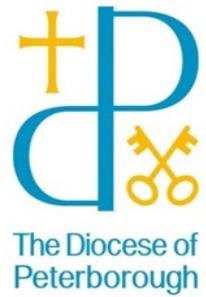




# The Peterborough Pilgrim



**Walking in the Light of God**

# Something from Cheryl

## *Dear Cursillistas*

I hope you have had an opportunity to stop and enjoy our wonderful countryside and the changes that have happened as we have passed through autumn, winter and head towards spring. We have been truly blessed with the wonders of creation.



Welcome to our ten new pilgrims from Peterborough #10. We had a wonderful uplifting weekend, and blessed with good weather which always makes the walking between the two buildings at Launde Abbey that much more pleasant. At the Clausura the Revd Dr Judy Craig Peck stood down as Diocesan Spiritual Director. She was presented with flowers and a gift certificate to be used at the Derngate Theatre. We thank her for all her encouragement and hard work to grow the Cursillo Movement in this Diocese. Judy will still be very involved in Cursillo, but at a national level in Cursillo Leaders Workshops as well as attending our Diocesan events. Bishop Donald who was leading our Clausura commissioned the Revd Canon Káren Jongman as our new Spiritual Director and we give her a warm welcome as she takes up this role.

I hope by now that the sponsors of all the pilgrims have managed to arrange membership to a Group Reunion for all of them. If you are having difficulties, please let me know so that I can help.

## Treasurer wanted!



I have been treasurer for over three years and continues in this role as no-one has come forward to relieve me, so I hold this position while also being Diocesan Lay Director. The treasurer role is not onerous; somewhere between 10 and 20 cheques are issued

each year with the majority of the activity associated with a Cursillo weekend. I manage all the record keeping in an Excel workbook. Detailed records need to be kept of monies on which Gift Aid can be claimed, and a claim made each year.

If this is a role you think you could take on, please contact me.

## Palanca Secretary wanted!

This is a desk based role and does not require attendance at Secretariat meetings. It became vacant earlier in the year when a Cursillista moved out of Diocese. If you like being creative on a computer this would be ideal for you. The role involves emailing Wall



Palanca for Diocesan weekends held across the country, details of which can be accessed via the BACC website. You would be the key contact to receive Wall Palanca for our weekends and we only have one of those a year. Another task is to co-ordinate the prayer vigil of our weekends. If well organised, it would require attention probably only once a month, unless it was a time leading up to our own Diocesan weekend.

Does this interest you?

## Supporting the work of Cursillo

One of the aims of our Cursillo is to fully sponsor every pilgrim and member of staff on a weekend. We can only do this if we have a source of income, and the only funds we have are raised by Cursillistas and claimed gift aid. At the moment we are able to sponsor all who attend a weekend 60% of the actual cost which is in excess of £250 and increasing each year. (Please note that we do fully fund pilgrims for whom making a contribution would preclude them attending and this will continue.) Our funds come from Cursillistas who give on a regular basis whether monthly or quarterly. The majority of contributions are £5 per month and any regular giving would be appreciated whether less or more than that amount. We are very grateful for those who are able to gift aid donations.

Is regular giving something you feel you could do? Forms are available at [www.peterborough-cursillo.btck.co.uk/Giving](http://www.peterborough-cursillo.btck.co.uk/Giving) .

## Day of Deeper Understanding

Leicester Diocesan Cursillo are holding a Day of Deeper Understanding to which Cursillistas from Coventry and Peterborough Dioceses are also invited. It will be held on Saturday 18 February 2017 at St Martins House, Leicester.

The purpose of the Day of Deeper Understanding is to counter the attitude that Cursillo is only a wonderful weekend experience and to emphasise how the gift of the Cursillo Method provides a structure for a lifetime experience of Christian love and service.

Ultreya!

*Cheryl*

# A Note from Canon Káren

On Sunday 16th October at the final service of a brilliant weekend ten new Cursillistas, members of the Serving Staff Team, sponsors and well wishers gathered to worship together, eat cake and receive a final blessing from Bishop Donald.



The Service marked not only the end of another memorable weekend for those attending, but it also allowed the Lay Rector Liz Medlock, who had inspired Pilgrims, staff, and visitors by her calm composure and almost constant smile to pass on the mantle to the incoming Lay Rector. In addition this year there was a further poignant moment the releasing of the position of Diocesan Spiritual Director, which the Rev Judy Craig Peck had managed so brilliantly for a number of years.

