



## A Happy New Year to you, and what a year it's going to be!

As you recover from the festivities and, if you're like me, over indulgence of Christmas it's time once again to contemplate the fresh start that New Year brings. What will 2016 bring you? What are you planning, anything exciting? A big birthday looming? A special family event? Retirement? There must be something. Well, let me jog your memory.

### *Cursillo Ultreya GB 2016*

On Saturday 3rd September, this is going to be a very special event and I urge you to be there if you possibly can be. It's going to be a wonderful opportunity to raise the profile of Cursillo within York diocese as well as a chance to host a celebration party for the whole of Anglican Cursillo.

**If you haven't booked your place already you need to do so soon as it's filling up fast.** Booking forms are available on our website [www.yorkcursillo.org](http://www.yorkcursillo.org) and there'll be copies at Ultreyas. Even better, volunteer to help; **we still need more parade stewards for example.** Please ring or email me if you want to be involved.

Meanwhile there's lots of other things going on; Ultreyas, workshops, fund raising events. However you get involved, I hope to see you soon.

*Treasurer King.* **ULTREYA!!**



### *St Crux, York. Wed 23rd March*

Following last year's very successful fund raising event at St Crux in York we've booked another one. It'll take the same format, with refreshments and light lunches for sale plus a couple of stalls selling donated goods; craft items, cards, etc as well as good quality second hand almost anything! So please start putting things aside for it.

We'll need a lot of help on the day. If you can be there please ring Nick Nightingale: 01904 689742 or email [nicknightingale4@gmail.com](mailto:nicknightingale4@gmail.com)

**BACC Pages** The latest edition is available on the web. Go to [www.anglicancursillo.co.uk](http://www.anglicancursillo.co.uk) We will also have some copies available at Ultreyas.

### *York 24: Thursday 17 to Sunday 20 November*

Lynn Stephenson is Lay Rector for our next Cursillo weekend and she is currently starting to put together her staff team. **As always we need prayer and pilgrims!** We had just four pilgrims on York 23 but apparently there were another 10 or more 'thinking about it'. So let's try to turn those into firm bookings this time. 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 and booking forms are available from Margaret Price: 01347 811262 or email [margaretprice1@aol.com](mailto:margaretprice1@aol.com)

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#### **Publicity leaflets & posters**

Supplies of Cursillo publicity leaflets and posters for your church notice board will be available at Ultreyas or ring Trevor.



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

2016 has been hovering on the horizon as York Anglican Cursillo's Big Year for so many months and now it's here. To host the National Ultreya is a huge undertaking, especially in a relatively small diocesan Cursillo like York's. But the history of Christianity is strongly marked by the efforts of small groups of people who have achieved great things, so we walk in remarkable footsteps.

Nonetheless, the "GB16" Planning Committee needs your prayers, as do all the Group Reunions and individual Cursillistas as they find ways of raising money to fund GB16. If any of you have some specific difficulty in the way of your

attendance on 3 September and you could do with some help sorting it out, don't hesitate to discuss it with your Group Reunion or, if you prefer, contact me and together we'll see what can be done.

Although GB16 represents a lot of hard work, the load will feel infinitely lighter the more people we have helping in just one way, so I repeat Trevor's call of some months ago to contact him, me or anyone else on the Planning Committee, to offer your help as a steward or on reception or in any other way.

Just think of the huge advantages of what we are trying to do. Increased publicity from GB16 should mean a greater awareness of our role throughout the diocese, leading to more invitations to address churches, synods and other groups about Cursillo, and ultimately to more people keen to discover for themselves how Cursillo can lead them into greater commitment to Jesus Christ and his Church.

As encouragement for the task ahead, I offer you this verse from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians: *Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain* (1Cor15.58). **Ultreya!**

## A message from our Treasurer,

### Nick Nightingale

Our 2015 accounts will show that members' gifts, some by regular bank payments, contributed £2010 to our reserves. Wonderful! Also we raised £730 at our St Crux café in March, so it's been a satisfactory year financially for York Cursillo. A big thank you to everyone for their generosity.

For 2016's National Ultreya we need to find £1,800 to cover extra costs for this one-in-25 year event. It would be great if Reunion groups could find extra ways of plumping up our funds for GB16. In 2016 we aim to beat last year's figure at St Crux when we run another café in March.

## Creative Prayer Workshops at Millington Village Hall, 2016

Joy Hadley & Rosemary Gillespie are leading a series of Workshops using psalms, prayers and poetry to inspire your creativity on **Saturday 23rd January, Saturday 27th February and Saturday 12th March.**

All workshops run 10.30am – 3.30pm. No previous art experience is needed and all materials and refreshments are provided but bring your own lunch.

£25 per person, limited to 10 per session. **Phone Joy on 01759 306655 to book.**

## Dates for your diary

January 16	<b>Ultreya</b> , St Chad on the Knavesmire, York. YO23 1EY
April 2	<b>Ultreya and AGM</b> , St. Mark's, Coldyhill Lane, Scarborough. YO12 6SD
May 14	<b>Ultreya</b> , Christ Church Church Hall, Coatham, Redcar. TS10 1QY
July 2	<b>Ultreya</b> , St. Catherine's Church, Barmby Moor, Pocklington. YO42 4EB <i>Special guest Revd. Hugh Burgess, National Spiritual Director for Cursillo and an inspirational speaker. This Ultreya will finish at about 4.00pm.</i>
September 3	<b>Cursillo Ultreya GB 2016, York</b> (for full details see our website).
October 22	<b>Ultreya</b> , All Saints Church, Burstwick, Nr. Hull. HU12 9ER
November 17-20	<b>York 24 at Wydale Hall</b>
December 3	<b>Ultreya</b> , St. Mark's Church, Bessingby, Bridlington. YO15 4RU

*All Ultreyas are on Saturdays and run from 11.00 till about 1.30. Coffee is served from 10.30 and bring your lunch. The Ultreyas are a really good way of introducing newcomers to Cursillo, but not the AGM! Do try to come along; you'll enjoy it!*