



## Chaplains



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**Connect with us** – Contact details for specific areas of work are provided throughout the Directory of Services. The general contact details for Friends House are:

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London NW1 2BJ  
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Switchboard: 020 7663 1000.

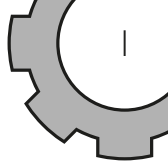
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You can order books, book boxes, resources and posters from the Quaker Centre Bookshop at Friends House, London.

Quaker Centre Bookshop, Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

[www.quaker.org.uk/shop](http://www.quaker.org.uk/shop)  
[quakercentre@quaker.org.uk](mailto:quakercentre@quaker.org.uk)  
020 7663 1030/1031.

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## Introduction

“A Quaker prison minister has four tasks: to visit and minister to those in prison who have registered themselves as Quakers; to assist the work of the prison chaplaincy; to be a Quaker presence in the prison, particularly in relation to staff; and to be a channel between the prison service and the area meeting, keeping Friends aware of prison issues.”

*Quaker faith & practice* 13.47

Working in a variety of settings, including prisons, universities and hospitals, Quaker chaplains offer friendship and spiritual advice to people of all faiths and none. They often minister to the most vulnerable in society, such as those without the support of friends and family. This vital form of ministry also helps to establish a visible presence for the life, work and witness of Quakers in a wide range of communities.

Quaker Life supports and seeks to strengthen Quaker chaplaincy by providing information, training, conferences, and opportunities for development and networking.

## Resources

The following printed or electronic materials support Quaker chaplains.

### Quaker faith & practice

*Quaker faith & practice* 13.45–13.57 covers prison and university/college chaplains, with this content due to be revised shortly. The latest (fifth) edition of *Quaker faith & practice* can be read online at <http://qfp.quaker.org.uk>.

### A brief guide to Quaker chaplaincy

This guide explains what chaplaincy is and what chaplains do, their times and seasons, and how you might become a Quaker chaplain.

The guide is available online at [www.quaker.org.uk/chaplains](http://www.quaker.org.uk/chaplains), and every Quaker meeting has been sent a printed



copy. Additional print copies can be purchased from the Quaker Centre Bookshop at Friends House, London; contact details are in 'Supporting information' at the end of this booklet.

For Quaker prison chaplains we have put together a web resource, which can be found at [www.quaker.org.uk/chaplains](http://www.quaker.org.uk/chaplains).

For a list of Quaker university or college chaplains, please contact our Chaplaincy Support Officer:

## **Support**

For enquiries about chaplaincy (including prison chaplains), please contact our Quaker Chaplaincy Support Officer at [chaplainsupport@quaker.org.uk](mailto:chaplainsupport@quaker.org.uk) or on 020 7663 1143.

## **Speakers**

Quaker Life can arrange for a speaker to visit your meeting and provide an overview of chaplaincy, or prison chaplaincy and Britain Yearly Meeting's support for it. If you would like such a visit, please contact our Chaplaincy Support Officer at [chaplainsupport@quaker.org.uk](mailto:chaplainsupport@quaker.org.uk) or on 020 7663 1143.

## **Quaker Life Network Chaplaincy cluster**

Staff support for this cluster is provided by our Quaker Chaplaincy Support Officer. To join the Quaker Life Network, visit [www.quaker.org.uk/qlnetwork](http://www.quaker.org.uk/qlnetwork) or contact the Quaker Life Network Development Officer at [qlnetwork@quaker.org.uk](mailto:qlnetwork@quaker.org.uk) or on 020 7663 1007.

The cluster's webpages host an online forum for Quaker chaplains. This provides a space for chaplains to share information, concerns and ideas. Its purpose is to strengthen links and support between Quaker chaplains, who often work in isolation.

## **Training and events**

### **Training for chaplains**

Training for chaplains from all disciplines is provided by Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre in partnership with the Quaker

Prison Chaplains' Committee of Quaker Life. Events include 'Inner experience: Introductory training for Quaker prison chaplains' and 'Quaker chaplaincy: Sharing, supporting and developing our ministries'. For more information and bookings, please contact [enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk) or phone 0121 472 5171.

## **Quaker Prison Chaplains Annual Conference**

This is an annual opportunity for Quaker prison chaplains to meet, share and learn from each other. The conference is open to newly appointed chaplains as well as those who have been in the role for many years. Attendees can expect sharing, networking, workshops and worship. It is held annually at Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre and usually takes place over a weekend. To find out more, contact our Quaker Chaplains Support Officer at [chaplainsupport@quaker.org.uk](mailto:chaplainsupport@quaker.org.uk) or on 020 7663 1143.