Bishop Donald then commissioned Edwina Miller as Lay Rector for the coming year and I was commissioned as Spiritual Director.

The title is awe inspiring and it is with a mixture of emotions that I am slowly beginning to appreciate all that Rev Judy managed to achieve during her ministry. I am sure we would all want to wish her every blessing in her new National Cursillo Role.

Over the next few months I hope we will begin to get to know each other. Some of you I know well and others only by name. I would like that to change and I hope you might invite me to attend one of your group reunions so that we might pray together and share insights and hopes for the future.

With this in mind I thought you might like to know something about me, and my Cursillo Journey. In 1998 during my first year of training for the ordained ministry I met Jane who spoke about her Cursillo journey. I was curious but only mildly interested, and yet although over the next three years Jane often spoke about Group Reunions and weekends away I just did not enquire further. In 2003 I met up with Jane, now both ordained, and she gave me an invitation to attend a Cursillo Weekend, Leicester #21. Jane sponsored and supported me completely, she was there at wakeup, the Sunday afternoon service, the Welcome Back Ultreya and helped me join a Group Reunion. She later told me she had been praying for me to ask more about the Cursillo movement, but felt that God was prompting her to take the initiative and invite me. She has continued to keep in touch, support and encourage me, even though she is no longer in the Leicester area. Like me she is involved in Cursillo in the Diocese she now serves.

One of the reasons for offering you this insight into my Cursillo journey is that I wanted you to understand how

important it has been for me to have a sponsor who continued, and still continues to support me. Sponsoring a Pilgrim is a major part of the Cursillo weekend. I appreciate that for many of you to get to Launde for 6.45am Wakeup and back again for a 3pm service on Sunday afternoon can be, and is, time consuming, let alone a deprivation of sleep. However, even though it is challenging, the rewards are immense. The joy of being with a group of sleepy, bewildered, and ecstatic pilgrims at Wakeup is a gift from God, and your presence is your gift to them. Of course it should not stop there, fourth day Palanca is the opportunity to visit your new Cursillista, group reunion and Welcome Back Ultreya are all opportunities to support them and strengthen friendships made.

Please take seriously being a sponsor, don't let any of what I have suggested diminish your desire to sponsor someone you may have been encouraging for years to attend, perhaps they just need that extra nudge. God's timing is perfect: perhaps this is the time to sponsor someone!

Next year's weekend is in September 2017. Start praying now who you might invite.

Blessings and Ultreya!!

*Karen*

## Reflections of the CLW

*'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you'. Matthew 28: 19-20.*

Having become a part of the Secretariat as the 4th Day representative, I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to; learn more about the Cursillo Anglican movement, to

understand the role that I have and to share with Cursillitas from around the country the way we should do things (according to License and Constitution) by attending the Cursillo Leaders Workshop (CWL) held at Shallowford House from the 30th September to 2nd October 2016. The programme of short presentations and the discussions highlighted for me how we handled Ultreya, The Servant Community, Sponsorship and the Third Day week-end.



It suddenly occurred to me that the significant phrase that explains why I have a passion for Cursillo is 'To change the world for Christ through bringing love'.

In my role it was important for me to understand that the 4th Day is at the heart of the Church and not an alternative to the Church. It is a gift to the Church. The passion and the restlessness that was experienced during the weekend should be a powerhouse to encourage others. It is important that we share the Grace of God, at the same time make it clear we are not teaching a new doctrine. We encourage those who are already Christians to step nearer to being Apostles.

It was truly rewarding to share the teaching with people who came from around the country. The discussion time was designed to have different people in the group. I was interested to hear how the different Dioceses do things. It was reassuring that during the teaching to realise how much we were doing right.

I really enjoyed the weekend, the Fellowship, the teaching and of course the Worship. On the last morning we had an item described as 'time of sharing'. I partnered with a lovely lady called Sarah from the Ely Diocese. My reward is have a new found friend in Christ who is to be a new prayer

partner and who I have planned to meet up with when I am next at Ely in November. I am truly looking forward for an opportunity to staff a weekend.

Ultreya!

