



Leicester Anglican Cursillo – Newsletter January 2025

A reflection

Adapted from the Rule of The Community of the Transfiguration

Cursillo can only be undertaken in faith. It must never become the means of our self-justification either corporate or individual. It is an aid to faith in God our Father and to the service of our neighbour. It must never take the place of either lest we receive the Grace of God in vain.

To God alone be the glory.

LAC#53 is due to take place from 3rd -5th October 2025

Please pray for Rosemary and the staff team and be thinking and praying about who you might encourage and support to attend this weekend as a few spaces are still available.

British Anglican Cursillo have introduced the word Companion to replace sponsor, as the meaning of the role has developed,

Objectives:

Companions are cursillistas who:

- want to empower and equip Christians to be effective witnesses for Christ

Wednesday -18th June

7PM

2025

Leicester Anglican Cursillo

AGM & Ultreya

St. Wilfrid's Church

Kibworth

LE8 0NB

All Welcome

Day of Deeper Understanding

Saturday 1st February 2025

10-00am until 4-00pm

**St Margarets Church, Wolston,
Coventry CV23 9EG**

Details from

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- have completed a weekend and are active in the fourth day
- are willing to support and encourage their participant at every stage of their journey

If you are thinking of becoming a sponsor/companion some guidance notes are detailed below:-

General Responsibilities of Companion / Sponsors

A. - Pre-Cursillo

- Assure participants that they may ask anything they want to know about the weekend. Give them truthful answers and a chance to read the information leaflets for themselves. There are no secrets on Cursillo.
- Continue to pray for the participant
- Seek the agreement of their parish priest or clergy team member. Assist, as necessary, with completing the application form.
- Ensure the participant has everything required for the weekend, including necessary medication etc., that they have details of the venue and the means to get there. Sponsors can offer to drive them there or make other arrangements as necessary.

B. During the weekend

- Pray continually for the participant and send Palanca - remembering that, first and foremost, Palanca is prayer.
- It is essential that the sponsor attends the Closing Service of the 3-Day weekend to provide the link between the participant and the fourth day community.

C. After the weekend

- Contact the participant soon after the weekend assuring them of your continued prayer and concern. Listen to their experience!
- Consider sending a simple piece of Palanca in the week afterwards.
- Ensure the participant is introduced into a Group Reunion
- Offer to share transport to their first Ultreya after the Cursillo Weekend, making sure they are familiar with the format.
- Continue to support the participant. Sponsorship is a very special ministry. sensitively applied, it is the key to a strong and active Fourth Day, which in turn is essential for the healthy development of an active Cursillo Movement.

National – British Anglican Cursillo Council

National AGM

St Nicholas, Little Bowden, Market Harborough, Leicestershire 10th May 2025

Ultreya GB 2025 is to be held in Durham on Saturday 6th September 2025 at Durham Cathedral

The national AGM is going to be held in Leicestershire in May 2025, but What is BACC? British Anglican Cursillo Council

All dioceses using the Cursillo Method must be affiliated to BACC to enable them to use the Cursillo Method which is subject to copyright. To operate Cursillo in the Leicester Diocese we have to be affiliated to the British Anglican Cursillo Council and have to have permission from our bishop, and to actively run Cursillo events.

British Anglican Cursillo Council – has the following aims:-

1. To encourage and support new and existing Cursillo Dioceses
2. To ensure there is consistency in the use of the Cursillo method
3. To promote Cursillo nationally

BACC produce and update all the guidelines and manuals, they aim to promote consistency of Cursillo across the UK, ensuring it fulfils its aims and the founders' vision. BACC organises Cursillo Leaders Workshops (CLW) as part of that aim, and the current CLW convenor is Adrian Trotter.

The President, National Spiritual Director, and all the standing committee, are there to help. Diocesan Lay Directors and Spiritual Directors should have their contact details, or the information is available on the BACC website <https://anglicancursillo.uk>

We also have area and regional Reps, who are there to help too. Jay Jones is our local Rep.

Structure

The Officers are elected by affiliated dioceses: The current officers are:-

- President Helen Taubman
- National Spiritual Director (Vice president – ordained) Rev Sharon Guest
- Secretary Paddy Gascoigne
- Treasurer Beth Gascoigne

There are two **council meetings** a year; each diocese can send three representatives.

- Diocesan Lay director
- Diocesan spiritual director
- Diocesan BACC representative

Standing committee – carries out the work of the council.

- Area Reps, currently 9, from the affiliated dioceses which are regionally organised; they are nominated and elected by the dioceses they represent

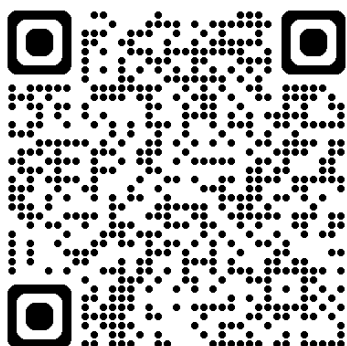
- BACC officers
- CLW convenor
- Co-opted members e.g. those who look after resources, the website master, registrar, and publicity

The **President and NSD** will come to support the dioceses in things like DDU, clergy taster days, gifting Clausura, Ultreyas etc.

The **Area Reps** are keen to be invited to your diocesan events, Clausura, Ultreya, to attend secretariat occasionally and to generally support the dioceses in their work. They may also encourage and facilitate some regional events which will include those from neighbouring dioceses.

BACC is there to help, and you are more than welcome to join Cursillistas from across the country when they host their National AGM, this year in Little Bowden.

Below is a QR Code link to BACC Resources



Group Reunion by Zoom

For those looking to join in Group Reunion on a regular basis, the option to join a group on Zoom has now been running for over a year. Meeting on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 9-30am for 45 minutes this group has managed to maintain its momentum and is appreciated by those who attend. Open to all. The link is shown below. The next meeting being Saturday 15th February 2025.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84950203557?pwd=RVFuQnRQRThvMnhNdC9TS1B3bW1MUT09>

Meeting ID: 849 5020 3557

Passcode: 153694

