

The Cursillo Weekend

York Diocese Cursillo hold their weekends at the diocesan retreat house, Wydale Hall, Brompton by Sawdon (near Scarborough).

The weekend is run by a team consisting of two members of the clergy, acting as spiritual advisers, and a number of lay people. You will hear a number of short talks, given by both spiritual advisers and lay members, which illustrate how Cursillo has inspired them within their local churches and the wider community. The programme is busy, and Cursillo is not really a retreat, but there are opportunities for quiet during the weekend.

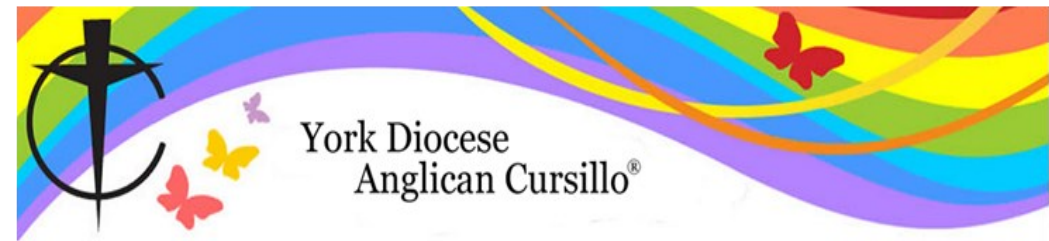
We worship and pray together, learn together, share meals together, have a lot of fun together, and may even shed a few tears together. This is what makes Cursillo special for so many people.

WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US ON A WEEKEND SOON? MAY GOD BLESS YOU RICHLY

If you would like to find out more about Cursillo, please:

See the website for York Anglican Cursillo: www.yorkcursillo.org (there is a short explanatory video on the homepage). You'll also find a downloadable booking form for the next Cursillo weekend there.

Email: laydirector@yorkcursillo.org or spiritualdirector@yorkcursillo.org



What is Cursillo?

It is a way of supporting and encouraging our lives as Christians through prayer, study and action by providing an ongoing opportunity to meet and grow in faith together, and to share God's love with everyone. The Cursillo movement began in Spain and made its way to England via America. The Spanish word "Cursillo" means a short course.

What does Cursillo offer?

- An opportunity to grow in faith.
- A chance to know the love and grace of God and the joy of Christian fellowship.
- A way of experiencing Christian community and helping one another in our spiritual journey.
- An opportunity to develop our individual gifts within the Church.
- It embraces the insights and good teaching of all the traditions of the Anglican Church.
- It operates within the Church and not outside it, so it works together with groups and organisations in a parish.

Cursillo provides

A weekend with talks (with time to consider and discuss), meditations, and opportunities for worshipping together and sharing the Eucharist in a relaxed atmosphere.

An ongoing opportunity for each individual to be encouraged to grow in faith and develop their gifts through fellowship and support of small local groups and area meetings.



"Through Cursillo, the love of God is experienced afresh, an experience which draws us into prayer and compassionate action. Because of this, Cursillo is a much needed instrument for the renewal of the life of the Church today, and one for which I give thanks."

The Most Revd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

"Cursillo has helped and encouraged many people in their Christian journey. I love the spirit of fellowship and pilgrimage that it embodies and I'm so pleased that it is available and active in York Diocese."

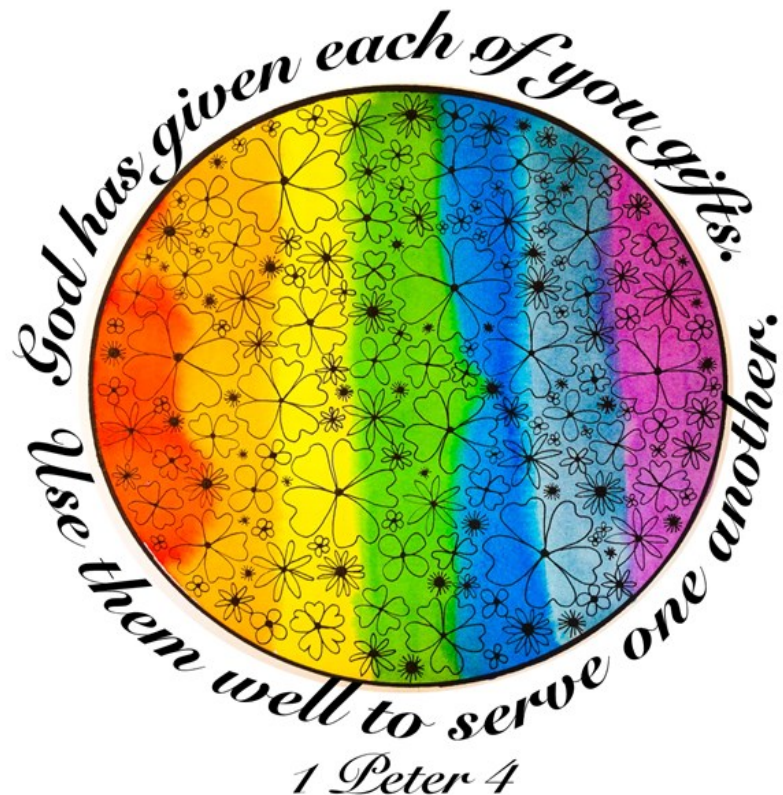
The Most Revd Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York

"The Cursillo weekend offers an opportunity to grow more deeply into God and to enrich your Christian journey."

The Rt Revd Dr John Thomson, Bishop of Selby

"The ideals of Cursillo are a microcosm encapsulating what it is to be a Christian, looking for life-long growth and deepening in commitments. It is a wonderful movement."

The Rt Revd Paul Ferguson, Bishop of Whitby



"Cursillo has brought me closer to God, and has given me a bunch of new friends. It has helped me to grow spiritually, and has given me the tools to strengthen and share my faith."

Andy, a Cursillo member

"The Cursillo weekend was overwhelmingly affirmative and renewing through warm fellowship, prayer, supportive activities and more, giving strength and courage to move forward in the service of Christ."

Dobriila, a Cursillo member

"My Cursillo Weekend experience revealed to me that I should seek to use my gifts and talents in His service. This led to a change in career and moving my family 150 miles."

Trevor, a Cursillo member

"It is difficult to put into words how special the Cursillo weekend was to me. It was such an amazing, positive, and uplifting time, which totally refreshed, strengthened, and reinvigorated my faith but also changed my perspective on what it means to be a Christian."

Brian, a Cursillo member

