

Hardship and Truth:



The Experience of the First Women Members of Parliament

by **Robin Harragin Hussey**

on **Saturday, 6 April 2019** at **2:30pm**

in the Christian Science Church

51 North View, Westbury Park,

Bristol BS6 7PY

All are welcome.

Free admission

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A free talk on the experience of the first women Members of Parliament by Robin Harragin Hussey

In 1918 Parliament passed two significant Acts, which for the first time gave some women in Britain the right to vote and become members of Parliament. The House of Commons had been a male bastion for 600 years.

Three of the first 30 women entering the House of Commons were Christian Scientists. Robin will look at the hardships faced by all these women, and discuss how and if their religious faith helped them to deal with these hardships; influenced the causes they supported; and led to their main achievements.

Lady Astor was the first female MP to take her seat in Parliament and represented Plymouth, Sutton. This year is the centenary of her election. Alice Clark, of the Clark's Shoes family from Street, Somerset, is also mentioned. Although not a Member of Parliament, she helped open the way there as an activist in the suffrage movement.



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