



## Leicester Anglican Cursillo

### Report to, +Martyn, + Saju for 2023-2024

This report covers the period between the 2023 AGM and this year's AGM, which will be held at St. Peter's, Highfield on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7:00pm.

#### Spiritual Directors

The SD team remains largely the same, comprising Revd Biddy Saunders and Revd Elaine Wykes, with input from Revd Alison Iliffe and Revd Cynthia Thomson, which has been greatly appreciated.

#### Secretariat

Carole Henson stepped fully into the role of Lay Director at the 2023 AGM and has been an exceptional force for good, driving the LAC movement forward and encouraging the team. LAC would like to extend its grateful thanks to those who have worked so hard in the past year to continue this thriving and dedicated movement, in particular Julia Mann, who sets down as Secretary after three years of dedicated service. LAC is an excellent asset to the Leicester diocese in supporting and encouraging growing vocations to both lay and ordained ministry. LAC#51's Lay Rector Jay Jones was recently licensed in lay ministry in the diocese and we look forward to meeting new Cursillistas and encouraging them in their sense of calling to ministry

#### Cursillo Weekends

LAC #52 is due to take place in August 2024. A staff team has been assembled and Dawn Daly will host the weekend as Lay Rector, and Rosemary Meredith is Lay Rector for LAC #53.

Lay Rector Dawn recently held a 'Meet and Greet' evening with refreshments, where the staff team met and got to know one another, ahead of the weekend in August.

Archdeacon Claire has kindly agreed to attend the Clausura event at the end of LAC#52, and we look forward to sharing that part of the weekend with her.

Secretariat has been looking at alternative venues to Launde Abbey, from a cost saving perspective; to this end, a small team has been assembled with a view to contacting and visiting several suitable venues. An away day has been organised for early July to visit one of the venues.

## Finance

The financial position of Leicester Anglican Cursillo as at 31\* March 2024 is satisfactory. During 2023, there was concern that the Cursillo planned for August 2024 would have to be cancelled or postponed owing to insufficient funds. Fortunately, the generous response of Cursillistas to an appeal means that LAC is able to fund both Cursillo #52 in August 2024 and Cursillo #53 in 2025.

Secretariat extends its grateful thanks to Treasurer Richard Tabberer, for all his hard work keeping on top of the ever moving LAC finances.

## What next?

We look forward to the next two LAC weekends, which are now fully funded, and continue to promote the movement within the diocese and further afield.

We are continually grateful for the support of the Diocese, as we become as fully embedded in the life of the diocese as possible, but there is always more work to be done, and willing pilgrims are always needed!

Leicester Anglican Cursillo would like to give thanks for the support of its Bishops, and our Archdeacons and we look forward to continuing our walk together on the path of faith.

The Revd Elaine Wykes on behalf of the Leicester Anglican Cursillo Spiritual Directors.

