

Lay Director's Report

The major event of our year was hosting Lac #51 in November 2023 led by Jay Jones which took the form of a three day weekend held from Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon.

The Clausura was held in the Launde chapel in the presence of Cursillistas from Leicester Cursillo #1 to #50 and it was also good to welcome the Bishop of Loughborough Saju Varghese Muthalaly.

Many thanks to Jay Jones and his team for leading Lac#51.

Congratulations too to Jay on becoming a Pioneer Minister for the Barrow and Wolds Benefice, recently on 18th May. Also to Barbara Guntrip and Alistair Mickletwaite licensed as Associate Ministers.

Ultreyas have taken place in Newbold Verdon, Barrow-upon-Soar, Kibworth, Loughborough, and Earl Shilton,

Also a Study Day or Day of Deeper Understanding kindly hosted by Coventry Diocese in January this year. An idea going forward is for the Midlands group of Cursillos to joint host the next DDU and volunteers to help with the organization would enable this to happen. Please have a word with a member of secretariat, if you feel you could help/organize this.

It has been a real joy to continue to welcome new Cusillistas to our 4th Day Community.

The National Ultreya, took place on Saturday 7th September 2023 at Rochester Cathedral with a walk of witness along the high street to the Cathedral. I was delighted to attend and to carry the Leicester Banner in the procession. A few other Leicester cursillistas also attended the National.

I have also attended the recent British Anglican Cursillo Council held in Derbyshire alongside Richard Tabberer and Adrian Trotter. There were about 60 cursillista delegates and we had a very enjoyable, productive and blessed time. There was plenty of time for worship, brainstorming and meeting with other dioceses to share ideas, to bring back to our own diocese.

Our secretariat, continue to have conversations around making Cursillo more widely accessible,

The required content of 15 talks and 5 meditations remain, but the two day weekend, Lac#52 will commence on Friday late afternoon 16th August, rather than a Thursday evening. The secretariat view the concise form of weekend as a success, but it is only one of the options open to us, and we believe the longer weekend still has its place notwithstanding the fact that the cost has increased considerably.

And thanks to a successful funding campaign at the end of last year, we have raised enough money to be able to have the planned week-end for this year.

Lac #52 in August will be held from Friday 16th August until Sunday 18th August 2024 and is being led by Dawn Daly and her Team. Participant numbers are increasing steadily and it would be wonderful to have 16 Participant pilgrims. Booking forms are available on our website, Leicester Anglican Cursillo. Please prayerfully consider being a Sponsor companion.

We now have a vacancy for secretary, as Julia Mann has stepped down now after serving for three years. So we will be looking for a new secretary, and anyone interested in the role, please speak to me afterwards or e-mail.

Richard Tabberer has kindly stepped in to take the minutes for this AGM.

I'd also like to thank our comms team, Peter Crowe and Margaret Powell. Our data base is constantly being updated, and if you have changed any of your contact details, please e-mail Margaret Powell to update.

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Shortly after the AGM we will have our Ultreya, with Group Reunion, and then refreshments.

I ask you to join with me in prayer as we remember and give thanks with gratitude for those in the fourth day community who have died this year, and we pray that as a servant community all those of us who remain members of the 4th Day community may step out with confidence in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Ultreya!