

## What the Archbishops say about Cursillo

Cursillo has been very powerfully used by God in the renewal of Christians and Christian communities of all styles and backgrounds. I am deeply grateful for all that has been done through its work.

**Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury**

Cursillo has proved to be a most valuable and enriching contribution to the life of the Scottish Episcopal Church over many years. Members are in all seven Diocese of our Province, and, through them, Cursillo has encouraged spiritual growth and vitality within our Church.

**Bruce Cameron,  
Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church**

Developing the Mission of the Church is always a priority. To do this, individuals and parishes need to be challenged to grow in faith, to develop their individual vocations as ministers of the Gospel of Christ. The right resources are crucial in helping them to do this. The Cursillo Movement has, for over 50 years, been a leader in personal and parish spiritual development and makes an invaluable contribution to this work. I warmly commend Cursillo to you.

**Barry Morgan, Archbishop of Wales**

I am happy to commend this work, as it seeks to challenge and deepen the faith of those who attend the Cursillo weekends. Cursillo also encourages people to put into practice the teaching and challenges received there, by means of what is called the "Fourth Day" which provides the means of ongoing support and encouragement for living as Christ's body in the world.

**David Hope, Archbishop of York**

If you want to find out more...

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# Anglican Cursillo



## What is Cursillo?

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.

## CURSILLO - A SHORT HISTORY

*The name Cursillo, pronounced 'koo-see-yo' derives from the Spanish "Cursillos de Cristiandad" meaning 'short courses in Christian Living'.*

The story of the Cursillo Movement is an exciting one, beginning on the island of Majorca in 1949 when a group of men began to pray, talk and work together to find a way to bring people to Christ. It soon spread to the mainland of Spain and today Cursillos are held all over the world in both Anglican and Roman Catholic Diocese under the direction of their Bishops. Cursillo came to the Anglican Church in the UK in 1981 and now operates under the care of the British Anglican Cursillo Council in more than 30 Diocese throughout the UK.



## SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

*Cursillo's vision is of a world transformed by the love of God - nothing less than the kingdom of God on earth.*

This is the longing in the heart of God himself, and he calls us to active involvement in his mission to the world.

God can use us all - each with our shortcomings, frailty and brokenness as well as our gifts and abilities - to make a difference for good in our daily lives.

## THE YEAST IN THE DOUGH

*Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."  
(Matthew 13.33)*

Cursillo is founded on the belief that radical change for good is possible within any aspect of human life through the action of relatively small numbers of Christian people who work with dedication and commitment to bring about such change, relying on the guidance and empowering of the Holy Spirit.

## RENEWED PEOPLE, RENEWED WORLD

*If we are to be used effectively by God in his mission to change the world in accordance with his values, we ourselves must be renewed people.*

Cursillo puts before us God's call to us to be saints - people transformed by the grace of God - and apostles - people sent to share in God's mission to the world.

Cursillo offers what is for many people a life changing experience through which God inspires, renews and challenges us.



## CURSILLO KEYWORDS

Cursillo is grounded in **PRAYER**, and encourages a discipline of daily prayer as well as commitment to corporate worship and the sacramental life.

Cursillo lays great stress on the importance of Christian **COMMUNITY**.

It is sometimes expressed in the saying, "An isolated Christian is a paralysed Christian."

One of the great strengths of Cursillo is the mutual **SUPPORT** and **ENCOURAGEMENT** we give and receive from one another on an ongoing basis. Cursillo recognises that the most important thing in all this is the **GRACE** of God. *In all that we do it is the grace of God in Christ which sustains, inspires and nourishes us.*



## GETTING ENGAGED

*Cursillo offers a proven fruitful way of getting engaged in these things, through participation in a Cursillo three-day weekend and the other structures the movement provides.*

Does Cursillo's vision of a world transformed by the love of God appeal to you?

Are you attracted by a way of renewal in Christ which inspires, challenges, equips, supports and encourages you to play an active part in changing the world for God?

Then you need to get engaged - engaged in becoming a saint and apostle; engaged in mission.