

What is Cursillo®?

Cursillo is a method of supporting and encouraging our lives as Christians.

Cursillo (pronounced "kur-see-yo") is a Spanish word meaning "short course."

Cursillo in any diocese begins and continues with the blessing of the Diocesan Bishop.

Our Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby has said

"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."

John Sentamu the Archbishop of York says:

"Cursillo is about making disciples; it transforms people's lives and empowers them for service. Cursillo is active in most Dioceses of this Province, for which I praise God."

Who is it for?

- People just like you - laity and clergy - anyone who is:
 - curious.
 - searching.
 - discovering.
 - growing.
 - wanting to be glad and confident in their faith.

What does Cursillo® offer?

- ❖ An opportunity to grow in faith.
- ❖ A chance to experience the love and grace of God and the joy of Christian fellowship.
- ❖ A way of building a continuing Christian community to help one another on our spiritual journey.
- ❖ It embraces the insights and good teachings of all the traditions in the Anglican church.
- ❖ It is a movement within the church and not outside it, so it works together with groups and organisations in a parish.

What is a Cursillo® Weekend?

This is the first three days: It usually begins on a Thursday /Friday evening and ends the following Sunday / Monday afternoon.

During these three days, those attending live and work together, listening to a series of talks given by different people, both lay and ordained.

The talks lead to lively discussion in small groups.

Learning, praying, sharing, singing, laughing and living together is the basis for discovering what it means to say,

"We are the body of Christ."



What is expected of me?

There is no specific response expected of you.

Just be open to what happens.

Simply take a fresh look at what the Church has always taught - Good News - the miraculous and joyous discovery of Christ's endless love.

Is that really all?

Yes! There are no tricks, no gimmicks, no hidden mysteries only revealed to the initiated. If there are any surprises, that's only because the Christian life is full of surprises. You aren't expected to *know* or *do* more, just reflect on *being* more!

After the Weekend

The aim of Cursillo is to live out our Christian witness. Members are encouraged to develop a rule of life that embraces prayer, study and action. So, we hope you would build on the weekend to grow in faith and to develop your gifts as you serve the Lord in all aspects of your life - family, workplace, church and community.

As we go back into the world after the three-day weekend, to love and serve the Lord, we call this the Fourth Day. Cursillo is sustained by the Church's teachings, prayer, the sacraments, spiritual direction, and the mutual support of fellow-Christians. It provides support to strengthen us for service through:

- **Group reunions** – regular short meetings of 3-4 people for mutual encouragement, in a framework of prayer, study and action.
- **'Ultreyas'** – larger meetings held 2 or 3 times a year offering informal worship, Christian witness and sharing in small groups.

A Cursillo friend will be glad to take you along to find out more.

Costs

Lincoln Cursillo weekends are normally held at Bishop Grosseteste University in Lincoln, for which we have to meet full board and accommodation costs, but cost should not deter anyone from attending and there are discretionary funds available to help if the cost is a problem. For current charges and dates please contact the booking secretary.

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