

A CALL FOR PAPERS: *QUAKER RELIGIOUS THOUGHT* SPECIAL ISSUE

A re-appraisal of the theology of Joseph John Gurney (1788-1847)

Quaker Religious Thought is pleased to announce that a special issue of the journal has been scheduled for early 2027. This will be entirely devoted to articles about the religious beliefs, faith and practice of the English Quaker minister Joseph John Gurney (1788-1847). The guest editor for this issue is Paul Harris, who will be working in conjunction with Jay Miller, *QRT* Editor. Paul completed his PhD with the University of Birmingham, UK in 2024 on Gurney's Christology.

The influence of Gurney on the religious life of the Society of Friends during the first half of the nineteenth century has been well acknowledged. However, despite the significant place he holds within Quaker history, detailed studies about his theology are sparse. Existing portraits of Gurney's beliefs are sometimes too generalised, oversimplified, and stereotyped. This *QRT* special issue seeks to address this and provide an opportunity for researchers to present their views and findings as part of a re-appraisal of Gurney's theology.

Articles are welcome on any aspects of Gurney's theology. Possible subject areas include Gurney's understanding of atonement, redemption, sin, the person of Jesus Christ, Christian perfection, the work of the Holy Spirit, the relationship between faith and science, the role of biblical hermeneutics, biblical education for young people and Quaker testimony. These are just *some* of the possible topics that could be explored.

- Contributors should follow the **QRT style guidelines** (see <https://qtdg.org/style-guide/>) concerning article length (2500-3000 words) and formatting conventions.
- The deadline for submission of articles is **1st September 2026**.
- Article submissions should be emailed in .docx and .pdf format (NB please do not include the author name/details in the article itself or in the file properties) to both **Jay Miller at jaym@georgefox.edu and Paul Harris at paulgwharris@gmail.com**

We look forward to receiving your contributions!