## **Chaplaincy weekend**

This is a chance for Quaker chaplains working in diverse settings from around the country to come together for a positive and worshipful shared learning experience. The weekend takes place every two years (odd-numbered years), usually in the spring, at Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre. To find out more, contact our Chaplains Support Officer at [chaplainsupport@quaker.org.uk](mailto:chaplainsupport@quaker.org.uk) or on 020 7663 1143

## **Key contacts**

- Quaker Prison Chaplaincy Support Officer:  
[chaplainsupport@quaker.org.uk](mailto:chaplainsupport@quaker.org.uk); 020 7663 1143.
- **Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre**  
Woodbrooke is a major provider of learning for Quakers in Britain and Europe from its site in Birmingham, via its travelling teaching service and through online courses and learning materials. Visit [www.woodbrooke.org.uk](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk), email [enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk) or phone 0121 472 5171.

## Other organisations

### Education chaplaincy

- **Chaplains in Higher Education Liaison Group (CHELG):**  
[www.chelg.org.uk](http://www.chelg.org.uk)

### Healthcare chaplaincy

- **College of Health Care Chaplains:**  
[www.healthcarechaplains.org](http://www.healthcarechaplains.org)
- **Free Churches Group, Healthcare Chaplaincy:**  
[www.freechurches.org.uk](http://www.freechurches.org.uk)
- **Hospital Chaplaincies Council:**  
[www.nhs-chaplaincy-spiritualcare.org.uk](http://www.nhs-chaplaincy-spiritualcare.org.uk)
- **UK Board of Healthcare Chaplaincy:** [www.ukbhc.org.uk](http://www.ukbhc.org.uk)

### Prison chaplaincy

- **Community Chaplaincy Association:**  
[www.communitychaplaincy.org.uk](http://www.communitychaplaincy.org.uk)
- **Free Churches Group, Prison Chaplaincy:**  
[www.freechurches.org.uk](http://www.freechurches.org.uk)

### Other chaplaincy

- **Chaplaincy to People at Work:**  
[www.workplacechaplaincy.org.uk](http://www.workplacechaplaincy.org.uk)
- **Sports Chaplaincy UK:** [www.sportschaplaincy.org.uk](http://www.sportschaplaincy.org.uk)
- **Theatre Chaplaincy UK:** [www.theatrechaplaincyuk.com](http://www.theatrechaplaincyuk.com)

## Supporting information

**Safeguarding** – Safeguarding is protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults from harm. For more information visit [www.quaker.org.uk/safeguarding](http://www.quaker.org.uk/safeguarding). Here you will find a link to Meeting safety, which outlines the responsibilities for Quaker meetings in Britain. We recommend that area meetings join the Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service. Visit [www.ccpas.co.uk](http://www.ccpas.co.uk) or email [info@ccpas.co.uk](mailto:info@ccpas.co.uk).

For general safeguarding advice, as well as Quaker advice on how specific safeguarding matters may affect the pastoral needs of individuals and the meeting community, contact our Safeguarding Coordinator at [safe@quaker.org.uk](mailto:safe@quaker.org.uk) or on 020 7663 1023.

### **General issues relating to a Quaker meeting**

– If you have concerns about issues in your Quaker meeting that you would like to talk over, contact our Support for Meetings Officer at [supportmeetings@quaker.org.uk](mailto:supportmeetings@quaker.org.uk) or on 020 7663 1023. Alternatively, contact the Recording Clerk's Office at [recordingclerk@quaker.org.uk](mailto:recordingclerk@quaker.org.uk) or on 020 7663 1161.

**Information updates** – Please keep us informed of changes to the key role-holders in your local and area meetings: clerk, treasurer, safeguarding coordinator, registering officer, clerk of (area meeting) trustees. To let us know of any such changes please contact our Database Administrator at [updates@quaker.org.uk](mailto:updates@quaker.org.uk) or on 020 7663 1119.

**Data safety** – Quaker meetings in Britain need to store information on their members and attenders in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, which protects individuals from the unauthorised use of their personal information. Friends House Data Safety Group can offer meetings general advice on data safety. For more information visit [www.quaker.org.uk/data-safety](http://www.quaker.org.uk/data-safety). Here you will find a link to Data Safety and Information Security, which offers guidance to meetings. You can also contact our Data Safety Officer at [datasafety@quaker.org.uk](mailto:datasafety@quaker.org.uk) or on 020 7663 1161.

### **Complaints and feedback**

– Britain Yearly Meeting's complaints and feedback procedure enables anyone to let us know about problems or to give feedback on service received from staff at Friends House. To find out more visit [www.quaker.org.uk/contact-us](http://www.quaker.org.uk/contact-us). Complaints can be made in writing to the Recording Clerk's Office at Friends House. Alternatively, email [feedback@quaker.org.uk](mailto:feedback@quaker.org.uk) or phone 020 7663 1161.

**Quaker faith & practice** – *Quaker faith & practice* is the book of Christian discipline of Quakers in Britain. It expresses the breadth of Quaker theology through the experience of Friends and describes our corporate structures. Copies can be purchased from the Quaker Centre Bookshop. It is also available at <http://qfp.quaker.org.uk>.

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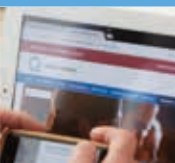
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