



Leicester Anglican Cursillo

Report to, +Martyn, + Saju for 2022-2023

This report covers the period between our last AGM and this year's AGM, which will be held at Holy Trinity church, Barrow on Soar, on Tuesday 13th June 2023 at 7:30pm.

Spiritual Directors

The SD team remains largely the same, comprising Revd Clive Watts, Revd Biddy Saunders and Revd Elaine Wykes, with Revd Clive due to step down at the end of this year, having completed his term with an additional year offered in order to build an effective SD team. Leicester Anglican Cursillo would like to extend its grateful thanks to Clive for all the hard work he has put into LAC as a Spiritual Director and feel confident that the team Clive has built will continue to thrive. Conversations are in progress to maintain a viable and fully staffed SD team.

Secretariat

There will be some movement within the Secretariat as our current Lay Director, Adrian Trotter will soon step down. Several offers were made and received, that the position of LD might be run as a 'job share' by several people, but Carole Henson has kindly agreed to step fully into this role and offers of support have been made by Joy Allman, Janet Harding and Richard Rock as and when needed, and these offers are very gratefully received. LAC would like to extend its grateful thanks also to Adrian, who has been a most inspiring Lay Director, leading the way for what is hoped to be a successful and thriving LAC for the future.

Cursillo Weekends

Having successfully completed the shorter version of a Cursillo weekend in LAC#50, led by Richard Rock as Lay Director, and observed by Jay Jones as prospective Lay director for LAC #51, the feedback was encouraging, but also offered some space for movement for future weekends:

- Of concern was the apparent lack of time for pilgrims to “settle in”, and the absence of those “God Given moments” when chance conversations can take place in the “free time”.
- In the shorter time how well did table leaders really get to know their groups?
- Eating together as a table might be beneficial, and adjustments to the shorter programme could also be made in the light of experience.
- It was recognised that the pilgrims had all come away positive about the weekend, and that the concise weekend had delivered what was required.
- A number of pilgrims had attended because of the shorter format and would not have done so had the weekend run from Thursday to Sunday.

LAC #51 is due to take place in November. A staff team has been assembled and Jay Jones will be Lay Director, with Dawn Daly as observing Lay Rector for LAC #52, and Rosemary Meredith for LAC #53.

Caminos

A selection of Caminos, gatherings of Cursillistas from the Fourth Day Community (those who have completed a Cursillo) have been arranged for over the Summer, in varying locations, with a view to ‘advertising’ Cursillo for potential pilgrims, who may be interested in joining a Cursillo weekend. These will take place on the below dates:

Saturday 1st July 2023 St Thomas a Beckett, Tugby 2-4pm

Saturday 8th July 2023 St Peter, Leire at 3pm

Saturday 15th July 2023 St Botolph, Shepshed at 2pm

Saturday 22nd July 2023 All Saints, Pickwell at 2pm

Saturday 29th July 2023 St Mary’s, Hinckley at 2pm

Saturday 5th August 2023 St Peter & St Paul, Great Bowden at 3pm

These will be publicised on our website, Diomail, Facebook, posters and by personal approach. It is hoped we could find a way of reaching past Cursillistas who are not so active now.

Finance

LAC finance has been fully funded to date, and future weekends are confirmed with deposits ahead of final amounts paid. However, the cost of funding a weekend has increased and the cost of funding two weekends in 2023 will deplete our reserves so LAC is to look at other potential options of accommodation, with a view to maintaining its finances. All required insurances are in place and paid in full.

What next?

We have a full summer of Caminos to look forward to, which will hopefully lead to continued interest in both pilgrim attendance and staffing commitments. The next 2 LAC's are in progress and we are fully staffed both on weekends and in Secretariat officers.

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 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.