

Report to LAC AGM Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025 7pm at St Wilfrid's LE8 0NB

Hello, from your Lay Director, this is my second AGM, in this voluntary role.

I Should just like to say a huge thank-you to all the members of secretariat, both new and old.

Leicester Anglican Cursillo is such a privilege to serve, there's all you wonderful cursillistas for starters, the ultreyas, meetings, week-ends, palanca, food (obviously!) and much, much more.

As charity organizations go, there is the usual ups and downs, but to be able to share Jesus and his teachings, which result in people going on to many ministries, is quite humbling and joyous.

Let me try to sum up all that we have achieved since our last AGM, which was wonderfully hosted at a new venue, in the heart of Leicester, St Peter's Highfields. Today, as you will be aware we are well provided for by Anne Flower and her team, at St Wilfrid's Kibworth.

May I add a big thank-you for Richard Tabberer, our Treasurer and Peter Hayes for preparing and officially accepting our accounts.

Thank-you to the wider Cursillo community for digging in their pockets, during a time of need, resulting in Leicester hosting another amazing week-end at Launde Abbey, with Dawn Daly as a most admirable Lay Rector, in August last year. Observed and gophered for by the admirable Rosemary Meredith, who is Lay Rector Designate for Lac#53 (having squeezed in a daughter's wedding during the preparation time). The week-end this October runs from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

The **New News** is that a holding deposit has been paid to Launde for Lac#54 (October 2026) which will be a three night stay. Michelle Nelson will be able to continue doing her admirable bit for Cursillo, after Observing and gophering for Rosemary this year.

The Very Reverend Karen Rooms, Dean of Leicester Cathedral, has agreed to preside at Lac#53 clausura.

We also have two willing future Lay Rectors, and I will try to not get too far ahead of myself, as Lac#53 will be my last official oversee as Lay Director. I am actively hoping and praying for my Observing Lay Director – or OLD person, when Observing Lay Director is abbreviated, so that shouldn't be too hard, as it is a once in a lifetime role of great blessings, growth and an honour, that I never thought would be mine for three years. But all good things come to an end, so if you have any thoughts or questions, please try to see me later, or e-mail, should you consider this role is one you are called to take. God works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform.

As you know, we have had a good amount of ultreyas, held all around the county, and even one at Claypole. Claypole, near Newark, which just about borders Leicestershire. Maybe because at least three nearby diocese were invited by Linda Tucker and our Mids BACC rep, Michelle Greenberry, invites were sent out, and this ultreya was something different! We had the usual ultreya, well attended by about 40 people, after some wonderful homemade soup with bread and hot and

cold drinks. Then after the ultreya, which three cursillistas lead, we had amazing cake with teas and coffees, before heading home.

Thanks largely to Richard Tabberer, as a secretary, we have got all things financial in order, our CCLI registration is up to date, as is our insurance. Thanks to a nudge from Jay – he only asked me to deliver Safeguarding Training to the week-end training day cursillistas, before he led Lac#51! But I did, and also thanks to Madeleine Wang as Safeguarding Officer, to be replaced by Julie Croysdale at this AGM, we have that box ticked too!

I really could go on and on (I feel an article coming on?) But I will just add now, that **before a five minutes comfort break**, we need to be commissioned as a secretariat for the forthcoming year by our Spiritual Director Rev Elaine Wykes, who will be standing down at this meeting as SD for Cursillo and Rev Biddy Saunders (who is on holiday tonight) will be continuing for another year. Anne Flower, Joy Allman, Rosemary Meredith, Laura Bolton, Richard Tabberer and Carole Henson all standing for another year, and Jay Jones (unable to attend).

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