



Cursillo in the Diocese of London 2015-2016

Cursillo is a Christian movement, originating in Spain, which helps people to grow in faith through prayer, study and Christian action. It is organised at diocesan level under the guidance of the British Anglican Cursillo Council and in this diocese has the full approval and support of the Bishop of London.

People join the movement by attending a three-day residential weekend, which is staffed by lay people and clergy. A Cursillo weekend is not so much a spiritual retreat as an inspiring experience of being in a loving Christian community where every individual is cared for and appreciated. There is no fasting and little time for solitude but much opportunity for worship prayer and discussion. Since Cursillo was introduced in this diocese in 2000 more than 30 people from St Martin's have taken part and many hold key positions in the life of our church here in Ruislip.

Weekends have been held at the Royal Foundation of St. Katharine in Limehouse for more than ten years now but costs have been rising steeply and only one weekend could be afforded in 2015. This was in October and Fr. Ken Buckler and Philip Pye-Beraet were on the staff. The next weekend, in May 2016 will be the last at St. Katharine's as a new and more reasonably priced venue has been found. This is Felden Lodge in Boxmoor in Hertfordshire. It is a large house, with extensive grounds and good rail and road links to London. We believe it will be an ideal new home.

A special feature of Cursillo is the continuing support given *after* the weekend, when members meet in small groups to encourage one another on their spiritual journeys and in lives of active witness to Christ. These are open to anyone to join. In St. Martin's we also occasionally meet to worship together at the 7.15pm. Friday Mass, and stay afterwards to hold group meetings in church. Notice is given in the bulletin and we warmly welcome anyone who wishes to join us; just turn up.

If you want to find out more about Cursillo you can visit the website: www.londoncursillo.org.uk or talk to any member... Please speak to Fr. Simon if you are interested in attending.

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