*David Bell*

## A Message from Judy

Thank you so much for the generous gift you presented to me at the Clausura last week. I really look forward to spending the vouchers at the theatre and will think of you all when sitting there enjoying something. It has been a privilege to serve the Cursillo community as Spiritual Director, there have been ups and downs, but I am encouraged that there is a firm foundation for the excellent team to build on into the future. I shall continue to support Cursillo passionately, as I think it has such a lot to offer the church and God's kingdom, in growing discipleship and service. I have many happy memories to treasure of the people I have worked with, and I wish you all well in God's hands.



Ultreya!

*Judy Craig Peck*

# British Anglican Cursillo Council Meeting

On arriving at Church House, Barnet, I registered in the Upper Hall. There were 59 Cursillistas present in the form of Lay Directors, Spiritual Directors and BACC representatives from their diocese.

Following Opening worship and welcome, we broke into small groups for floating reunion. It is always such a gift to share our Christian journey, and what nourishes us in it, with fellow Cursillistas.

A study session followed that focused on making leaders through Cursillo, nurturing our prayer life and how we can help our clergy in our churches to share in the ministry of making disciples. One Bishop, when speaking on Cursillo to our National President Sally Henniker-Major had asked that the Cursillo movement should have a plan, a strategy where in 10 minutes it could offer a package to a Deanery Synod for example, and then for the groups to discuss. Food for thought!

The Cursillo booklets of The Role of the Clergy, The Health and Well Being of Cursillo, The Pastoral Plan and The Clergy Taster Days and Cursillo Leaders Workshops were all looked at in depth and the value of them discussed. These booklets are available to read, on request, from Cheryl Goddard, our Lay Director.

After a hearty lunch which was provided by Saint Albans Cursillistas, it was time for the business meeting of BACC. Linda Ross, secretary of the Standing Committee chaired the meeting in the absence of Sally Henniker-Major who had been admitted to hospital. Reports were given, reminding

everyone that Cursillo is a movement of the church where all have a role to play, both clergy and lay, working together. The Eucharist that followed in Barnet Parish Church was full of fellowship and worship and praise to God.

I would encourage anyone to take on a role on the secretariat and to understand the bigger picture of Cursillo as a National Organization.

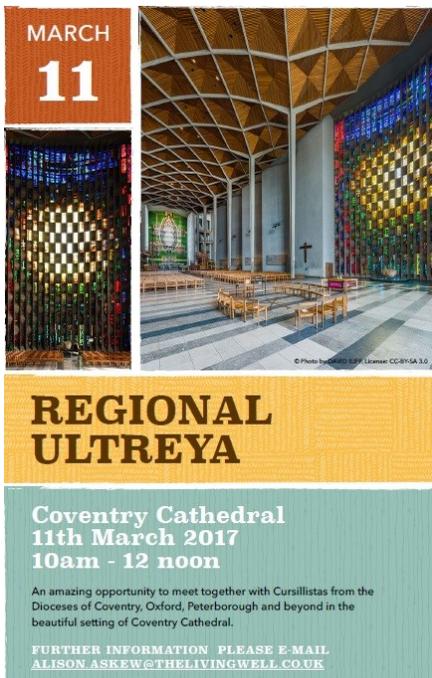
Ultreya!

*Liz Medlock*

Peterborough Cursillo being represented at York Minster earlier in the year by Liz, Cheryl, June and Eddie.



# REGIONAL ULTREYA



**MARCH  
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**REGIONAL  
ULTREYA**

**Coventry Cathedral  
11th March 2017  
10am - 12 noon**

An amazing opportunity to meet together with Cursillistas from the Dioceses of Coventry, Oxford, Peterborough and beyond in the beautiful setting of Coventry Cathedral.

**FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE E-MAIL  
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Please contact Cheryl if anyone wishes to attend the Regional Ultreya at Coventry Cathedral on Saturday 11th March 2017 please contact Cheryl.

Please be advised that the Cathedral has significantly reduced the cost of hiring the venue on the proviso that they also retain the collection and request that we ask people to be generous.

## CLERGY TASTER DAY

There will be a Clergy Taster Day about Cursillo on Tuesday 16th May between 9.00am and 2.00pm at St Andrew's Church, Old. Both the National Spiritual and Lay Directors will be attending along with Bishop John.

Please encourage your clergy to attend and discover more about Cursillo.

## AND FINALLY...

Congratulations to four Cursillistas who were licenced into Lay Ministry at Peterborough Cathedral in September, David Bell, Valerie Kerr and Mark Willis as Lay Readers and Gill Hewer as a Lay Pastoral Minister.