

CURSILLO IN THE DIOCESE OF LONDON

ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 30 June 2018

Secretariat Members (including Trustees *)

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| Mrs Deirdre Davis | | (Lay Director)* |
| Preb Rosemia Brown | | (Spiritual Director)* |
| Mrs Chris Hoppett | | (Treasurer)* |
| Mr Martin Carr | | (Secretary)* |
| Mr Mick Shaw | | (BACC Rep) |
| Mrs Kay Craigie | (Publicity & Communications Rep) | |
| Mrs Paula James | (co-opted) | (Prayer co-ordinator) |
| Mrs Helen Pye-Beraet | (co-opted) | (Safeguarding) |
| Mr Carl Berry | (co-opted) | |

Registered Charity No. 1082984

Principal Address 31 Collins Drive
Ruislip, Middlesex, HA4 9EL

Governing Document Constitution dated 9 October 1999

Objects of the Charity The objects of Cursillo in the Diocese of London ('the Objects'), are to advance religion in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England in the Diocese of London and specifically to renew Anglican Christians in their Christian commitment and to develop the practice of Christian principles in their everyday life so as to help others discover and achieve a Christian way of life, by various means including the provision of short religious education courses.

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Review of Activities and Achievements

Membership:

At 30 June 2018 there were 258 Cursillistas on the London list, comprising 229 lay people (39 men, 190 women) and 29 clergy (18 men, 11 women). This includes a number of London Cursillistas who move away but still wish to remain in touch. We also mail out to 'friends' (lay and clergy) who are interested in Cursillo.

Secretariat:

The Secretariat met six times between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018, including one all-day meeting and one e-meeting - ie conducted by email correspondence. This latter meeting worked well for exchanging information and reports, but was unsatisfactory when it came to discussion and ideas sharing. At the all-day meeting, ideas were put forward with regard to nurturing the membership, encouraging leaders, bringing Cursillo to new Churches and to ordinands.

At the AGM on 12th January 2018, there remained 3 vacancies on the Secretariat: the Pre-Cursillo Rep, the Fourth Day Rep and the Weekend Rep. Helen Pye-Beraet and Carl Berry had agreed in advance, and were later co-opted onto the Secretariat for one year.

During the year, it was agreed that the Safeguarding Officer (currently Helen Pye-Beraet), who needs to work closely with the Secretariat, should be made a co-opted member.

GDPR:

New data protection rules came into force on 25 May 2018. In response, we issued a new Privacy Notice, (see our website) and are using new consent forms for pilgrims, have used electronic means for opting out, and are in the process of collecting signed consent forms from the membership.

Ultreyas:

55 Cursillistas attended the London Diocesan Ultreya, held on 20 January 2018, following the AGM, at St Lawrence Church, Eastcote. Maggie Dawson gave an inspiring Lay Witness talk, and Anna Dias (outgoing secretary) led the Ultreya.

One Greater London Area Ultreya was held on 3 February 2018 at St John the Baptist Church, Barnet – attended by many London Cursillistas

The National Ultreya was held on 2 September 2017, hosted by Southwell and Notts Cursillo and held in the lovely Southwell Minster. Several London Cursillistas attended.

Weekends:

We are still finding Felden Lodge a very good venue for our Weekends. In the year under review, two Weekends had been planned, but due to lack of pilgrims Weekend #32 took place in May 2018. (An alternative weekend took place in October 2017, see below). The Lay Rector was Paul Bevis-Knowles (St Lawrence Church Eastcote) and the Spiritual Advisers were Preb Rosémia Brown and Rev'd Julie Connell (Spiritual Director in Southwark Diocese). There were 5 pilgrims from 4 different churches, and the report of this Spirit filled Weekend is in the C4L magazine. Rev'd Ken Buckler celebrated at the Clausura and the chapel was full with visitors. Our grateful thanks go to Paul, Rosémia and those other staff who were able to attend and serve both in October and in May.

'Come and See' Retreat Weekend:

Eighteen people attended this valuable and joyful guided retreat on 'Journey', and came away with renewed enthusiasm, encouragement and confidence in furthering the work of Cursillo in the Diocese. It was led by Preb Rosémia Brown with Rev'd Michael Bolley as guest speaker, and was held at Felden Lodge in place of our planned October 2107

Weekend. There was a mix of meditation, worship, talks and discussion, during which we were reminded of the treasures Cursillo has to offer to the wider Church; how it fits with Capital Vision 2020, and how we need leaders to share the Cursillo resource as part of our Christian Community in Action. Additional Cursillistas came to the closing Eucharist, after which there was a blessing of stoles (gifts from Cursillo) and presentations to Rev'd Mark Arnold and Rev'd Stuart Melchor. Mark and Stuart gave testimonies on their journey to priesthood, and the role Cursillo had played in their formation.

