



Leicester Anglican Cursillo – Newsletter March 2021

I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, to give you a future and a hope' [Jeremiah 29:11]. God can take events of the past and weave them so skilfully into a new plan for us that not only do we find there is a future for us after all, but it is as if there have been no wasted years.

Christ before me

He forever goes before us to prepare a place for us. He is on the road we tread. Wherever life is leading us, He has gone before. Perhaps we have no clue about what lies ahead; we know who is ahead of us, so the future is not quite unknown.

David Adam, The Edge of Glory

The outlook from my window this morning is one of sunshine and blue skies. The snowdrops are beginning to go over but already they are being replaced by daffodils and everywhere I look in the garden, or on a daily walk, I see promise of new life. Buds are emerging on the hawthorn hedge and great interest is being shown by blue tits in a new bird box. Easter beckons at the end of Lent, and change is in the air. Patience is still required; restrictions are still in place, but we still have hope. Our churches can look forward to re-opening from Easter onwards and we can plan for a time when we can cash in all those i.o.u's for long promised hugs.

A prayer for our times

So, as we seek to help build The Kingdom of God here on earth, please pray that justice, truth and compassion may be at the centre of all we do, and as we bring to mind the many trouble spots in the world, pray that there may be a softening of hearts such that justice and compassion may be central to all decision making, whether it be vaccine distribution or recognising human rights.

We also remember and pray for those who have died in the last year as we reach the anniversary of the first lockdown.

The Secretariat has not been able to meet face to face but has continued to meet “online” and I would like to provide you with an update.

News

For those who might not have heard, **LAC #48 due to take place at Launde Abbey from the 22nd – 25th April 2020 has been postponed until the 28th – 31st October 2021.**

Launde Abbey plans to re-open on 17th May 2021 subject to current government guidelines not being changed or delayed.

LAC#49 is due to take place from 19th -22nd May 2022

Please pray for the staff team who have now seen the weekend postponed twice, and be thinking and praying about who you might sponsor to attend these next two weekends.

Ultreyas by Zoom We continue to run Ultreyas by Zoom and it has been a delight to be able to connect with people who might have found it difficult to travel had we been meeting face to face. For that reason, I believe “Zoom” deserves to retain a presence in our outreach long after we are able to meet again in person.

Our Next Ultreyas will be held on:-

- **Tuesday 23rd March 2021 at 7-30pm** – To include reflection and prayers for the Covid Anniversary
- **Wednesday 26th May 2021 at 7-30pm**

National Cursillo Ultreyas

Dates have been announced for this year’s

National Ultreya.

Ultreya GB **2021** Saturday 4th September 2021 at Norwich Cathedral

Ultreya GB **2022** Saturday 3rd September 2022 at Southwark Cathedral

Website – The new website has arrived!

Back in July I announced that as our website was built with technology which is no longer supported, it was necessary to design a new website.



I am delighted to announce that the website www.leicestercursillo.org has been rebuilt and launched. Do let me know what you think, and how it might be further enhanced. I am particularly grateful to Warwick Hunt who constructed it for us.

Can you help?

If anyone would like to be more involved with the website and willing to maintain it and post up to date news items and content it would be good to hear from you. Please email adriantrotter.trustee@gmail.com with suggestions and ideas.

New Member joins Secretariat

At our last meeting we were delighted to welcome Carol Henson to the secretariat, Carol brings a wealth of knowledge and we were pleased to co-opt her for the remainder of this year.

Situations Vacant –

We have a vacancy on the Secretariat for a **Secretary**. Is this something you could help with or a role you might be willing to share with someone else?

If so we look forward to hearing from you.

BACCS Representative Following the recent death of our dear friend Derek Forster we have no longer have a representative attending the British Anglican Cursillo Council alongside the Lay Director. Is this something you could offer? Meetings are usually held three times a year including the National Ultreya

Can you help with delivering our forthcoming retreat? (See page 5). If you would like to be part of a small team delivering the programme or providing technical support to live stream some of the sessions, please get in touch with the Lay Director.

