



LEEDS ANGLICAN CURSILLO

Registered Charity Number 1164757

**Annual Report for the period
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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

Spiritual Director's Report 2017

It is with something of a heavy heart that I start to write this report as it signifies the end of a working relationship that has helped to guide Cursillo from the 3 former Dioceses of Ripon & Leeds, Bradford and Wakefield into its present form as Leeds Anglican Cursillo. As Lynette steps down as Lay Director, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks for her support and tireless work throughout and beyond the transition, the success of which I doubt we would have been able to report confidently had it not been for her wise guidance and vision. I shall certainly miss her dedicated and relentless work in pulling together the teams for Weekends, along with her prayerful support of me in my role. Platitudes are never appropriate expressions of what we really would like to say but there is really no other way to say that she will be a hard act to follow! I wish her well and offer my prayers for a well-earned rest as she takes a back seat (although it will be encouraging... and encouraged...if she feels like being a typical back seat driver!). Go well, Lynette and huge thanks for all you have given to Cursillo...and will, I hope, continue to give in other ways.

As Lynette steps down, we are fortunate to have the experienced safe hands of John Speller taking up the reins as our next Lay Director and I send him my good wishes; I will, of course, pray for him as he settles into the role. I look forward to working once again with John as we continue to lead Leeds

Cursillo onto greater prominence in the Diocese, with a more integrated role in Diocesan mission and discipleship pathways. This will include discussions at senior staff level and also further presentations to clergy chapter meetings, to encourage clergy to understand the significance of Cursillo within the parish system.

The past year has been a time of settling into the new identity of a large Diocesan Cursillo, with all the joys and, inevitably, difficulties that has produced. Our Weekends at Wydale Hall have continued to be well-received by both pilgrims and teams alike. Despite initial reservations about travelling greater distances, those who experience Wydale's surroundings and hospitality all agree that it really is the ideal place to gather. I appreciate that those travelling only on the Sunday for the Closing Service will find it makes for a long day but your presence there to support the new Cursillistas is hugely appreciated, as evidenced by their beaming smiles as they enter the Chapel and the excited buzz in the dining room at the tea afterwards!

Since my last annual report, the Episcopal Area Chaplains and I have been looking at ways to encourage local groups to nominate members for their servant communities. who will work to plan ultreyas, etc. This is particularly vital in the Wakefield EA as some momentum seems to have been lost through the period of transition. This is ongoing but I see it not

as discouraging but instead, the encouraging signs of an (almost) new mission field in which there is great work to be done, with the prospect for great growth as a result. If I could please take this chance to call on all cursillistas, wherever you are in the Diocese, to prayerfully consider how you can serve Cursillo (and therefore the Church) in a more productive way. If we all pull together and work with the Holy Spirit, I am confident that great things can be achieved, with the added bonus of enabling the senior staff in the Diocese to see just how amazing the Cursillo method is for enabling growth and discipleship. To misquote a certain oft-used phrase, it's not just about 'talking the talk', we must 'walk the walk' too!

As with any living organism, there, naturally, must be change, which, if used correctly, will bring about growth. I reported last year that the Wakefield EA Chaplain role had become vacant and, for a while, Revd Canon Barbara Clarke took up the mantle and did a sterling job. However, with the retirement of Revd Anne Young as Huddersfield EA Chaplain in April, I invited Barbara to 'move sideways' as it were and represent the area she resides in. Barbara does so in the knowledge that Huddersfield, thanks to Anne's vision, energy and enthusiasm, is showing great signs of life and new growth, with a strong servant community to undergird activities there. Enormous thanks go to Anne for her unswerving dedication to regeneration there and I'm sure that you join me in wishing her well and praying for a long, happy and rewarding retirement.

That, of course, leaves Wakefield vacant again and I am currently in the process of appointing a successor for Barbara. I continue to cover the Leeds and, wider, Diocesan area, in the knowledge that Revd Marion Gaskell is an experienced and sagacious steward of the Bradford EA. She too, however, is due to retire this coming year and so my thoughts and prayers are focused on a successor for her role. Revd Wilf Gowing kindly accepted my invitation to be Ripon EA Chaplain for the past year but now retires to pursue other interests and callings. I offer my appreciation to him for employing his previous experience as a Diocesan Spiritual Director to guide Cursillo in the right direction and for being an astute and steadying influence in the northern part of our large Diocese. Our prayers, thanks and good wishes go with him as he steps out into a new horizon. I am delighted to be able to announce that the Revd Stewart Ridley (retired and living in Catterick) will be stepping into Wilf's shoes and look forward to seeing new growth, particularly in the Catterick area as a result.

As we look ahead, I will be calling on the EA Chaplains and Area reps to work together to facilitate some Days of Deeper Understanding. These have, sadly, been few in number whilst we concentrated on establishing a sense of normality after the transition and now that we have a better idea of how the land lies, I feel it is important to get back to reinforcing the teaching of Weekends and examining how we might better run the Weekends themselves and also servant communities. Please

keep a watchful eye on publicity for these and encourage other cursillistas to attend with you, if you can.

