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Charity name: Leeds Anglican Cursillo

Previously known as West Yorkshire and the Dales Anglican Cursillo in the Diocese of Leeds

The formation of the charity followed the merging of three separate Charities known as: Bradford Anglican Cursillo, Ripon and Leeds Anglican Cursillo, Wakefield Anglican Cursillo

Other names the charity is known by: WYAD Anglican Cursillo

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Charity's principal address: C/o Prem Gunga **Now** C/o Miss Pamela Jessop
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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Dates acted if not for whole year</u>
Lynette Barnes	Lay Director	
Amanda Rhodes	Spiritual Director	
. Prem Gunga	Secretary	Resigned January 2017
. John Hill	Treasurer	
. Roger Banister	Communications	
. Cordelia Paterson	Area Representative – Bradford	
. Sally Osborn	Area Representative - Ripon	
. John Speller	Area Representative - Leeds	
. Marian Beckles	Area Representative - Huddersfield	
. Joan Morton	Area Representative Huddersfield	

Co-opted members May – September 2016 when elected Trustees

Pamela Jessop	Area Representative - Wakefield
Elly McGraw	Area Representative- Wakefield
Jane Moulton	Area Representative- Bradford

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document: Constitution

How the charity is constituted: Registered Charity

Trustee selection methods: Election by Membership

During the course of the year application was made to the Charity Commissioners to change the name of the Charity from West Yorkshire and the Dales Anglican Cursillo to Leeds Anglican Cursillo and this was granted in August 2016

The Bishop of Leeds has given his permission for Cursillo to operate in the Diocese of Leeds.

Servant Communities in the Episcopal Areas of Bradford, Huddersfield, Wakefield, have been established and have elected Area Representatives to serve on the Secretariat. Leeds and Ripon Servant Communities are still to be formed but the Areas have been represented by John Speller (Leeds) and Sally Osborn (Ripon).

There are Job Descriptions for all posts, with terms of reference for the Role of the Servant Communities

Policies have been adopted and are in place for:

Finance and Reserves

Safeguarding

Communication and Data Protection.

Area Chaplains have been appointed for:-

Bradford The Reverend Marion Gaskell

Huddersfield The Reverend Anne Young

Ripon The Reverend Wilf Gowing

Leeds Covered by the Diocesan Spiritual Director

Wakefield The Reverend Canon Barbara Clarke

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The aim of the Leeds Anglican Cursillo in common with the worldwide Cursillo Movement in the church, is to advance religion in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England, by providing short religious education courses, so that those attending might review their Christian commitment and practice Christian principles in everyday life, thus helping others to discover and achieve a Christian way of life.

Summary of the main activities undertaken

Following the change of title of the Diocese to The Anglican Diocese of Leeds, we had, of necessity, to inform the Charity Commission and change the name of our Charity from West Yorkshire and the Dales Anglican Cursillo to Leeds Anglican Cursillo. All authorities have been notified and new banking arrangements have been completed.

Our main aim has been to ensure that Cursillo has been active in all five episcopal areas of this very large Diocese. It is a huge geographical area covering some 2,425 square miles, with a population of 2,614,000, in 462 parishes. Members have met in their small 4th day groups as before and Ultreyas have been held locally, but there have also been opportunities to meet as the wider Diocese. Good progress has been made in the coming together, and this has been helped by the Weekends when both team members and pilgrims have come from all five areas.

Our Priorities for 2016-17 were:-

- To emphasise the importance of Fourth Day Groups
- To promote Cursillo across the Diocese as a method of developing discipleship.
- To have a Clergy Taster Day and talk to Deanery Chapters
- To have two Weekends a year (now free as gifted by the members)
- To improve communication to the membership and to external bodies
- To continue both Diocesan and local Ultreyas
- To support the membership.

We have continued to emphasise the importance and benefits of the Fourth Day Groups, which provides the method which sustains, supports and encourages us through prayer, study and action.

The new literature giving information about the Weekends, the Clergy Leaflets, and Sponsor Guidelines have all been distributed. Two new pop-up banners have been purchased and because of the change of Diocesan name a second new banner has made.

