Friday 17 August 2018 - Sunday 19 August 2018*

*£245 - Residential*

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 meet 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.

## Early Christianity: Swarthmoor Hall

*Friday 14 September 2018 - Sunday 16 September 2018*

*£245 - Residential*

Christianity spread rapidly throughout the first century. While communities were in contact with each other through letters and travelling teachers, they nevertheless each developed in distinctive ways. They preserved their own memories of Jesus but, more importantly, they came to different understandings about him. Scripture provides clear evidence of a significant level of conflict between these groups. It is a fascinating and lively picture which we will explore by focusing on particular examples that can reveal what was at stake.

## Meeting for Worship for Business: Online Course

*Monday 17 September 2018 - Sunday 14 October 2018*

*£75*

Meetings for worship for business are one facet of Quaker worship; but what is actually going on in a meeting for worship for business? Why do we do what we do? What is the spiritual underpinning? This course is for all Friends, to help you to understand our decision making process better. Friends 'on the bench' as well as clerks can benefit from the course which will help you to understand more about deepening our experience of worshipful discernment as a group. This course can be completed in your own time. Each week there will be materials in a range of formats for you to engage with.

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