Finally, thanks from me to all of you who gossip about Cursillo so enthusiastically. I use that term 'gossip' deliberately, because our love of Cursillo and how it enables a closer journey with Christ must be something we feel as comfortable talking about as if we were chatting about the weather or the price of bread! Please, please, don't be secretive about what Cursillo is and does; shout it from the rooftops and let others be desperate to have what you have, always remembering to 'Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ.'

Blessings, in Christ,

Revd Mandy Rhodes

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ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2017

OVERVIEW

The results are very much in line with our forecast namely a continuing deficit resulting from costs exceeding our income. The main factor is the cost of Weekends. We have managed to reduce the total by £2100 by trimming staffing and other costs, but we are still losing £3427 per year.

Every effort is being made to increase the level of regular giving so that the cost of two Weekends every year may continue to be borne. Hopefully, our latest appeal for additional funding will be achieved and reduce the impact of any future losses on our reserves.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Regular donation increased year over year by £416 but this was offset by a decrease in cash donations of £414.

Administration Expenses increased by £691 against last year and reflected the printing of new leaflets and the cost of reprinting many leaflets and buying new banners to reflect the change in our Charity Name.

BALANCE SHEET

Although the Balance Sheet shows a reasonable position at this point in time, it is not in a good situation to meet our longer-term plans and requirement.

Wakefield and Leeds Area Banks have been closed, but our instruction to close was lost by the Yorkshire Bank at Ripon. It was subsequently closed after the 31st March 2017.

We have increased the Barclays Deposit account by transferring £6000 received from the Area Accounts and earned £39 in interest.

Prepaid expenses have risen to £5332 of which deposits of £5032 for all Weekends up to September 2018 were paid to Wydale Hall. The deposits paid to Wydale Hall are protected by the Diocese of York which owns this Conference Centre.

J. W. (Stan) Hill
Treasurer

LEEDS ANGLICAN CURSILLO
(PREVIOUSLY WEST YORKSHIRE AND THE DALES ANGLICAN CURSILLO)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT THE 31st MARCH 2017

2015/6		2016/7
£		£
	<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	
	None held as at 31st March 2017	
	<u>CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</u>	
2,893.10	Bank Current Accounts	2,142.20
3,188.00	WYAD: Barclays, Leeds	-
9,748.31	Bradford: Barclays, Bradford	1,412.21
	Ripon & Leeds: Yorkshire Bank	
	Leeds	
<u>376.46</u>	Wakefield: HSBC Wakefield	<u>-</u>
16,205.87		3,554.41
11,000.00	Barclays Deposit Account, Leeds	17,039.55
2,376.47	Debtors	3,620.60
2,993.00	Prepaid Expenses	5,332.00
- 150.00	Creditors	- 548.77
<u>32,425.34</u>	TOTAL	<u>28,997.79</u>
	<u>REPRESENTED BY RESERVES</u>	
£		
35,774.24	Opening Reserves as at 1st April	32,425.34
- 3,348.90	Less net deficit	- 3,427.55
<u>32,425.34</u>	Closing Reserves at 31st March	<u>28,997.79</u>
	Allocation of Reserves to meet the Charities Commission requirements:	
27,425.34	Designated Religious Training Reserve	23,997.79
<u>5,000.00</u>	Designated Administration Reserve	<u>5,000.00</u>
<u>32,425.34</u>		<u>28,997.79</u>

Signed
Lay Director

Signed
Treasurer

Date

Date

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PREVIOUSLY WEST YORKSHIRE AND THE DALES ANGLICAN CURSILLO
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2017

2015/6		Details	2016/7	
£	£		£	£
<u>INCOME</u>				
8,818.15		Regular Donations	9,234.54	
2,376.47		Gift Aid Refunds	2,220.98	
876.31		Cash Donations	463.10	
20.33		Interest	46.18	
-		Misc	22.00	
<u>12,091.26</u>		Total Income	<u>11,986.80</u>	
	12,091.26			11,986.80
<u>RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION COSTS</u>				
12,542.50		Weekends	10,768.60	
<u>525.00</u>		BACC CLW Courses	<u>175.00</u>	
	13,067.50			10,943.60
<u>ADMINISTRATION COSTS</u>				
934.00		BACC Subscription and Meeting Fees	681.25	
1,024.77		Mileage Charges	892.70	
575.26		Printing, Postage and Storage	1,286.10	
346.76		Trustees and Cursilliasta expenses	603.50	
283.99		Insurance	539.42	
238.37		Area Meetings	81.00	
50.00		Storage Costs	100.00	
150.00		Donation Paid	200.00	
<u>176.47</u>		Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>86.78</u>	
	3,779.62			4,470.75
	1,022.42	<u>COSTS IN SETTING UP NEW CURSILLO</u>		-
<u>17,869.54</u>		TOTAL COSTS	<u>15,414.35</u>	
-	5,778.28	DEFICIT	-	3,427.55
	2,429.38	LESS PRIOR YEAR ITEMS		-
<u>- 3,348.90</u>		<u>NET DEFICIT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/17</u>	<u>- 3,427.55</u>	

NOTE

The Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017 have been compiled on the Accruals basis which means that all unpaid bills for services rendered and goods received have been shown as Creditors. Monies definitely due to us and not yet received are shown as Debtors. Sums prepaid for services rendered and supplies due in the following year are shown as Prepaid Expenses in the Balance Sheet.