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MONTHLY MAILING - SEPTEMBER 2017
UPCOMING COURSES

A Friendly Introduction to Quaker Theology

Wednesday 13 September 2017 - Friday 15 September 2017

This course will focus on how Quaker practices and our lives as Friends reveal the nature of our theology. In a tradition that gives priority to right action over right belief, what we do is who we are. Together we will explore what Quaker spirituality, community and testimony have to say about our understandings of God, human nature, the creation and what the future holds.

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Moses on Mount Sinai and the Life of Prayer

Monday 18 September 2017 - Wednesday 20 September 2017

Moses' experiences on Mount Sinai inspired early Christian mystics. They scrutinised the details of Exodus for clues about the practice of prayer and contemplation, focussing on such moments as Moses' entry into the darkness; the elders' vision of the divine blue; and Moses' glorious transformation. Following their example, we will be reflecting creatively on such questions as: What treasures are to be found in darkness? Where for you is the place of God? What transformations have occurred in our lives?

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Safe Conversations, Difficult Issues

Tuesday 3 October 2017 - Thursday 5 October 2017

It is often said that we default to silence when faced with conflicts between Quakers. Can we, together, find ways to talk safely about the controversial issues of assisted dying/suicide/euthanasia? With pastoral support and Friendly facilitation, we can share experience, overcoming fear or distress. Debate is divisive: we will experiment with different modes of discussion, art, nature, reflection and, above all, worshipful conversation. We will explore meanings and practices of toleration. Our aim: to be Friends comfortable with difference.

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Being a Quaker Parent

Monday 23 October 2017 - Wednesday 25 October 2017

An opportunity for parents, carers and children to explore together some of the blessings and challenges of being part of a Quaker meeting. We will share our experiences and reflect together on what being a Quaker and parent means to us and consider how we and our meetings can nourish and support each other. There will be a full children's programme with fun and creative activities to help them explore what being a Quaker and a child means to them.

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Experimental Worship

Wednesday 25 October 2017 - Friday 27 October 2017

How many ways are there of doing Quaker worship? This course will ask how we can enrich and expand our worship in ways that are in keeping with the Quaker tradition. We will take risks with song, images and words, finding new ways to hear the voice of the Spirit in our midst. Participants will receive a copy of Terry's book *_Consider The Rock_* which will serve as a starting point for our reflections.

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Philosophy for Quakers

Friday 27 October 2017 - Sunday 29 October 2017

The P4C (Philosophy for Children or Communities) methodology enables in-depth enquiry into matters of belief and ethics. This approach creates a positive environment for deep discussion and safe disagreement. Learning to use this form of philosophical enquiry will provide Quakers with skills to facilitate dialogue about important issues in their own meeting community. During the weekend we will use Quaker faith & practice as a stimulus for our own community of enquiry. For more information about P4C go to www.sapere.org.uk

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