



A 'Thank You' from Trevor

As you know I shall be standing down as Lay Director of York Cursillo at our AGM on 1st April because I've been asked to be the next National President of British Anglican Cursillo, a three year term of office that will start in May. It has been a huge honour to serve York Cursillo for the last two years and I would like to thank you all for your support and prayers, especially the members of the Secretariat and the GB 2016 planning committee.

I am delighted to confirm that **Jan Watts** will be taking over from me as Lay Director. She is very experienced and I know York Cursillo will be in safe hands. Her appointment has been approved by the Archbishop.

Revd Shelagh Jones also completes her three year term of office as our Diocesan Spiritual Director at the AGM. We are all extremely grateful to her for all her hard work, her friendship and her sensitive spiritual guidance.

Again the Archbishop has confirmed the appointment of the **Revd Jonathan Couper** as her successor. Jonathan has recently retired after 35 years as Vicar of Christ Church, Bridlington, so he's got a bit of experience !!

Please pray for Jan, Jonathan and me as we take on our new responsibilities. *Trevor King. ULTREYA !!*



Paul Charlton

It is with deep sadness that we say "good bye" to Paul Charlton, a valued member of York Cursillo from Bridlington. We send our love and prayers to his wife, Elizabeth, and their family. He and Elizabeth have 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

An active member of St Mark's since the 1980s, Paul was involved in all aspects of church life. He served as church warden several times, helped out with many projects including the luncheon club and cooking breakfasts in the cafe. Paul was a great fount of knowledge of the Church of England and knew everything to do with being a church warden. He also had a lovely singing voice.

Paul's work life included being in the Navy, working at Sara Lee's, taxi driving and owning a driving school. Since retirement he and Elizabeth enjoyed coach holidays exploring various parts of the country. They both attended York Cursillo 18 in 2009 and became active 4th Day members.

Paul's funeral will be at St Mark's, West Hill, Bridlington (where our last Ultreya was held) on Friday 20th January at 1.45pm. **RIP Paul.**

York 25: Thursday 11th to Sunday 14th May: Pilgrims needed!

Preparations are well in hand for our next Cursillo weekend and Mary Hart, the Lay Rector, is finalising the staff team. So far we don't have any pilgrims booked but we know that a number of folk have been invited and are considering it. *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. We also have guidelines about non-Anglican Christians attending Cursillo weekends. If you are thinking of sponsoring someone from another denomination please contact Trevor or Shelagh.

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 They are also on our website.

4th Day Co-ordinator needed We need someone to take over from Jan in this role on the Secretariat at the AGM. The main jobs are to plan our programme of Ultreyas and keep track of and encourage all Group Reunions, possibly visiting them on a rota basis. Ask Trevor for details.



Revd Shelagh Jones, our 'Spiritual Animator', writes:

Everyone likes a bit of encouragement, and there's certainly a lot of encouragement to be found through Cursillo, but it's not every day that something leaps off the page of a national newspaper to encourage Cursillo. However, I spent a fair bit of time between Christmas and New Year catching up on reading the longer articles in the *Church Times* over the last few months (yes, well, Cursillo has been keeping me plenty busy in those months!) In the issue of 14th October I came across an article on developing lay leadership and, as I read, I realised it wasn't focusing on Readers and RPAs but on leadership in the Cursillo sense.

It contained the most amazing quotation from the Bishop of Burnley: "*It is about everyone being a Christian leader in their own context, influencing others, and therefore growing in confidence. It is about creating churches which are consciously seeking to equip and send people out as Christians.*" That could be a description of the work of Cursillo!

It seems that God is presenting Cursillo with a marvellous opportunity, nationally and locally, to contribute to an important Church initiative, to the mutual benefit of both Church and Cursillo. But it's up to us to seize that opportunity! Hopefully now is the time we can be incorporated in the Diocesan Mission Plan.

We've recently produced a leaflet for clergy on how Cursillo can help them fulfil the demands of *Generous Churches Making and Nurturing Disciples*, Cursillo workshops are available as one of the options for Deanery Development evenings, and now we have this heightened interest in developing lay leadership. Everything seems to be coming together at the same time - what an opportunity! The possibilities are endless if we grasp the opportunity the right way. Quite a challenge, but what an encouragement!

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BACC Pages

The Winter edition will be available soon on the BACC website. We will also have some copies available at Ultreyas or go to <http://www.anglicancursillo.co.uk/bacc-pages.php>

Publicity leaflets & posters

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

Dates for your diary

- February 4 2017** **Ultreya**, St. Chad's, the Knavesmire, York
- April 1** **Ultreya and AGM** at St. Mary's, Scarborough
- May 11-14** **York 25** at Wydale Hall
- June 3** **Ultreya**, Christ Church, Redcar
- July 22** **Day of Deeper Understanding. 10.30 till 4.00** Christ Church, Bridlington.
- September 30** **Ultreya.** St Mary's, Strensall, York.
- October 26-29** **York 26** at Wydale Hall.
- November 11** **Ultreya.** Hull area-offers please.

*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!***

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