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**MONTHLY MAILING - FEBRUARY 2018**  
**UPCOMING COURSES**

## Being a Quaker Clerk: Online Course

**Monday 29 January 2018 - Sunday 11 March 2018**

This online course, for new or prospective clerks with little or no experience of Quaker clerking, is based on the on-site course with the same name. The five modules cover the clerk's role before, during and after a Meeting for Worship for Business. We also consider why we use our practical business style in our meetings. We will focus on clerking local meetings, but clerks of other meetings, including area meetings, will also find they can learn so much about their role. Each week there will be materials in a range of formats for you to engage with, and a forum where you can share your responses to the exercises and ask questions. There will be three live meetings during the six weeks of the course which you are encouraged to take part in.

Please book online or fill out a booking form via [woodbrooke.org.uk/booking-form](http://woodbrooke.org.uk/booking-form) or call 0121 472 5171

## A Quaker Response to Animal Suffering: Online Course

**Monday 5 February 2018 - Sunday 18 March 2018**

Are you concerned with animal suffering? Do you question the moral justifications for their ill-treatment? Do you have an awareness of them as precious creatures of God? This six week course will introduce key themes in the field of Animal Theology within the context of the Quaker way. Also looking at biblical, Buddhist and scientific understanding, we will ask how our lives of active witness might realise the common bonds we share with other species, and extend our vision of a peaceful kingdom.

Each week there will be video, audio and written materials for you to engage with, and forums for you to share reflections and ask questions.

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## Being a Quaker Treasurer: Online Course

**Monday 5 February 2018 - Monday 12 March 2018**

For new and prospective treasurers and those who still feel uncertain. We will cover all the main tasks, from first entries to year-end preparation of accounts, principles, responsibilities, and legal requirements. You will find sympathetic companionship with other treasurers, and explore the spiritual basis of the role. The course will be run from 7.00 - 9.00pm every Monday. This includes guidance from the tutor, a chance to try out some exercises, and an opportunity to ask questions. Throughout the course, there will be an online forum in which course participants can discuss questions with each other and receive support from a tutor.

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## Resilient Communities

**Friday 23 February 2018 - Sunday 25 February 2018**

Amid the current political upheavals, governments are neglecting responses to climate change, water depletion and ecological crises. We need stronger local communities to cope and thrive in an up predictable future. This course will include creative exploration of possible scenarios, practical skill sharing, and practices to build the healthy spiritual lives and relationships that underpin a resilient community. We hope people will return home energised and empowered to take practical action in their own communities and/or Quaker meetings.

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## From Militarisation To Peace

**Friday 2 March 2018 - Sunday 4 March 2018**

We will be examining militarism and the culture of domination. We will deconstruct the case for militarism and look at how it is changing our culture. What is the radical alternative in our lives and in global relationships? How can this transition to a more peaceful culture be brought about? This course can be taken on its own or with other Faith, Peace, Power courses including 'What Can You Say? Speaking Up and Speaking Out?'

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## Eldership and Oversight: Online Course

**Monday 2 April 2018 - Sunday 13 May 2018**

This 6 week course will help all those serving in eldership and oversight to gain better understanding and confidence in their role - whatever the system in their meeting.

The 6 modules cover the full range of topics included in the separate and combined eldership and oversight onsite courses, with options to focus on areas of particular relevance.

This course is intended for Friends who are serving, about to serve or considering service in eldership and/or oversight. As well as those appointed to formal roles, we welcome those whose meetings use systems of shared oversight or eldership or who would like to learn more about Quaker ways of caring for one another.

Each week there will be a range of audio, visual and written materials for you to engage with, and a forum where you can share reflections and ask questions.

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