

Leicester Anglican Cursillo

Registered Charity No 1037619

Dear Cursillistas,

Greetings from myself and on behalf of Secretariat, as Autumn begins to set in, there is more news from Cursillo, which I would like you to prayerfully consider and encourage you to act generously. There will be more information further down this e-mail Newsletter. Also, two attached documents.

Prayers please for the Launde Weekend in November, Thursday 23rd to Sunday 26th -with Jay Jones being our Lay Rector, for the staff, participants and all those involved.

We have participant names for Palanca now

Simon, Barbara, Brenda, David J, Trish, Melanie, David W, Christine, Bob, Penny, Helen, Lesley, Peter, Mark, Ewan, and Aoife

Just a note & reminder that palanca is prayer and therefore no large items to be included. Just small gifts (like bookmarks) and typed/written prayers are excellent, and as we all know, wonderful to receive.

If you would like to also send one piece of Palanca to staff, these are the names of those staffing

Jay Jones, Collette Webster-Jones, Kathryn Devonport, Marjorie Race, David Spencer, Gillian Smith, Matilde De Sousa, Joanna Fyson, Joy Allman, Janet Harding, Katheryn Lewis, Sheila Langley, Kathie Lazelle, Matthew Smith, Pam Knowles, Gaynor Smith, Dawn Daly, Rev Clive Watts, Rev Bidy Saunders

The Clausura will be in the Chapel at 3-00pm, seating is limited to a maximum of 85

This month's Ultreya at St James, Newbold Verdon was well attended, with good fellowship and hospitality from Roger Dunster, Janine and fellow communicants. A wonderful response to the Seed Pot too, thank you to all those who attended.

May I encourage you to join us in our Winter Ultreya at Holy Trinity Barrow-on-Soar Wednesday 6th December at 7.30pm.

Are you willing to host an Ultreya? If you would like to host an Ultreya please contact Joy Allman or the Lay Director.

The National Ultreya was on Saturday 2nd September at Rochester Cathedral, where there was great hospitality by joint Canterbury and Rochester Cursillisatas. The weather was beautiful and it made for a wonderful parade of banners, flanked either side with people out enjoying the weather and the pedestrianized High Street.

Yorkshire National Ultreya – combining York, Leeds and Sheffield Anglican Cursillos- is on Saturday 7th September 2024, and it will be held at Sheffield Cathedral.

There is so much going on in LAC, I should like to encourage anyone with skills or gifts that they may want to offer, to get in touch with myself, a member of secretariat, or either

Joy Allman for Fourth Day jallman1@sky.com

Richard Rock (weekend offers of help) richard.rock@gmail.com

or Jan Harding for redirection to areas that need help, we are a big organization!

The new Secretariat comprises of our secretary, Julia Mann

Joy Allman, Rosemary Meredith, Kay Hannah, Madeleine Wang, Laura Bolton, Richard Tabberer as treasurer, Richard Tabberer has also temporarily stepped in as our BACC rep, as Jacqui Johnson had to step down. SD Rev Elaine Wykes, SD Rev Biddy Saunders and myself Carole Henson, Lay Director.

We have a Facebook page, Leicester Anglican Cursillo, for cursillistas only, so if you are on Facebook, please do have a look.

Adrian Trotter is continuing with running our Website for LAC.

leicestercursillo.org

Adrian is National Cursillo Workshop Convenor

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On-line Group Reunions are also run by Adrian.

Dear fellow Cursillistas

Funding and the Future of Leicester Anglican Cursillo

It is with great regret that the Secretariat has decided to indefinitely postpone LAC weekend #52, scheduled for August 15th-18th 2024. (Please note that weekend #51 **will** go ahead this November as planned.)

The reason for postponing LAC #52 is that we do not have the confidence that we will have sufficient money in the bank to be able to pay for the venue when the time comes.

- Once our November weekend is paid for, we will have between £2000 and £4000 in the bank, the exact figure depending on the voluntary contributions from staff and participants.
- Our annual income (excluding donations to weekends) is about £5000.
- Our annual cost (excluding weekends) is about £1000
- So in the *absence* of weekends, LAC makes a surplus of about £4000 a year
- BUT, a three day weekend at Launde now costs £15000. So in future, unless our financial position changes significantly for the better, we will not be able to hold a weekend more than once every 3 – 4 years.

The Secretariat is exploring ways for reducing the cost of future weekends, eg by making them Fri - Sun rather than Thu – Sun or by finding a cheaper venue than Launde, such as Swanwick or a city centre hotel. However, realistically, even if we find a much less expensive venue, we are unlikely to be able to hold more than one weekend every two years, unless we significant increase our income.

We are therefore asking you to consider making or increasing your donation to LAC

There are currently 300 members of LAC: if only 150 of us would give £2 a week (£100 a year), then we would be able to fund an annual weekend.

Note that currently, nearly all of our income comes from about 35 members

A Standing Order form is attached to this email, this can be completed and sent to your bank or, alternatively, if you bank online, you can set up a Standing Order using the LAC bank details in the form. Either way, can you also drop an email or note to the LAC Treasurer, Richard Tabberer (see below)

If you are a UK taxpayer and can Gift Aid then so much the better; a Gift Aid form is also attached. This should be completed and posted to Richard Tabberer

Alternatively, **one-off donations** can be sent by cheque (made payable to Leicester Anglican Cursillo) to LAC's Treasurer, Richard Tabberer, at the address below

Cash donations can continue be made at our ultreyas.

Please prayerfully consider this letter and its importance.

Yours in Christ

Secretariat

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As you will have read above, Leicester Anglican Cursillo is in a time of readjustment. But with all good hope, in time, this situation can be turned around and we can resume, maybe not quite as before, but I am sure we will all endeavour, to support this growing ministry in Leicestershire, whatever way we can. We will continue in every other way, Group Reunions, Ultreyas, Secretariat, being involved with BACC, Caminos, to name some, but Weekends will be on hold, until we can replenish our finances sufficiently, as explained by Richard Tabberer, our Treasurer. Let me just add some words of encouragement,

For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

Ephesians 4, 4

Love & prayers **Carole Henson** Lay Director

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