

Newsletter May 2016



York Diocese
Anglican Cursillo®

Cursillo Ultreya GB 2016

If you haven't booked yet for what is going to be a very special event **you need to do so soon as it's filling up fast** 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. It's on Saturday 3rd September.

Booking forms are available on our website 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.

*Trevor King. **ULTREYA!!***

Cath Thompson RIP



A number of us had the honour of attending Cath's funeral at her beloved St Giles Church, Marflett, Hull on Thursday 14th April. As with any funeral of a professing Christian it was both a sad and joyful occasion.

Cath and David made their Cursillo on York 1 in 2001 having attended a re-union group with Mavis Dewberry for a year or so. Cath then became an active supporter of the movement, staffing on 5 York weekends.

She had been a member of St Giles since her youth, it was where she and David were married, and she had been Treasurer there for 44 years!!

A floral tribute was given by her Cursillo friends.



York 24: Thursday 17 to Sunday 20 November

Lynn Stephenson is Lay Rector for our next Cursillo weekend and she has now 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 lets 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

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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 Animator', writes:

I told those of you who were at the AGM about my discoveries of a very thriving Cursillo movement in Tenerife, so I thought that, as I'm writing this from France, I'd do a little research into Cursillo in France. To my surprise, I see that the very first French Cursillo weekend took place in Perpignan (our local diocese) in 1961, gifted by the diocese of Girona in Spain. Unfortunately, for whatever reason, there was no follow-up and there's certainly no sign of Cursillo in Perpignan diocese today.

It was 30 years before Cursillo resurfaced in France - within the Vietnamese community in Paris! There are now some 2000 Vietnamese Cursillistas in Paris and they've gifted Cursillo to the Vietnamese community in Stuttgart in Germany.

In 2001 Cursillistas from Spain ran a first weekend for the Spanish community in Paris. The movement took root and holds 2 weekends a year. Two years later, in conjunction with the Paris Vietnamese movement, the Paris Spanish movement organised a weekend in Paris in French. This second gifting of Cursillo to the French Catholic Church was from a French-speaking diocese in Canada.

That first French weekend took place in a monastery in Montmartre (an area of Paris more famous for its nightclubs!!) with 14 staff and 11 pilgrims. The Lay Rector and Spiritual Advisers came from Canada and the rest of the staff from Spain, Portugal, Luxembourg and the Paris Vietnamese Cursillo movement. Strangely, Cursillo in France has never managed to spread far beyond the diocese of Paris. Only the neighbouring dioceses of Evry and Versailles have taken it up.

French Cursillo is much younger than British Anglican Cursillo and, while very enthusiastic, is spreading only slowly. Let us remember them in our prayers.

One thing that caught my eye: in French, the Spiritual Director is the "animateur spirituel". Spiritual animator? Now that I like!

We need a new Treasurer

The Treasurer's post becomes vacant next year but it is very useful to have the next incumbent 'shadow' the present post holder for 12 months to get familiar with the role. There are relatively few transactions each month and we use on-line banking as much as possible, including bill payment. Please speak to Nick Nightingale or Trevor for more information.

BACC Pages The latest edition is available on the web. Go to www.anglicancursillo.co.uk We will also have some copies available at Ultreyas.

Hymn book sponsorship

After 15 years we've decided to buy a set of new hymn books. To help pay for them we're proposing to offer 'sponsorship' at £10 per book. For this you'll get an attractive inscription in the front of a book. It can be a dedication in memory of someone, a thanksgiving or a general prayer. You can have the same inscription in more than one book. If you're interested contact Trevor.



Dates for your diary

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| May 14 | Ultreya , Christ Church Church Hall, Coatham, Redcar. TS10 1QY |
| July 2 | Ultreya , 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> |
| Tuesday 19 July 9.30-4.30. | Ultreya GB 2016 Working Party & Training Day at Belfry Hall, 52A Stonegate, York. To finish preparing and then fill the delegates' packs. |
| September 3 | Cursillo Ultreya GB 2016, York (for full details see our website). |
| October 22 | Ultreya , All Saints Church, Burstwick, Nr. Hull. HU12 9ER |
| November 17-20 | York 24 at Wydale Hall |
| December 3 | Ultreya , 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. Do try to come along; you'll enjoy it!