



FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY



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 that might mean and look like. The course runs over three terms, September-June, and includes a course induction, 23 evening sessions and three Saturday course days.



The sessions are led by a range of speakers 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?

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, supportive and stimulating learning environment for you to explore, identify and develop your gifts, vocation and calling.
- ◆ To offer a you unique opportunity for co-learning alongside others from a variety of different church traditions and backgrounds.
- ◆ To enable you grow in confidence and courage when it comes to talking about and expressing your faith with others.
- ◆ To help you identify a tool bank of skills and resources that will enable you to grow and sustain your Christian life and ministry.
- ◆ For you to feel closer to God and more aware of His purpose for your life.

You too are built upon the foundation laid by the apostles and prophets, the cornerstone being Christ Jesus himself - Ephesians 2:20

Venues and Dates for 2021/22

BOLTON: St Peter, Bolton-le-Moors

Induction Evening: Tuesday 21 September, 7-9pm

Core Sessions: Tuesdays, 7-9pm

Autumn: September 28; October 5, 12, 19; November 2, 9, 16, 23

Spring: January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8

Summer: March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17

Retreat Day: Saturday 27 November, 10am-4pm @ Barrow Bridge Mission

Vocations Day: Saturday 5 February, 10am-1pm @ St Bride, Old Trafford

Celebration Service: Sat 28 May @ Bolton Parish Church (time tbc)

MANCHESTER: Church House, 90 Deansgate

Induction Evening: Wednesday 22 September, 7-9pm

Core Sessions: Wednesdays, 7-9pm

Autumn: September 29; October 6, 13, 20; November 3, 10, 17, 24

Spring: January 5, 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9

Summer: March 9, 16, 23, 30; April 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18

Retreat Day: Saturday 27 November, 10am-2pm @ Resurrection and St Barnabas

Vocations Day: Saturday 5 February, 10am-1pm @ St Bride's, Old Trafford

Celebration Service: Saturday 21 May, 10-11.30am @ St Nicholas, Burnage

OLDHAM: Salvation Army Church, Shaw

Induction Evening: Thursday 23 September, 7-9pm

Core Sessions: Thursdays, 7-9pm

Autumn: September 30; October 7, 14, 21; November 4, 11, 18, 25

Spring: January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10

Summer: March 10, 17, 24, 31; April 07, 28; May 5, 12, 19

Retreat Day: Saturday, 27 November, 10am-4pm @ St Saviours, Shaw

Vocations Day: Saturday 5 February, 10am-1pm @ St Bride's, Old Trafford

Celebration Service: Saturday 21 May, 2-3.30pm @ St James, Shaw

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply?

Anyone who is active in the life of their church may apply but we ask that you discuss this first with your vicar or supporting minister. This is to ensure that the course is suitable for you at this time and that you get plenty of backing and support.

Are there any assignments, tests or written work?

There are no assignments, assessments or tests on the course. 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 optional linkwork between sessions. We will also suggest good books and resources along the way but we will always support you to engage with the course at the level that works best for you.

How much does the course cost?

The course costs £60 which can be paid for upfront or in three termly installments. We encourage parishes to cover this cost but supported places are available upon request.

What about Coronavirus?

At the time of the course we will continue to follow all the latest requirements based on the relevant government advice and guidelines. Please note that this may involve moving course venues, reducing participant numbers or moving the course online. For regular updates please see the Diocesan website:

www.manchester.anglican.org/coronavirus

How do I apply?

For further information about the course and how to apply please see the Diocesan website:

www.manchester.anglican.org/ffm

Or contact:

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**APPLICATION
CLOSING DATE**

**12 September
2021**