



A Friendly Introduction to Discernment

Friday 15 - Sunday 17 November

£165 - Residential

When Friends say they are 'led' to do things, or they are 'seeking God's guidance' in a decision, what do they mean? How do Friends make well-grounded personal and group decisions? This course will introduce you to different tools used for personal and corporate discernment, and will explore the interplay between individual and community in the Quaker process of testing leadings. We will apply some practices to real issues in order to gain familiarity with them.

With Linda Craig and Caro Kelly

Book via: www.woodbrooke.org.uk/a-friendly-introduction-to-discernment

Speaking to that of God: building a Quaker web presence

Monday 4 November - Thursday 12 December

£54 - Online

If someone looks for your meeting online, what do they find? Would you like to improve your Quaker community's social media presence or website? During this course, we'll share examples of what is happening already, ideas about what you could try, and ways to learn how to put all this into practice. Topics will include websites, Facebook, creating content, and privacy issues. Beginners and those with experience all welcome – you will be able to choose materials suitable to your needs. This course involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week.

With Jon Martin and Rhiannon Grant

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Quaker Funerals

Friday 22 - Sunday 24 November

£245 - Residential

This course is for Friends with responsibility for offering advice and support on all matters relating to Quaker funerals and for coordinating arrangements. It will address practical, pastoral and spiritual aspects of this task and service. Our hope is that through developing understanding of these elements, participants will gain confidence in fulfilling the role effectively and with compassion.

With Deborah Best, Chris Ring and Jenny Cuff (Elder)

Book via: www.woodbrooke.org.uk/quaker-funerals

A Friendly Introduction to the Quaker Way

Friday 22 - Sunday 24 November

£165 - Residential

Are you relatively new to Quakers and keen to find out more? This course sets out the Quaker 'basics'. It will give you an understanding of the history and international reach of Quakerism, and the importance of spiritual experience to the Quaker Way. We will discuss what happens in a Meeting for Worship and how Quakers make decisions and organise themselves. We will explore what Quakers mean by 'testimony' and explain simple spiritual practices for you to experiment with.

With Mark Russ and Annie Womack

Book via: www.woodbrooke.org.uk/a-friendly-introduction-to-the-quaker-way

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



Exploring Quaker Spirituality

Friday 29 November - Sunday 1 December

£165- Residential

What is Quaker spirituality all about and how does it speak to us today? What is distinctive about the Quaker way? Using short talks, times of personal reflection, and group sharing, we will explore the central elements of Quaker spirituality. This will include the foundational experiences and understandings of early Friends; worship, silence and vocal ministry; personal spiritual practice; the discipline of discernment; and the connection between our inward spiritual experiences and our active lives in the world.

With Stuart Masters

Book via: www.woodbrooke.org.uk/exploring-quaker-spirituality

No Sects Please, We're British: understanding diversity amongst British Muslims

Friday 6 - Sunday 8 December

£315 - Residential

This course will go beyond a generic understanding of Islam to look at the internal diversity in the religion as well as issues of debate between denominations and groupings. It will focus on Shia and Sunni Muslim identities, but also touch on a wider set of different interpretations of Islam and sub-groups, bearing in mind the demographics of British Muslim communities. As well as traditional sects and movements, the course will also cover controversies that are emerging in modern British Muslim life.

With Timothy Ashworth and Dilwar Hussain

Book via: www.woodbrooke.org.uk/stepping-out-of-bounds

Inhabited by Christ: the theology & spirituality of James Nayler

Tuesday 22 October - Tuesday 12 November

£54 - Online

In this series of four online webinars we will focus on James Nayler, one of the most important leaders in the early Quaker movement. We will explore key dimensions of his theology and spirituality by paying close attention to his published works, written between 1653 and 1660. We will look at his understanding of salvation, his contribution to the shaping of the peace testimony and his emphasis on meekness and suffering as God's way of overcoming evil. We will also consider his prophetic messages to the wealthy and powerful that demonstrate his compassionate concern for the poor and oppressed.

This online course is based on four live two hour webinars running from 7.00pm to 9.00pm every Tuesday evening from 22 October to 12 November. Each webinar is recorded so you can follow the course using the recordings if you wish.

With Stuart Masters

Book via: www.woodbrooke.org.uk/inhabited-by-christ

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