Timeline

1614: Margaret Fell born
1618: James Nayler born
1624: George Fox born
1642: English Civil war starts
1643: George Fox leaves his apprenticeship and his home and begins to travel
1647: George Fox’s transforming vision, showing him he could have direct access to God
1648: George Fox’s second transformation experience, where he feels ‘saved’ and ‘perfected’.
1649: King Charles I beheaded: the start of the republic
1650: Fox in jail in Derby
1651: Fox released and heads north to Yorkshire
1652: Fox’s experiences at Pendle Hill, Firbank Fell and Swarthmoor hall: the start of the Quaker movement.
1658: Oliver Cromwell dies. Thomas Fell dies.
1660: The restoration of the monarchy. Nayler dies.
1662: Quaker Act, outlawing Quaker worship.
1666: Quakers begin to organise a structure
1669: Margaret Fell and George Fox married
1670: Further wave of persecution begins against Quakers.
1681: William Penn begins his ‘Holy Experiment’ in Pennsylvania.
1689: Act of Toleration in Britain. Quaker worship legal.
1694: Affirmation Act: Quakers need not swear oaths.
1875: First ‘Friends Church’ and Quaker pastor
1902: Mission to Kenya by threes from Ohio.