

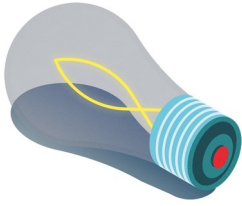
FOUNDATIONS



for **MINISTRY**



*Explore
your gifts,
vocation &
calling*



What is Foundations for Ministry?

FfM is an exciting and vibrant course open to anyone active in church life who feels some sense of vocation or calling to Christian Ministry but needs some time and space to unpack what this might mean and look like. The course runs over 3 terms, September-June, and includes 23 evening sessions and 4 Saturday course days. The sessions are led by a range of tutors selected to help you:

- ◆ **Make connections** between who you are, what you believe and how you can apply your faith to the everyday stuff of life.
- ◆ **Understand** more about Christian ministry, your spiritual gifts and how you can identify your ministry SHAPE.
- ◆ **Discover** your call to mission, where God wants to use you and how you can remain fruitful in your ministry.

What is the course aim?

The courses aim is to provide you with a solid foundation so that you can continue to develop and explore your calling both to Christian ministry and to the life-long adventure of being a disciple of Jesus.

What are the course goals?

- ◆ To provide a safe and supportive environment for you to explore, identify and develop your gifts, vocation and calling.
- ◆ To offer a unique opportunity for co-learning alongside others from a variety of different churches and backgrounds.
- ◆ To help you develop confidence and key skills in working with others, including giving and receiving of feedback.
- ◆ To offer guidance, support and resources that will enable you to discern God's calling and purpose for your life.
- ◆ To help you identify a tool bank of resources that will enable you to grow and sustain your Christian life and ministry.

You too are built upon the foundation laid by the apostles and prophets, the cornerstone being Christ Jesus himself.

Ephesians 2:20

Venues & Dates 2019/20



BOLTON: St Peter's Parish Centre

Induction Day: Sat 14 Sept, 10am-1pm

Core Sessions: Tuesdays, 6.45-9pm

Autumn: Sept 24 Oct 1,8,15,22 Nov 12,19,26,30 Spring: Jan 7,14,21,28 Feb 4,11 Summer: Mar 10,17,24,31 Apr 21,28 May 05,12,19

Retreat Day: Sat 30 Nov, 10am-3pm @ Venue tbc

Vocations Day: Sat 29 Feb, 10am-2pm @ The Saviour, Collyhurst

Service of Celebration: Sat 30 May, 10-11.30am @ St Peter's, Halliwell

OLDHAM: Holy Cross School

Induction Day: Sat 21 Sept, 10am-1pm

Core Sessions: Wednesdays, 6.45-9pm

Autumn: Oct 2,9,16,23 Nov 13,20,27 Dec 04 Spring: Jan 8,15,22,29 Feb 5,12 Summer: Mar 11,18,25 Apr 1,22,29 May 6,13,20

Retreat Day: Sat 7 Dec, 10am-3pm @ Oldham Parish Church

Vocations Day: Sat 29 Feb, 10am-2pm @ The Saviour, Collyhurst

Service of Celebration: Sat 13 Jun, 10-11.30am @ Oldham Parish

MANCHESTER: St Nicholas Church, Burnage

Induction Day: Sat 28 Sept, 10am-1pm

Core Sessions: Mondays, 6.45-9pm

Autumn: Sept 30 Oct 7,14,21 Nov 11,18,25 Dec 2 Spring: Jan 6,13,20,27 Feb 3,10 Summer: Mar 9,16,23,30 Apr 20,27 May 11,18,25

Retreat Day: Sat 7 Dec, 10am-3pm @ Resurrection & St Barnabas

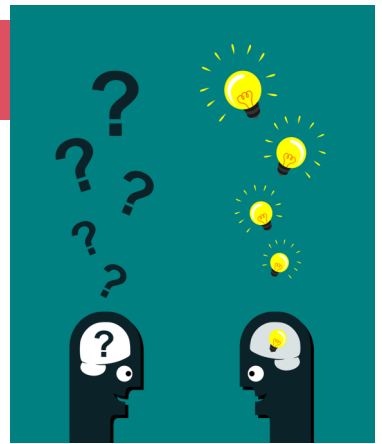
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Frequently Asked Questions

Can anyone apply?

The FFM course is open to and welcomes people from all types of churches and backgrounds. Anyone active in the life of their church may apply but we ask that you discuss this firstly with your incumbent or supporting minister before putting in an application to ensure that the course is suitable for you at this time.



Are there any assignments or written work?

There are some small amounts of written work on the course but no assignments or assessments. The main focus for learning is based around group work, open discussions and lots of opportunities for questions and feedback. We do encourage those that want to go deeper to engage with some thinking between sessions. We will also suggest some good books and resources along the way but we will always support you to engage with the course at the level that works for you.

How much does the course cost?

The course costs £60 which can be paid for in 3 installments. We encourage parishes to cover this cost but supported places are available. Please contact us for more information as we don't want money to be a barrier to anyone coming on the course.

How do I apply?

For further information about the course and how to apply, please see the Diocesan website: www.manchester.anglican.org/lay-ministries/FFM/

Or contact:

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