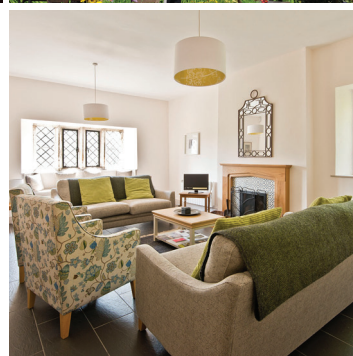




Take a look at our residential programme for 2018. It offers a rich variety of retreats, spiritual courses and pilgrimages in the unique, historic and relaxing setting of Swarthmoor Hall. Why not extend your stay at Swarthmoor Hall by a night or two at our special course rate and enjoy our beautiful gardens, surrounding countryside and the scenic Lake District?



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Worship, spoken ministry, and afterwords
Friday 13 – Sunday 15 April £245 ensuite room
What’s going on when people speak during silent, waiting worship and what is the difference with words spoken during afterwords? This course will provide space for discussion, disagreement, and experiment. | Tutor: Rhiannon Grant

Writing Retreat
Sunday 15 – Friday 20 April £545 ensuite room
This retreat is open to anyone looking for space and time for writing, whether starting a new project, or to take forward or finish off a current piece. There will be the opportunity to hear from the tutors about their experience of writing and one to one time with them but the emphasis will be on creating a supportive environment to devote to the craft itself.
Tutors: Ben Pink Dandelion and John Gray

The Devotional Path - spiritual practices to free the heart
Friday 20 – Sunday 22 April £245 ensuite room
In the beautiful, countryside setting of Swarthmoor Hall, we will draw on the writings and spiritual experiences of Christian and other mystics, including Thomas Kelly, to lead us into practices that draw us closer to God/Spirit/Divine. | Tutors: Gill Pennington and Lynne Sedgemore

Walking into Worship
Friday 18 – Sunday 20 May £245 ensuite room
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. Through quietness, awareness and thankfulness – we’ll travel together, ‘walking into worship’. | Tutor: Jan Sellers

Spiritual Roots and Wisdom of the Quaker Way in Plainsong
Friday 15 – Sunday 17 June £245 ensuite room
Music has a way of opening us up to deeper levels of understanding. This is what people say

occurs when they hear Paulette Meier’s Timeless Quaker Wisdom in Plainsong. Each song is a quotation from the writings of George Fox and other early Friends. We will sing the ‘chant-songs’ together, exploring the rich insight into the Quaker way that each offers, becoming enlivened and enlightened to the radical, mystical understanding of Christianity that our 17th century founders discovered. | Tutors: Paulette Meier and Mark Russ

In Fox’s Footsteps: 1652 Quaker pilgrimage
Monday 18 – Friday 22 June £500 ensuite room
A residential guided event for anyone who wants to learn about the early history of Quakerism and how it relates to our faith today. The pilgrimage visits most of the early Quaker sites and allows individuals to become part of an organised pilgrimage and worshipping group as it unfolds. A minibus will be used to travel to the different sites. | Leader: Roy Stephenson

Early Friends and the Quaker Peace Testimony
Friday 17 – Sunday 19 August £245 ensuite room
How did the Quaker peace testimony evolve amongst early Friends? The course will consider the roles played by George Fox, Margaret Fell, William Penn and others, the historical context of their witness, and the theological basis of the peace testimony. Did some Friends have significantly different understandings of the place of peace witness in their lives? To what extent was the peace testimony a key part of the Quaker message? What does all this mean for our peace witness today? | Tutor: Gordon Matthews

In den Fußstapfen des George Fox, Quäker-Pilgerreise ins “1652-Gebiet”
Montag 20 August - Freitag 25 August £500 Zimmer mit bad
Swarthmoor Hall dient als Ausgangspunkt für Besuche bei historischen Stätten im Nordwesten Englands, wo im Jahr 1652 George Fox anfang, die Quäker-Bewegung aufzubauen. Eine solche Besuchsreise wird von heutigen Freundinnen und Freunden als spirituelle Reise, als Pilgerweg erlebt, wodurch wir die Kraft des Lichts in unserem eigenen Leben entdecken können. 2018 bietet Swarthmoor Hall erstmals einen deutschsprachigen “Pilgerweg” an. Grundkenntnisse der deutschen Sprache sind wünschenswert. | Begleitung: Gordon Matthews

Time Set Aside: An individually guided retreat
Monday 3 – Friday 7 September £445 ensuite room
This silent, individually guided retreat will be held in the peaceful setting of Swarthmoor Hall. Each day will include meeting for worship and epilogue, one short talk and one-to-one time with Ginny or Annique. Meals will be held in silence. This retreat offers participants the opportunity to spend an extended period of time in silence, prayer and reflection, with the support of a retreat guide. | Tutors: Ginny Wall and Annique Seddon

Early Christianity
Friday 14 – Sunday 16 September £245 ensuite room
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. | Tutor: Timothy Peat Ashworth

The Quaker Jesus: The Life and Writings of James Nayler
Friday 19 – Sunday 21 October £245 ensuite room
During this course we will get to know James Nayler who was a significant early Quaker leader, seen by many as an equal to George Fox. This will include an overview of his life and writings, detailed consideration of a number of his tracts, an assessment of his contribution to the development of the peace testimony, and an examination of what was going on in Bristol in October 1656, when he re-enacted Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. | Tutor: Stuart Masters

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