



14 - 15 - 16
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LOOKING FOR THE LIGHT

Worship, fun activities including crafts & bread making, walking, cooking together, learning about the history of Swarthmoor



RETREAT

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Swarthmoor Hall is the historic home of Quakerism.

Margaret Fell and George Fox lived here. It was Margaret's home during her first marriage to Thomas Fell. George Fox first came here as a visitor in 1652. He later became Margaret's second husband. Much of the interior of the building is as they would have known it. However, it has modern self-catering facilities for guests, a beautiful garden, is on the Friends Way walking route and near to other historic sites.

We would like to welcome you to Swarthmoor Hall for a retreat:

- Janet Lees, a member of LCSB, writer and walker, former United Reformed Church minister and school chaplain
- Bob Warwicker, retired URC minister married to Janet, also a writer and walker
- Kirsty Thorpe, retired URC minister, former Moderator of the URC General Assembly and President of the URC History Society
- Martin Smith, retired URC and Moravian minister, member of the Focolare Movement, married to Kirsty.

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WHY QUAKERS? WHY NOT? >

An interesting group of Christians with a track record for 'turning the world upside down' (revolution), social activism, non-violence, equality of women and men in leadership, plain speaking particularly on LGBTQ issues and the climate, silent worship and standing no nonsense from monarchs. Be prepared to discover more!

We shall;

- explore early dissent in post Civil War England in Cumbria: visit some Quaker meeting houses and the Quaker tapestry at Kendal;
- engage in bread making and eating; and consider what it does for us when we make and share it (note that Catholic Mass will be available in Ulverston but otherwise this retreat will respect the non-sacramental nature of the Quaker tradition).
- walk in Cumbria: The Friends Way begins/ends at Swarthmoor Hall and other local routes are available.
- enjoy Silence in worship, a treasure of the Quaker tradition, and discover more about the things Quakers get up to.
- have time to relax with each other, discover common ground, and be challenged to think outside the (porridge) box.
- enjoy a lovely place, friendship and good food.

Janet Lees, wandering anchorite. 18.03.2025

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When

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Cost

£80 per person for the whole weekend, including all meals

Where

Swarthmoor Hall <https://www.swarthmoorhall.co.uk/>

Travel

Easily accessible for those who don't drive -
train to Lancaster then to Ulverston

Booking

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