

**You are warmly invited to attend a Quaker Meeting for
Worship on any Sunday.**

Quakers in Leeds

Quakers started as a non-conformist Christian group in the 17th century in the North of England. They arrived in Leeds in 1651 and have been part of the community ever since.

Quakers contribute to society in many fields, including peace work, prison ministry, social justice, education, mental health and conflict resolution. Leeds Quakers are active locally and overseas. They offer a welcoming community of worship open to everyone, regardless of religious background. If you are in search of a spiritual path, Quakers may be right for you.

First time visitor?

To try out a Quaker meeting is very straightforward. Just arrive a few minutes before the start, enter the Meeting House (there will be someone at the door to welcome you), and then choose somewhere to sit down.

Meetings last one hour and are usually silent. You will not be asked to do or say anything. The meeting is intended as a quiet, shared time for worship and meditation. Occasionally, someone will stand up and say something briefly. Meetings vary in the amount of spoken ministry given - it depends on whether people feel moved to speak. Quakers have no formal priests to lead worship.

Sometimes meetings can be very moving experiences. At the end of the meeting, shake hands with the people sitting next to you. Usually there are a few administrative notices, followed by tea or coffee. You can stay and talk or leave straight away, as you wish.

Finding a Quaker Meeting

There are seven local Quaker Meetings in the Leeds area:

Adel Quaker Meeting, Friends Meeting House, New Adel Lane, Leeds L516 6AZ tel: 0113 2679199
Meeting for worship: Sundays, 10.45 am

Carlton Hill Quaker Meeting, Friends Meeting House, 188 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, L52 9DX tel: 0113 2422208
Meeting for worship: Sundays, 10.45 am

Gildersome Quaker Meeting, Friends Meeting House, Street Lane, Gildersome, Leeds, LS27 7HX tel: 0113 2523632
Meeting for worship: Sundays, 10.45 am

Ilkley Quaker Meeting, Friends Meeting House, Queens Road, Ilkley, Leeds, LS29 9QJ tel: 01943 817691
Meeting for worship: Sundays, 10.30 am

Otley Quaker Meeting
Meets in various houses once a month on the third Sunday at 11am. For details ring: 01943 463351

Rawdon Quaker Meeting, Friends Meeting House, Quakers Lane, Rawdon, Leeds, L519 6HU tel: 0113 2391489
Meeting for worship: Sundays, 10.45 am

Roundhay Quaker Meeting, Friends Meeting House, 136 Street Lane, Leeds, L58 2BW tel: 0113 2933684
Meeting for worship: Sundays, 10.45 am

Most meetings have children's meetings. Wheelchair access and hearing loops available at most meeting houses – ring for details. Meetings for worship are also held in the Universities Chaplaincy, Emmanuel Centre, 1:05 pm Tuesdays.

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**Leeds (Area) Quaker Meeting of the
Religious Society of Friends in Britain**

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If you would like to find out more, there are introductory leaflets and information available at all our Meeting Houses, or visit our website. We look forward to meeting you!

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