

Foundation

'Foundation is a Christian community in Bristol, within the Anglican tradition. Our worship is shaped by ancient and contemporary sources, ranging from monastic and contemplative traditions to creative and multimedia reflections. We also look to the Greenbelt festival for inspiration, and especially its emphasis on faith, arts and justice.'

www.foundationbristol.org

Foundation and the future

On Sunday 14th January Foundation entered a new phase in its evolution as its ordained leader, Iain McColl, announced his move to be Priest-in-Charge of the Granta Vale Parishes in the Diocese of Ely, south of Cambridge. His last Sunday as Foundation leader will be 25th Feb. This means that, together with Heather Rushworth, Foundation's Administrator, also moving, there is a need and an opportunity for Foundation to evolve in some major ways.

Foundation's Steering Group (currently comprising Iain McColl, Tim Summers, Matt Parsons and Mark Pilgrim, Vicar of St Peter's) is proposing that Foundation's leadership become a Team of seven people. The Team might comprise Worship, Music, Community Mission, Discipleship, Pastoral, Communication and Resourcing/Development Leaders supported by a 1 day per week paid administrator. An ordained Anglican priest might also be sought to join the Team: until a new person is recruited or emerges, oversight in this area will be provided by Mark Pilgrim.

Foundation needs you

There is a great opportunity, in this situation, to harness the gifts and talents of everyone attending Foundation to see how, together, Foundation might develop above and beyond the creation of a new leadership team.

Are there skills and contributions that you could offer that would enable Foundation not just to develop but to thrive in future?

'For all that has been – thanks: for all that will be – Yes!'

Foundation's website describes Foundation as a community where: 'Questioning is embraced and people are encouraged to explore faith with a wide range of materials from literature to art, music and films and essays or speeches viewed through a lens of generous orthodoxy.'



We seek to be a worshipping community which shares in the bread and wine of communion and is defined by our common life in the Body of Christ. We are a biblical community, in which scripture is prayerfully listened to and digested. We also strive to be a community which embraces open enquiry and imaginative dialogue, as we journey together in the Christian faith.'

Central to Foundation's life in the recent past have been events and activities beyond the Sunday service – Friendly Forum (short presentations with discussion and live music at cafés in Stokes Croft), Friendly Stage (gigs raising money for local charities), community meals, community action (regular support for the Wild Goose Café, Gloucester Road, offering facilities for homeless people), retreats and house groups. Most recently, in December, a Retreat Day was held with a focus on new monasticism and a Rule of Life.



The Wild Goose Café

Are these activities something that you and other Foundation attenders would like to explore further? Would you be interested in developing the Friendly Forum, Friendly Stage or other activities in future? Or are there other aspects of discipleship and what it means to be a Christian in 2018 in your context that you would like to work on through Foundation and those who attend?

If so, this is your chance to make an offer!

Please complete the questionnaire over the page or convey your thoughts to Iain McColl verbally, by email or any other convenient means by Sunday 18th February.

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I am interested in contributing to Foundation in the following areas
(Please circle or underline each area that interests you):

Leading Worship *including*

Music Reading Intercessions Creative worship

Community Action *including*

Social Action Community Meals Friendly Stage Hospitality (Bar!)

Discipleship *including*

House Groups Retreats Friendly Forum Film evenings

Development of Foundation *including*

Giving Creativity Implementation of vision

Communication including

Foundation emails Social media Event publicity

Other (please state)

Name:

Contact details: