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MONTHLY MAILING - APRIL 2018
UPCOMING COURSES

The Early Christian Breakthrough: Online Course

Tuesday, 1 May 2018 - Tuesday, 5 June 2018

At the heart of early Christianity is a breakthrough, an experience of expansion into new possibilities. In the New Testament this experience is described as a manifestation of the Spirit, God's creative power, operating in a new and unexpected way. People felt inspired, able to step out beyond the boundaries that had previously determined how they lived. This course explores both this breakthrough but also the realities that had limited it even before the writing of the New Testament documents. The course will be accessible to those with little knowledge of the Bible but some background Bible study will enhance the learning experience.

Let your Life Preach: Online Course

Monday, 7 May 2018 - Sunday, 3 June 2018

Are we challenging the injustices in the world? In worship are we hearing the cries of the world and are we responding to the call to act?

Together we will explore the roots of our tradition to see how this helps us today. 'In our communities we can find ways to challenge, to test and to work together to build the kingdom of heaven on earth. This may be challenging, this may be uncomfortable but we can work together with love and tenderness. Friends, it's time to ask ourselves, if we were accused of being Quakers, would there be enough evidence to convict us?'

This course can be completed in your own time, although we recommend setting aside 2-3 hours a week. Each week there will be video, audio and written materials for you to engage with, and forums for you to share reflections and ask questions.

Exploring the Early Quaker Vision

Friday, 18 May 2018 - Sunday, 20 May 2018

In our time together we will explore the founding experience and vision of the Quaker movement and consider how early Friends lived a prophetic, charismatic and apocalyptic faith that very nearly turned the world upside-down. How did this vision shape the Quaker understanding of the Bible and the possibility of personal transformation? Can we see the roots for our contemporary concerns for peace, equality and creation-care? How is this vision reflected in Quaker global diversity today?

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Walking into Worship

Friday, 18 May 2018 - Sunday, 20 May 2018

In the lovely surroundings of Swarthmoor Hall – indoors and out – we'll explore different approaches to walking, enjoying time to awaken our senses and deepen our awareness and appreciation of the beauty around us. We'll create and walk a labyrinth; discover and share hidden riches through a team approach, 'Dérive' (drifting and noticing); walk mindfully, and take at least one walk through the local countryside. Through quietness, awareness and thankfulness – we'll travel together, 'walking into worship'.

Being a Quaker Treasurer

Tuesday, 22 May 2018 - Thursday, 24 May 2018

For new and prospective treasurers, and those who still feel uncertain. We will cover all the main tasks, from first entries to year-end preparation of accounts, principles, responsibilities, and legal requirements. You will find sympathetic companionship with other treasurers, and explore the spiritual basis of the role.

A Walk Through the Midlands with George Fox

Tuesday, 29 May 2018 - Thursday, 31 May 2018

As George Fox stepped away from his family home in Fenny Drayton, praying, seeking answers and looking to the Bible, we too shall immerse ourselves in this area, setting off from Fenny Drayton, visiting the church where Fox worshipped as a young man and moving on to the 'bloody city of Lichfield'. What shaped George Fox in his early days? How did these experiences affect the beginnings of Quakerism? There will be trips out, walking tours, times for reflection and content based sessions.

The Art of Natural Prayer

Tuesday, 29 May 2018 - Thursday, 31 May 2018

Prayer is the natural heritage of everyone, including people of spirit with no fixed or Christian faith. We will explore prayer through silence, song, walking in nature, meditation and mediation, working with the regenerative sacred source of the universe. By taking responsibility for our spiritual practice, we become fully human by our service to natural prayer, enabling us to be a blessing to others. Anyone with hospitality of soul, or who is seeking doorways to personal spiritual practice, is welcome.

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