



# Gathering Points

## Introducing Quaker faith and practice

*Quaker faith and practice* chapter by chapter:

### 1. Advices and Queries

**2. Approaches to God - worship and prayer:** including holding meeting for worship.

**3. General counsel on church affairs:** Meeting for Worship for Business and how Quakers make decisions, clerking, nominations.

### 4. Area meetings and local meetings

### 5. General meetings and other gatherings

**6. Yearly Meeting:** History, functions, constitution.

**7. Meeting for Sufferings:** History, functions, constitution.

**8. The centrally managed work:** Friends House committees and staff.

**9. Beyond Britain Yearly Meeting:** Quakers worldwide, ecumenical and interfaith relations.

**10. Belonging to a Quaker meeting:** community, conflict, individual commitment,

**11. Membership:** meaning of membership, procedures for membership.

**12. Caring for one another:** Pastoral care, eldership and oversight including roles.

**13. Varieties of religious service:** Concerns, other roles in a meeting: Wardens, librarians and libraries, treasurers, prison ministers and chaplains, college chaplains.

**14. Stewardship of our material resources:** finance, accounts, investments, property, burial grounds, gravestones.

**15. Trusteeship:** Trustees' responsibility, charitable registration, records, including trusts, employment.

**16. Quaker marriage procedure** the meaning of marriage, preparation for marriage, celebration, recording of marriages, reporting to the civil authorities.

**17. Quaker funerals and memorial meetings:** procedures, how to hold them.

**18. Faithful lives** expression of Quaker faith provided by generations of individual Friends.

**19. Openings:** The origins of the Religious Society of Friends as told through the writings of early Friends.

**20. Living faithfully today:** testimonies to simplicity, equality, honesty and integrity.

**21. Personal journey:** experiences of Friends that offer guidance at different stages of life from youth to death and in accepting ourselves.

**22. Close relationships:** experience of and guidance about, friendships, sexuality, marriage, parenthood, divorce and separation, bereavement.

**23. Social responsibility:** individual and corporate responsibility in relation to Social justice and putting our faith into action.

**24. Our peace testimony:** individual and corporate approaches to, witness and expression of and dilemmas in relation to the Quaker peace testimony

**25. Unity of creation:** our relationship with the earth and other creatures, sustainability

**26. Reflections:** approaches to, experiences of and understandings about God.

**27. Unity and diversity:** What Friends share with the Christian Church and other faiths, what differences are.

**28. Sharing the Quaker experience:** outreach, 'mission', communicating and articulating Quakerism.

**29. Leadings:** how Quakers are guided today and how we might be guided in the future.