



# Leicester Anglican Cursillo – Newsletter October 2020

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And now You're here –  
the light is shining where the darkness used to be –  
and all the world is a different place.....  
..... and every single day a fresh beginning.

From The Song of Simeon

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Our Church Buildings have started to re-open and it had been, and remains our hope that before too long, we will be able to meet face to face. The secretariat has been meeting "on line" and we are shortly to host our 4<sup>th</sup> Ultreya by Zoom, planning continues to go on in the background, but we are not going to be able to host our AGM as a "live" event so this too will be taking place by Zoom.

**Notice is hereby given of our Intention to hold an Annual General Meeting in respect of Leicester Anglican Cursillo on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7-30pm by Zoom. A Passcode and reports will be sent out by email in advance of the meeting.**

## A prayer for our times

*God of healing and hope, at this time of danger, we pray that by the power of your Holy Spirit, you may bring out the best and not the worst in us. Show us the ways in which we can share faith and love, while standing at a distance, and honour our connection with one another, and with you, through Jesus Christ our Saviour,*  
**Amen**

## News Update

**LAC #48 is now due to take place at Launde Abbey from the 22nd – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**LAC #49 is due to take place at Launde Abbey from the 28<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

**New Spiritual Advisor Appointed to LAC** I am delighted to announce the Revd. Noel Colley has been appointed by Bishop Martyn to serve as one of our three Spiritual Directors. Noel is well known to our Cursillo community and has previously served as a Spiritual Director on Cursillo weekends for LAC. Noel replaces the Revd. Dr Ed Bampton who will stand down at this year's AGM and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ed for his service to Cursillo in recent years.

**Ultreya by Zoom** At our first Ultreya by Zoom I was introduced to the following Chorus by Janet Harding, and I included the words in my last newsletter and I make no apology for including them again as in our rapidly changing world we need grounding more than ever in that "quiet centre" which the chorus speaks of so eloquently. Bishops Martyn and Guli have recently launched The Shaped by God Together Initiative, and I commend to you the Video Link on Youtube, if you have not seen it, and it will interesting to know how Cursillo might play its part.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urbmztLu3JA>

*Come and find the quiet centre  
In the crowded life we lead  
Find the room for hope to enter  
Find the frame where we are freed  
Clear the chaos and the clutter  
Clear our eyes that we can see  
All the things that really matter  
Be at peace and simply be*

*Silence is a friend who claims us  
Cools the heat and slows the pace  
God it is who speaks and names us  
Knows our being touches base  
Making space within our thinking  
Lifting shades to show the sun  
Raising courage when we're shrinking  
Finding scope for faith begun*

*In the Spirit let us travel  
Open to each other's pain  
Let our lives and fears unravel  
Celebrate the space we gain  
There's a place for deepest dreaming  
There's a time for heart to care  
In the Spirit's lively scheming  
There is always room to spare*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mpb\\_nHwex-A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mpb_nHwex-A)

Link to YouTube for Music & Video

## Ultreya by Zoom. To be held on

- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7-30pm  
Meeting ID: 776 4225 7563  
Passcode: DeColores



Technology is a wonderful thing, when it works – but as we all know, when it does not it can have a serious impact on the flow of our worship. Leading worship and being responsible for the technical aspects are tasks which are better shared. I was pleased to receive one offer of help after the appeal in my last newsletter but it would be good to build up a team to share the workload. If you would be willing to help with the technical hosting of these Ultreyas it would be good to hear from you. Contact [adriantrotter.trustee@gmail.com](mailto:adriantrotter.trustee@gmail.com)

**Please Note** the Cursillo Conference due to be held in November has been postponed until 2021

## **ANGLICAN CURSILLO NATIONAL CONFERENCE # 8**

### **WHO DO WE THINK WE ARE?**

***Where were we, where are we, and where are we going?***

***The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Alfreton, Derbyshire. DE55 1AU***

**but** the British Anglican Cursillo Council AGM will take place by Zoom on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

The next National Ultreya will be in Norwich in 2021

### **Website – Update !**

Thank you for your feedback following my article in the last newsletter. Our website was built with technology, which is no longer supported, and a new website has now been commissioned from the same party who built the York Cursillo website.