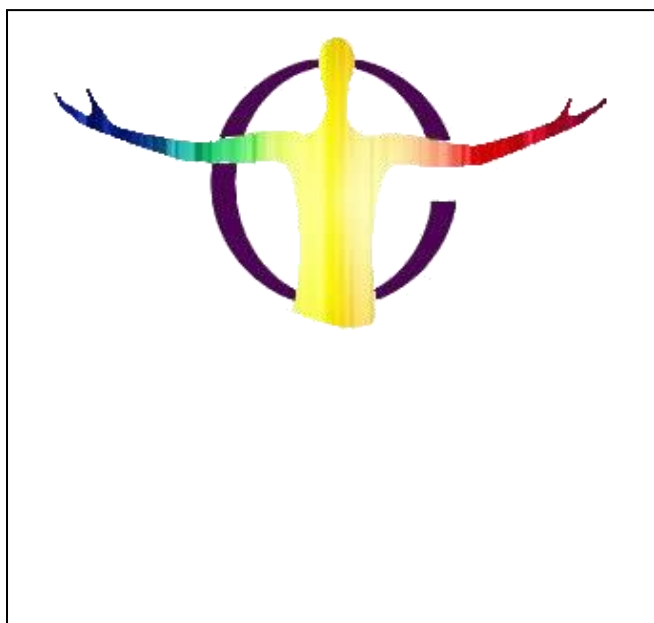
Leicester Anglican Cursillo Job Description for Secretary

The role of the Secretary is to provide administration support to the Lay Director and the Secretariat and to ensure that LAC records are always kept up to date

Duties include: -

- Attend Secretariat meetings and to take the minutes.
- Minutes to be circulated to members as soon as possible, usually by email or by post if required.
- Keep Secretariat members informed of any developments between meetings.
- Correspondence and amending/creating of any documents as and when required, resulting from a Secretariat meeting or request from the Lay Director.
- Ensure that records of Secretariat members are kept up to date, confidential and when appropriate deleted/destroyed in accordance with the GDPR policy.
- The Charity Commission is kept up to date with Secretariat Members (Trustees) and the annual report is completed. Ensure that Trustee Forms are completed by members and filed appropriately. Any amendments to the Constitution should also be uploaded to the Charity Commission.
- BACC are kept up to date with change of officers of LAC.
- Write to the Bishop prior to the weekends requesting him to send greetings to participants.
- Any other administration tasks, as and when required.

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Topics to be thinking about

At our last secretariat meeting we were keen to explore “**How Cursillo can be made more accessible**” What are the barriers we need to overcome – is it finance, is it the time commitment, is it the format? Roger Dunster and Kath Devonport have agreed to form a small task group working with the Lay Director and the Spiritual Directors to research how we can make Cursillo more accessible. We would love to have your ideas and extend an invitation to any

member of the 4th Day Community who would like to become part of that group. Do contact any member of the secretariat if you would be willing to help.

EXCITING NEWS

Leicester Anglican Cursillo are hosting for the first time a Retreat aimed at the 4th Day Community. To be held at Launde Abbey from the

1st -3rd June, 2021

The Programme will be based around

Prayer, Study & Action

Numbers are limited as Social Distancing Measures will still apply, so we only have a limited number of places. We have booked 20 Residential Places at Launde Abbey from Tuesday 1st June until Thursday 3rd June 2021.

In order to make this programme available to as many people as possible each Day's programme will be independent and will be available to at least 10 Day Visitors in addition to the Residential Guests. Day visitors could attend just a single day on one topic or book in for all three.

We would also like to be able to live stream some of the sessions so that they can be viewed on line that day or later a time to suit the viewer.

In this way we hope to deliver a programme which is accessible in a variety of ways. .

(N.B. the numbers are very much driven by the on-going need for social distancing and may vary if a number of couples wish to attend.)

Costs - Including VAT @ 5%

£240.45 per person. Residential stay - Tuesday morning coffee - Thursday afternoon Tea

£32.55 per day guest inc. Morning Coffee - Lunch - Afternoon Tea

The Booking Form and Programme will be released shortly but for now please save the date, and if you know you would like to attend please reserve a space by emailing adriantrotter.trustee@gmail.com .

Some Bursaries will also be available, to ensure that cost is not an obstacle to attendance.

Final Reflection

I'm always too busy. Friends have pointed out that when I'm not required to be busy, I add things to my life so that I become busy again. Unfortunately, this means I can be impatient with interruptions. The phone rings, someone wants to speak to me, and inwardly I feel irritated that I am being prevented from getting on with my work. Instead, perhaps, I need to recognise that this conversation is the work that God has for me right now.

#LiveLent reflections - Day 19: Allowing Interruptions

May the Lord bless us and keep us, May the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us, and give us peace. Amen