Prayer Group:

Paula James continues to coordinate the prayer team, which carries out a very nurturing role. It meets monthly when possible, to pray for Cursillo locally, nationally and internationally, and has email membership too. The group prays for individuals in need of healing and wholeness or for those embarking on new ventures. Paula also organised a prayer chain for Weekend #32 – which action surprises the pilgrims when they learn of the large number of people offering prayer for them during that weekend.

Website:

Our London Cursillo website www.londoncursillo.co.uk has continued to be managed by Beachshore. The Secretariat is still very aware that Jenny Neve has asked for someone to take over from her; she very kindly continues to add items of information to the website when asked, and we are grateful to Jenny for doing this, for Cursillo's benefit.

Publicity and Communications:

This team is giving a fresh look to Cursillo publications, and is drawing up its brief to publicise the resource of Cursillo across the Diocese via websites, in their prayer sections, at events. The London Cursillo magazine, *Cursillo4London*, was issued in colour in August 2017 and news Bulletins came out in December 2017 and June 2018. Copies were distributed to all Cursillistas, senior clergy in the Diocese, to BACC and to local Lay Directors. Thanks to Kay Craigie and Rev'd Brandy Pearson for their work on this team.

Cursillo Leaders Workshops

This year Preb Rosémia attended in October 2017 and found it very useful, especially hearing how other Dioceses run their Weekends. CLWs are open to all interested Cursillistas, but those who have any leadership role (eg Lay Rector, Secretariat members, some Weekend staff) *should* attend one of these workshops.

Greater London Area Cursillo: (London, Barnet, Southwark, Chelmsford and Guildford)

At the first meeting in August 2017, there was a useful sharing of things which were going well, and those going less well. In February 2018, Martin Carr and John Paul made excellent contributions to BACC's new promotional film 'Cursillo – hope for the Anglican Church'. This useful resource can be downloaded from the BACC website's homepage.

British Anglican Cursillo Council (BACC):

Mick Shaw and Deirdre Davis attended both BACC meetings: Bicester, Oxford (November 2017) and Swanwick - the conference and AGM (May 2018), at which the updated Resource Manual was launched (available on BACC's website to download) and the new film.

The new Bishop of London:

In January 2018 we received the news that the Rt Rev'd Sarah Mullally, Bishop of Crediton, was to become the new Bishop of London. We had pleasure in welcoming her in true Cursillo style, with a letter and a signed 'wall palanca', and look forward to some collaborative working.

National Ultreya 2020:

This is to be hosted jointly by London and Southwark Dioceses, and two meetings have been held (SDs, LDs and one secretariat member each). Southwark Cathedral has been secured as the venue, and using the BACC guidelines, preliminary plans are forming. In early 2019 a number of working groups will be required for this exciting venture!

Financial Review

Accumulated Fund

The Financial Statement for the year shows a surplus of **£1,829**, giving a balance on the **Accumulated Fund** of **£19,692** at 30th June 2018. Regular giving, collections, subscriptions and other donations raised **£6,426.77**.

Weekends:

The "Come and See" weekend, held in October 2017 to replace London #32 was well supported and £2,590 was raised from donations and fundraising. Weekend #32 held in May 2018 raised £2,625. Thanks to all Cursillistas for their generous donations both of money and weekend supplies.

Gift Aid:

The claim of £3,046.57 covers donations made in the period 6th April, 2017 to 30th June 2018.

Reserves Policy:

It is the policy of the Secretariat to maintain reserves to cover the costs of at least one weekend in the event of loss through late cancellation of a booked weekend. Additionally we have offered to host the National Ultreya in London, in conjunction with Southwark Diocese, in 2020. This will incur costs for which we need to provide.

We thank everyone who supports London Cursillo through regular giving, those who pay their subscriptions each year and everyone who supports our Closing Eucharists and Ultreyas.

Public Benefit:

The contents of this Annual Report comprise a summary of the main activities undertaken in order to carry out the objects of Cursillo for the public benefit. The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

'We give you thanks Almighty God, for all the benefits you have given us, you who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen'

ULTREYA!

On behalf of the Secretariat

Deirdre Davis (Lay Director)