The Diocesan Spiritual Director and the Area Chaplains staffed a stand at the Diocesan Clergy Conference in Liverpool.

Unfortunately, the planned Clergy Taster Day had to be cancelled for reasons beyond our control, but the Diocesan Spiritual Director and Lay Director attended and have spoken at two Deaneries Chapters Whitkirk and Horton, and this was very successful as the Clergy did not have to give up another day.

Cursillo was also promoted at the C5 Celebration at Ripon Cathedral.

Our Secretariat, administration, Weekends and a number of Ultreyas happen at Diocesan level. Our membership is currently 484, made up of both Clergy (45) and Laity (439).

We have had two weekends at Wydale Hall this year, and had the maximum number we could take of 24 pilgrims. Four Clergy and 32 members of laity attended training and staffed the weekends. The generosity of the membership has enabled the weekends to be gifted and this has been much appreciated. We were very blessed that The Right Reverend John Pritchard and the Right Reverend Clive Hanford, presided over our Closure Services and we appreciate their support and encouragement.

3 Members have attended the Cursillo Leaders Workshops Weekend provided by the British Anglican Cursillo Council (BACC) and our Spiritual Director facilitated on the April weekend.

The BACC Representative John Speller, has continued to represent Sheffield and York Cursillos, on the BACC Standing Committee, and the Lay Director and the BACC representative attended the BACC Meetings at Swanwick and at Barnet. Pamela Jessop was also able to attend at Swanwick.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Once again there was a really good attendance of members at the **National Ultreya** at York in September.

Ultreyas have been held in:-

April	St. John's, Mirfield
May	St Paul's, Shadwell
August	St James', Pudsey
September	A reflection on the Sacrament of everything
September	St Michael's Almondbury
October	Holy Trinity, Ripon.
November	St James, Bolton St James.
January	Wakefield Cathedral
January	All Saints', Ripley
February	St Mary the Virgin, Garforth

March St John the Divine, Menston

March Holy Trinity, Ripon

Parishes

Members continue to play an active part in the life of their parishes.

Weekends

Were held at Wydale Hall, York Retreat and Conference Centre in April and September with 4 training days.

Banner A small team designed and made a new Leeds banner

Into the next Year 2017/2018

The information in the Annual Report always covers the same period as the financial year April - April, but the Annual General Meeting takes place in June and so there is always further information at the AGM

As you are aware I will have completed my term of office as the Lay Director. It has been a tremendous privilege to have been able to serve Our Lord through Cursillo, during a period of change, and I thank everyone who has worked with me, especially the Spiritual Director, the Secretariat, and the Area Chaplains. John Speller was elected to take over from me as your new Lay Director and I ask for your prayer and support for him.

Sadly during January, Prem Gunga had to offer his resignation due to ill health, Prem had been the Secretary since the formation of the new Diocese and we cannot thank him enough for all he did during this period. The Secretariat have thanked Prem and we continue to hold him in our prayers and send him our best wishes.

As we could not function without a Secretary, the Secretariat had to make an appointment and Pamela Jessop one of the Wakefield representatives agreed to take over the position.

Following the election of John Speller as Lay Director, it was necessary to appoint someone to be an Observing BACC representative to take over from him and this had to fall in with the BACC AGM so the Secretariat appointed John Williams and he has taken over John Speller's role as our representative and also as the regional representative.

I thank you all for your willingness and commitment to working together to see Cursillo well established in the new Diocese. I think we have achieved that, as there have been 56 new pilgrims. 96 laity and 12 clergy have staffed on weekends and 5 people have attended Cursillo Leaders' Workshops. We have held Ultreya's and 4th Day groups continue. We appreciate it has been difficult for some, but our aim all along has been to keep everything the same at the local level, and I ask you all to encourage each other. Working as a wider Diocese has brought many benefits, blessings, and new friendships.

Leeds Anglican Cursillo can now move forward, without looking back, reaching out to new pilgrims, supporting each other in prayer, study, and action. Cursillo is a way of being a disciple. Its purpose is to support the church in its mission of growing disciples.

Ultreya
Lynette Barnes Lay Director