<https://www.yorkcursillo.org/>

Copy for the website is now being written but if you have photographs, which you would be happy to offer for inclusion on the website I would be grateful to hear from you. Please ensure that any photographs submitted have the permission of those people included in them to be added to our new website.

**AGM** At last Cursillo is now able to host its AGM for 2020 and this will be by Zoom on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Would you be willing to serve on the Secretariat, and in particular we have a vacancy for a Secretary. (Job Description below). A Nomination form has been included in this newsletter, and whilst normally we would ask for two signatures in support of any nomination, under current circumstances if this is not possible 2 emails would be acceptable confirming that support. **I would draw you attention to the need to return nomination forms by the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**



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### What does becoming a member of the Secretariat entail?

The Secretariat is the elected body of LAC members who accept the responsibility for making the decisions needed to ensure that the day to day organization of LAC runs smoothly. Nominees should be familiar with the constitution of LAC which is available on the website ([www.leicestercursillo.org](http://www.leicestercursillo.org)) The Lay-director chairs the meetings, usually 10 per year with our current work load, but as this eases we will be looking to reduce this frequency.

Secretariat members also form a link with the Fourth Day Community, (LAC members who carry out specific tasks on behalf of the Secretariat) to ensure that they have the training, information and resources they need to fulfill these roles effectively.

As LAC is also a registered Charity, members of the Secretariat are also responsible to the Charity Commissioners for the proper financial operation of the organization. In the main this simply means ensuring that the funds we raise are spent purely on achieving the objects of LAC, which is running weekends and providing an ongoing support network for those that have attended them. Our Treasurer prepares an annual budget and keeps us informed of how we are doing at each meeting.

LAC operates under license from the British Anglican Cursillo Council (BACC) this means that very occasionally we will receive information from them which we must respond to (we have a BACC representative who attends their meetings). With this in mind it is good for all the Secretariat members to do a Cursillo Leaders Workshop, should it be required the course fees can be paid for from LAC funds.

I have read the above and agree to allow my name to be put forward for election to the Secretariat for the coming year.

Signed.....

Date .....

(Revised September 2020)



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### NOMINATION FOR SECRETARIAT

At the next Annual General Meeting, some members of the present Secretariat will be standing down and some retiring; it is very desirable that we have a full and active Secretariat. Existing members who wish to continue to serve must be re-nominated and re-elected.

The LAC Constitution allows for 11 elected members.

If you wish to be nominated or re-nominated, please **complete this form and either email it to the Secretary at [secretary@leicestercursillo.org](mailto:secretary@leicestercursillo.org) or post to Julie Rock, 2 Harrington Road Shepshed, Leics. LE12 9PQ no later than 14 days before (ie 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020) the AGM which will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

Please note the outline responsibilities of Secretariat members printed overleaf.

Voting, if necessary, will take place at the AGM.

I WISH TO BE NOMINATED FOR THE SECRETARIAT:-

#### NOMINEE

ADDRESS

PARISH

SIGNATURE

#### PROPOSER

ADDRESS

SIGNATURE

#### SECONDER

ADDRESS

SIGNATURE

## 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.

Updated May 2020

**“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 location? Would you be willing to serve on a small working party to review how Cursillo might be made more accessible in every sense of the word? If so please speak to a member of the secretariat or Lay Director.



### Just a bit of fun!

and yes, I am sharing my holiday photographs with you.....

sometimes we just need something to lighten the spirit when all around us seems dark and gloomy. These colourful wellies offered for public enjoyment alongside a Scottish harbour made me smile, I just could not help it.....

What might we all do to make someone else smile today?