

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre and FWCC Asia-West Pacific Section Study Program

Exploring the Writings of Early Quaker Women

Monday 19th July to Sunday 26th September

Tutor: Stuart Masters



Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre and FWCC Asia-West Pacific Section working in partnership

One of the most striking features of the early Quaker movement was the active contribution of women as writers and preachers within what was a rigidly patriarchal society. In this course, we will explore the lives, and writings of four important early Quaker women – Sarah Blackborow, Dorothy White, Elizabeth Bathurst, and Margaret Fell. What contribution did these women make to the development of the Quaker way?

The course will run over eight weeks, with a two-week break between Monday 16th and Sunday 29th August. It involves a time commitment of approximately two to three hours per week. For each part of the course, there will be a range of audio-visual and written materials for you to engage with, and a discussion forum where you can share reflections and ask questions. Two live sessions will enable us to meet together online to explore the material further.

Study Groups

It is hoped that this course will build on last year's programme, which explored the 'Spiritual Roots of Quaker Ways'. If possible, you are encouraged to meet regularly in local study groups to discuss the material covered.

Your Tutor

Stuart Masters is one of Woodbrooke's Learning and Research Team Leaders. He offers learning opportunities that explore the roots of the Quaker way, its theology, spirituality and relationship with other traditions



The Programme

Introduction – Women in the Early Quaker Movement

Part 1. Sarah Blackborow: early Quaker leader (19th July – 1st August)

Part 2. Dorothy White: the prophet silenced (2nd August – 15th August)

Live Session – Sunday 15th August at 08:00 (UK time)

Part 3. Elizabeth Bathurst: popular theologian (30th August – 12th September)

Part 4. Margaret Fell: epistles of spiritual counsel (13th September – 26th September)

Live Session – Sunday 26th September at 08:00 (UK time)

How to Book

Please book your place through the AWPS Secretary, Ronis Chapman by filling in this [form](#).

The Asia West Pacific Section is funding this course, however if you are able to contribute \$AU20, that would be appreciated. Any money collected will go towards the next educational event we organise.

The online learning materials and discussion forum will all be held in Woodbrooke's Moodle site (an online learning website). Participants will be emailed information about how to access the Moodle site.

The Live Sessions

The live session will be held at these times:

London	8.00 AM
India	12:30PM
Myanmar	1.30 PM
Phnom Penh	2.30 PM
Philippines	3.00 PM
Hong Kong	3.00 PM
Singapore	3.00 PM
Perth	3.00 PM
Tokyo	4.00 PM
Seoul	4.00 PM
Adelaide	4.30 PM
Sydney	5.00 PM
Auckland	7.00 PM