



# Leicester Anglican Cursillo – Newsletter November 2021

## Ultreya Reminder

This Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021 we are meeting at 11-00am at St Michael and All Angels at Fenny Drayton CV13 6BA. To be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. ***NB. Parking in Fenny Drayton is at a premium and so we have been asked to car share as much as possible.***

The first Ultreya of 2022 will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Full details have yet to be confirmed, but please put the date in your diary.

Extract taken from Celtic Daily Prayer Aidan Reading 16<sup>th</sup> November

God desires us to look with an open face and say, 'Here I am, and I am here for you'. The Hebrew word for this is 'Hineni' – and there are familiar stories of people responding to God in this way. 'Hineni' – means 'I am ready, Lord; I'll go if You send me; I'm listening, Lord, tell me what You would have me know.'

*'Abraham!'*

*'Hineni,' he replied.*

*'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there.'*

*'Hineni?'*

*'The fire and the wood are here, where is the lamb for the sacrifice?'*

*God called Moses from the bush that was burning, 'Moses! Moses!'*

*And Moses said 'Hineni.'*

*A voice called in the night. The child Samuel gave answer: 'Hineni – what do You want?'*

*'Whom shall I send, and who will go for Me?' said the voice from the midst of the throne.*

*And Isaiah responded, 'Hineni'*

*Lord God, help us to be willing and available, open to your call, to say,*

*'Hineni, Adonai. Here I am'*

My prayer for you as we continue to emerge from our isolation and we find new ways to re-engage with the world, is that we can be alive to the moment, trusting in God to draw out our true potential, and ready to say 'Hineni,' as well as 'Ultreya!'. Know that you have been in my prayers.

## Adrian – Lay Director

### News

The Secretariat has continued to meet “online”, and I would like to provide you with an update of recent events.

#### **LAC#48**

##### **It finally happened!**

Postponed not just once but twice, LAC#48 finally took place at Launde Abbey at the end of last month. We were delighted that Bishop Martyn took time to join us for the closing service (The Clausura) on Sunday afternoon, where he was able to hear first-hand the testimonies of those who attended the weekend. My thanks to the staff team, who under Janet Harding’s leadership made the weekend happen.

##### **Shepshed hosts BACC Meeting**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November saw St Botolph’s church in Shepshed host the British Anglican Cursillo Council for its November meeting. Lay Directors from England, Scotland and Wales joined other BACC representatives and members of the BACC standing Committee for a very informative days business, prayer and worship. A particular thank you Cursillistas from Shepshed who organised Tea, Coffee and lunch for our visitors.

Please check the website for the latest edition of the BACC pages.

Bookings are now being taken.

##### **LAC#49 is due to take place from 19<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**

Please pray for the Lay Director Viv Froggatt as she builds her staff team and be thinking and praying about who you might sponsor to attend the next weekend.

##### **National Cursillo Ultreya**

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

**Secretariat update** Since our last meeting Laura Bolton has stepped down from the secretariat and I would just like to thank her for all her input in recent months which has been much appreciated.

### **Secretariat Away Day**

The Secretariat are having an Away Day in January to discuss 'Building the Servant Community'. Given our desire to make Cursillo more accessible, the secretariat wish to look at ways of improving communication in all its forms, and to make Cursillo better known as a resource for the wider diocese. BACC recommend that each diocese looks at the development of a Servant Community who might take on individual aspects of organisation and communication. This might be weekend preparation, post weekend events such as days of deeper understanding, and also a group to look at all aspects of communication.

### **Group Reunion** - An on-line option by Zoom

Mentioned at the last Ultreya we are looking to put in place an on-line option for Group Reunion for those with access to Zoom who are currently struggling to meet in person. If this is of interest, please email expressions of interest together with your details to [laydirector@leicestercursillo.org](mailto:laydirector@leicestercursillo.org)

**Wanted Storage Angels** Could you store some Cursillo Boxes? Betsy Mountford is no longer able to house Cursillo stores – our thanks to Betsy for providing this service for many years – but could you offer to take her place? Please email [laydirector@leicestercursillo.org](mailto:laydirector@leicestercursillo.org) if you can help.

**R.I.P** It was with sadness that we were advised of the death of Pat Davenport who made her Cursillo on Leicester#16. Pat had reached the age of 95 and her funeral is on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

*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*

