

Leicester Anglican Cursillo

Report to, +Martyn, + Saju for 2024-2025

This report covers the period between the 2024 AGM and this year's AGM, which will be held at St. Winifrid's, Kibworth on Wednesday 18th June 2025 at 7:00pm.

Spiritual Directors

This year, the SD team was led by Reverend Elaine Wilkes, who is stepping down at this AGM, and Reverend Biddy Saunders. Reverend Biddy will continue in the role with support from Reverend Cynthia Thomson. Several ordained Ministers have been invited to join the team.

Secretariat

Carole Henson currently the Lay Director has demonstrated exceptional leadership with the challenges of keeping the team motivated and moving forward.

LAC would like to extend its grateful thanks to those who have continued to work hard in the past year to continue this thriving and dedicated movement. This movement is an excellent asset to the Leicester diocese in supporting and encouraging growing vocations to both lay and ordained ministry. We look forward to meeting new Cursillistas and encouraging them in their sense of calling to ministry.

Cursillo Weekends

LAC #53 is due to take place as a three-day weekend in October 2025. A preliminary staff team has been assembled, and Rosemary Meredith will host the weekend as Lay Rector, and Michelle Nelson is Lay Rector for LAC #54 which will take place in October 2026 as a four-day weekend.

Lay Rector Rosemary is planning a 'Meet and Greet' evening with refreshments, where the staff team meet and got to know one another, ahead of the weekend in October.

The Very Reverend Karen Rooms, Dean of Leicester Cathedral has kindly agreed to attend the Clausura event at the end of LAC#53, and we look forward to sharing that part of the weekend with her.

Having explored other venues, the Secretariat has once again secured Launde Abbey as it's first choice for the LAC weekends

Finance

The financial position of Leicester Anglican Cursillo as of 31st March 2025 is satisfactory. There has been some concern in previous years regarding the ability of LAC to fund the weekends. Happily, due to a general call to Cursillistas, LAC made a surplus in 2024-5. As a result, LAC is able to fund Cusillo #25 and possibly #26

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?

Leicester Anglican Cursillo would like to give thanks for the support of its Bishops and Archdeacons, and we look forward to continuing our walk together on the path of faith. We are continually grateful for the support of the Diocese as we strive to become as fully embedded in its life as possible. However, there is always more work to be done, and willing pilgrims are always needed!

We look forward to the next two LAC weekends, as we continue to promote the movement within the diocese and further afield.

The Revd Biddy Saunders on behalf of the Leicester Anglican Cursillo Spiritual Directors.