



## Greetings in Jesus name from your Lay Director!

As this is the first Newsletter since I took over from Di Davies as Lay Director of York Cursillo I thought I'd start by thanking her again for all the hard work and dedication she's given to Cursillo over the past 3 years. She's going to be a hard act to follow.



Next, to introduce myself to those of you that don't know me. I first went on Cursillo as a pilgrim in Chester Diocese back in 1991. Since then I've had the joy of staffing on many weekends in a number of dioceses. I've also served on the Secretariat in a variety of posts. It's a great honour now to become Lay Director. I know that many of you are praying for me and the whole Secretariat regularly. Thank you.

I see the next three years as being a time of growth for us and of greater recognition throughout the diocese. Next year's **National Ultreya in York** (see over the page) will be a great opportunity to raise our profile and show what a great deal we have to offer the Church. I encourage you to get involved whenever you can, whether it's attending regular re-union groups, coming to Ultreyas, helping with fundraising events or offering to staff on weekends. You'll find it fun and very rewarding.

I hope to see you soon. Trevor King. **ULTREYA!!**

### Alison White, Bishop of Hull

I'm sure we're all delighted that our new Bishop is to be consecrated in York Minster on Friday 3rd July. Some of you may be going. Why not send her palanca to tell her we're praying for her and mentioning Cursillo, even if you're reading this after the event ! The address to send it is: **Hullen House, Woodfield Lane, Hessle, Hull. HU13 OES**



### St Crux, York. 3rd March

Thank you again to all who helped at the fundraising event organised by Rose Macpherson and Nick Nightingale at St Crux in March. It was a great day, lots of people came see who we were and we managed to raise over **£560**.

We 're hoping to do it again next year!

# ULTREYA

### York 23. Thursday 22 to Sunday 25 October

Cheryl Smith is Lay Rector for our next Cursillo weekend and she is currently finalising her staff team ready for the first training day on July 4th. **As always what we most need is prayer and pilgrims!** Please pray for Cheryl and the team and for those that the Lord is calling to be pilgrims on the weekend.

Please think and pray about who you might encourage and sponsor to attend the weekend (that doesn't mean you pay for them). Bursaries are available for those that need them. If you need a copy of the Sponsorship Guidelines ring Trevor or Shelagh.

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# Cursillo Ultreya GB 2016

**Marvellous news!!!** York Cursillo has been given the huge honour of hosting the National Ultreya in York next year on Saturday 3rd September. The Celebration Eucharist will be held in the Minster Quire at 11.30, preceded by a banner parade from Museum Gardens. The afternoon Ultreya will be in York University Central Hall. The Quire holds a maximum of 500 so it'll be a packed event. We'll travel into the city and back again on a fleet of buses!



Needless to say we're going to need a great deal of help to make this happen. A planning group will be set up in the next month to decide all the details but we've got to raise a lot of money to pay for it and we'll need lots of people both on the day and in the weeks running up to it. You'll get more information in the next couple of months so watch this space!



## Revd Shelagh Jones, our Spiritual Director, writes:

So, York has taken the decision. We are going to host Ultreya GB 2016 and the Eucharist is going to be celebrated in the Minster. I hope that thought fills you with delight and enthusiasm and that you have Saturday 3 September 2016 filled in with the appropriate information in large capital letters.

This is our chance to publicise Cursillo to the whole diocese (just imagine the short- and long-term benefits that could bring) and also to show off our wonderful diocese and the City of York to Cursillistas from all over Great Britain. A chance to forge new friendships, to learn from Cursillistas from other dioceses, to share our experiences, to strengthen our knowledge of Cursillo, to have a fabulous day and, most important of all (well, the way I see it) to give praise and glory to Almighty God along with several hundred like-minded Christians

The task ahead of us puts me in mind of Abraham. It might be a bit naughty to compare the scale of our undertaking with his as he set off into the unknown with all his family, his servants and his extensive flocks, but I am confident that there will be times in the coming 14 months when setting out from Haran will sound a doddle in comparison. But, when Abraham heard God's call, he got organised, rallied his people and set out, placing all his trust in God. He had no idea where he was going but God had said he would show him where to go and that was enough for Abraham. But I bet he had a few butterflies! So, let's get organised, pull together, and pray for God's guidance. Maybe (see Genesis 15.5) York Cursillistas will come to outnumber the stars in the sky (well, a large cluster of constellations anyway!) - **Ultreya!**



BACC President Sally Henniker-Major will be joining us for our Ultreya on 18 July in Whitby

## Dates for your diary

- July 18 **Ultreya**, St. Mary the Virgin, East Cliff, Whitby. YO22 4JT
- September 5 **ULTREYA GB 2015 BLACKBURN** See the National Cursillo website for details. [anglicancursillo.co.uk](http://anglicancursillo.co.uk)
- October 10 **Ultreya**, Londesborough Reading Rooms, Nr. Market Weighton. YO43 3LI (An opportunity to make palanca for York 23 in the afternoon.)
- October 22-25 **York 23** at Wyedale Hall. Closing service at 3.00pm
- November 7 **Ultreya**, Christ Church, Bridlington. YO15 2AP
- All Ultreyas are on Saturdays and run from 11.00 till about 1.30. Coffee is served from 10.30 and bring your lunch. Do try to come along; you'll enjoy it!*