

# Sheffield Anglican CURSILLO

"It is possible to encounter God in many ways... encountering God is easy – it is following Christ afterwards that is the problem."

*Eduardo Bonnin – Cursillo Founder*



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Cursillo is a movement of the Church providing a method by which Christians are empowered to grow through prayer, study and action and enabled to share God's love with everyone.

**Next Sheffield Cursillo Weekend - Sheffield #17**

**Friday 9 May** (from 6pm) **to Sunday 11 May 2025** (ending 4pm)

Venue: **Wilson Carlile College, Sheffield**

## What is Cursillo?

**The Cursillo movement began in Spain and made its way to England via America. The Spanish word 'Cursillo' (pronounced Kur-see-yo) means a short course in the fundamentals of being a Christian.**

Cursillo offers a four-day course; three days are spent together on a residential weekend - the fourth day is the rest of your life. The Cursillo weekend offers a life-changing experience through which God inspires, renews and challenges us. Cursillo doesn't finish there though. There is also an opportunity to join or form **a small group** to share mutual support, prayer and challenge as you journey with God.

If we are to be effective in God's mission to change the world, we ourselves must be renewed people and as our Bishop has said:

"I warmly endorse Cursillo as a tool in the hand of the Holy Spirit. but be warned: you are unlikely to emerge from the process unchallenged or unchanged."

**Rt. Revd Pete Wilcox, Bishop of Sheffield**

## The Weekend

We begin at teatime on Friday evening. There is time to settle in and meet others who will be sharing the weekend with you – some will be there as fellow participants or 'pilgrims'; others are members of the team that will be serving you throughout the weekend. (All members of the team have previously been participants on a Cursillo weekend and will have been working and praying together for some time in preparation for your weekend). You will soon discover that the age range of the people there is wide and that we **all come from a broad variety of backgrounds** which all helps to enrich the weekend.

The weekend closes on the Sunday afternoon after a celebration service, which helps prepare us from leaving the community that has formed over the weekend to go back to our homes and to continue to serve God where He has placed us. And so, your fourth day begins....

# Teaching, Praying & Sharing

During the weekend there will be:

- ♥ A daily Eucharist
- ♥ Five meditations
- ♥ Fifteen talks
- ♥ Spaces of quiet and reflection

The talks are all offered by the team members, a mixture of clergy and lay people and all are offered with space and time to explore together the impact of following Christ in our daily lives.

***The team is there for you throughout the weekend*** and if you would value the chance to talk/pray/make confession the clergy will be available.

Cursillo is potentially life changing and whilst not a retreat in the usual form there are opportunities for quiet during the weekend. In other words, Cursillo is a multiple experience which we go through individually and together in community. Cursillo weekends are soaked in prayer – people will be praying for you from the moment your application is received.

We can't promise that every single aspect of Cursillo will be just right for you but many have found their Cursillo weekend to be a highly significant moment in their lives. Most participants experience the drenching of God's love. For some the weekend is a point of healing; for others it is a point at which important life decisions are made. ***We simply ask you to be open to God's agenda*** during the weekend so that you can receive from Him

## After the Weekend

There is no pressure on you to become involved in post-Cursillo weekend activity but you will be invited to and made very welcome at our monthly fellowship meetings which take place around the diocese. There may also be an opportunity to join a small group in your locality if you wish to.

## Cursillo offers

- ♥ 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
- ♥ Help in our spiritual journey and Christian witness
- ♥ An opportunity to develop one's gifts of ministry in the Church

## Cursillo is for any baptised Anglican (laity or clergy) who is

- ♥ Searching
- ♥ Discovering
- ♥ Growing
- ♥ Wanting to be joyful and confident in their faith.

Cursillo exists to enrich and support the work of the church in parishes across our Diocese

**If you want to be in at the beginning of an exciting experience in Sheffield Diocese then join us on a Cursillo weekend soon.**

## Want to find out more?

Have a look for more information and details of the next Cursillo weekend and our monthly gatherings called 'Ultreyas', and for the contact details of our Diocesan Lay and Spiritual Directors go to:

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