



North Scotland

Residential Quaker Meeting

Pluscarden, 28th – 30th August 2026

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Hello! We look forward to welcoming you to this year's residential weekend for Friends of all ages, which will be held in the peaceful surroundings of Pluscarden Abbey, and the nearby Pluscarden Village Hall. We will share time in worship, share activity and social time and share our joys and concerns.

This year we will be joined by two facilitators from the Kindlers, Angela Arnold and Leilani Rabemananjara. Together we will explore how we nurture our Quaker Meetings, through interactive workshops on deepening worship and reinventing Quakerism.

Our programme starts after arrivals and a meal on Friday evening and ends in the early afternoon on Sunday after all-age worship and lunch together.

There will be sessions with the Kindlers in the Village Hall, and at the same time, activities designed for younger Friends so that parents and carers can join the Kindlers' sessions. Our worship on Sunday will be inclusive for all ages, all are welcome. Meals will be vegetarian, catered and will include dishes prepared by participating Friends. Sleeping accommodation is in the Abbey's single occupancy guest accommodation. Camping is also an option. If you live close by, or find accommodation in a nearby hotel/guest house, you can book to join us for the day on Saturday and/or Sunday.

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Now for other practical information about the weekend:

Directions: The Abbey is situated in a picturesque valley 7 miles from Elgin (on the Dallas road), 9 miles from Forres and much of our activity will be in the neighbouring St Scholastica's building and the nearby village hall. The postcode for the Abbey is IV30 8TZ. For the village hall: IV30 8UB. If you are travelling by public transport, we can arrange for you to be met in Forres or Elgin.

There is parking near the accommodation and at the Village Hall, which is three quarters of a mile away from the Abbey.

The monks at Pluscarden follow the practice of silence at most times and it is hoped visitors will be as quiet as possible within the precincts of the Abbey.

Other than times when there is a programmed event for Young Friends, children will be the responsibility of their parents/guardians.

If you would like to bring a reading, poem, song, musical instrument or game to add to the Friday or Saturday nights, please let us know so that we can add it to the programme.

Meals (Friday dinner to Sunday lunch) are vegetarian/vegan and included in the residential charges, but additional contributions to meals and snacks would be most welcome. Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements and if you are bringing contributions to meals. Please ensure all contributions are clearly labelled with ingredients.

There will be opportunities to help with practical tasks through the weekend, from setting up for meals, and washing up to tidying at the end of the weekend.

Accommodation at Pluscarden Abbey is limited, so please book early to ensure a place. Men and older boys can stay in St Benedict's guest house in the Abbey; private rooms, shared facilities. St Scholastica's provides women's accommodation in single rooms, shared facilities. There is a new guest house, St Joseph's, at the Abbey for women, with single, en-suite bedrooms. The men's accommodation is all on the first and second floors and there are no lifts. St. Scholastica's is ground floor with level access. If you have any queries before booking, please do get in touch. The grounds are unlit at night so please bring a torch.

Camping is an option, using the facilities at St Scholastica's.

B&B is available in Pluscarden, Elgin or Forres. Information can be found at www.visitscotland.com.

Our (not for profit) charges cover a donation to the Abbey, meals and hire of the Village Hall. Nobody should be prevented from coming to Pluscarden for financial reasons as bursary help is available.

We are living with Covid and many other infectious ailments and to safeguard against spreading illness amongst us we ask that we all keep good hygiene. This includes not attending the gathering if you feel unwell, especially with cold-like symptoms. Anyone who has booked but cannot attend for health reasons will be reimbursed.

Dogs, smoking and alcohol cannot be accommodated in the Abbey premises.

We so look forward to receiving your booking form and to sharing the Pluscarden weekend with you.

AM Planning Group
(Lynden, Oriole, Piers, Sue, Diana, Anne, Sharon, Robert, Zoe)

BOOKING FORM

Name

Tel.....

Address

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email

Weekend - in residence

	Adults £65	1 st child £20	2 nd child £10	others free
Number				
Cost				

Weekend - camping

	Adults £35	1 st child £12	2 nd child £6	others free
Number				
Cost				

Day visitors

	Adults £15/day			1 st child £7/day			2 nd child £5			others free		
Day	Fr	Sa	Su	Fr	Sa	Su	Fr	Sa	Su	Fr	Sa	Su
Number												
Cost												

Donation to Bursary Fund

TOTAL PAYABLE

Payment method: Bank transfer / Cheque¹

Meals: Please indicate below the number of each meal required

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday			

¹ delete as appropriate

We welcome contributions to our meals if you are able to commit to making and bringing a dish, and cakes or biscuits for our tea-breaks. If that appeals to you please suggest now what you will bring, whether vegetarian, vegan or gluten free, how many it might serve and on what day you will bring it)

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If you have Dietary requirements, including any allergies or intolerances, please state them here

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We would not want anyone to be unable to come for financial reasons. If you would like to apply for a bursary please indicate here [] or contact one of the Pastoral and Spiritual Care team.

BOOKING - As soon as possible. 4th AUGUST at the latest, please!

Please send this form, queries and offers of help, ideally by email to
Sharon Powell: pluscarden@quaker.scot

Payments, ideally by bank transfer please to:

name: Quakers in Scotland
sort code: 80-22-60
account no.: 28563568

Reference the transfer with “PLUS - then your name”

If you are using a postal service, or sending cheques, please post them with your booking form to

Lynden Easterbrook

9 Knockomie Gardens, Forres, IV36 2TN

and make cheques payable to Quakers in Scotland.

We will try to accept late bookings where possible, but appreciate receiving them as early as possible - thank you!

Data Protection Policy

The information you provide will only be retained and used for the purposes of this gathering; after which time it will be deleted from our files. It won't be used for other Quakers in Scotland purposes or passed on to third parties.