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*Dear Fellow Cursillistas,*

*You will probably NOT be wondering why there are two letters from the President in this edition, but wondering where the Autumn edition of BACC Pages got to!*

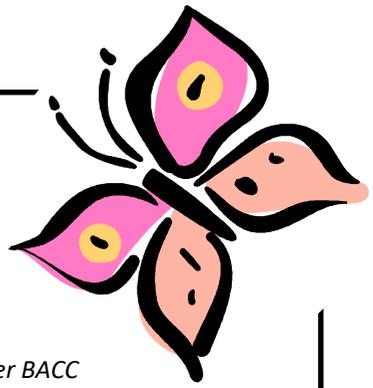
*I am delighted that at last here is the Autumn/Winter edition (2016/7) for your perusal. I'm afraid that being rushed into hospital on my part just before the November BACC meeting (where I spent the next 2 weeks!), and our secretary, Linda, having an accident on her way home from the same BACC meeting meant that everything Cursillo came to a bit of a halt nationally until we were both better. We have both felt upheld in prayer and confident that at Diocesan level all was well taken care of, for which we thank you. Now we are both back in some kind of action and keen to help move things along for Cursillo, as usual.*

*I am happy to let you know too that plans are well in hand for our National Ultreya in Southwell – please see the 'flyer' in this edition of BACC Pages.*

*I do hope that you find this edition of BACC Pages informative and interesting, Jenny always produces such a wonderful magazine – and I promise that next time we'll find a front cover that uses less ink when you print it out for your Diocesan members.*

*With love in Christ's name and continued prayers*

*Sally*



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Thank you to all our contributors for this issue.

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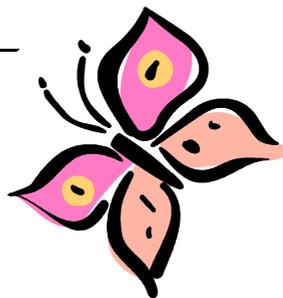
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# Prayers and Scripture

Pilgrim God, You are our origin and our destination. Travel with us, we pray, in every pilgrimage of faith, and every journey of the heart. Give us the courage to set off, the nourishment we need to travel well, and the welcome we long for at our journey's end. So may we grow in grace and love of you and in the service of others through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

John Pritchard ( formerly Bishop of Oxford)



## ***Ongoing Prayers are requested for:-***

- ◆ Southwell & Nottingham who are hosting the 2017 National Ultreya on Saturday 2nd September 2017

## ***PRAYER IS REQUESTED – For all those who have a need for prayer at this time.***

We pray for those in our own Cursillo communities who have recently died, for their families and friends who will miss them

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We also remember those who are ill, but who have given much to Cursillo in our own Dioceses and in National roles in Cursillo.



# From the National Spiritual Director, Rev Canon Cynthia Hebden:-

## De Colores

As I write this the nights are starting to draw in and the weather is somewhere betwixt Autumn and Winter. For the first time this morning when I took my dog, Maggie, for her early morning walk I promised myself to make sure I have a pair of gloves in my pocket from now on. This tea time I decided to get into the car and go to a nice Water park not far away and whilst I was sitting at the traffic lights there was a beautiful rainbow in front of me reminding me of God's promise to us.

I do hope that you have all had a wonderful summer and managed to get some time away in the sunshine.

This summer, for me, has been a time of change. Last autumn I decided it was time for me to retire from my stipendiary post and have some time for myself. I decided to stay in the Leicester area where I have friends and contacts and when I found the house which seemed to fit my needs I told the Churchwardens that I would be retiring. My last service was on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June when I started the trauma of trying to fit the contents of a 5-bedroom Vicarage into a 3 bedroom semi.

I have to say that retirement suits me well and so far I have no regrets. They do say that the first six months are like a holiday but then reality steps in.

Retirement also means that I will have more time for my commitment to being National Spiritual Director of Cursillo and hopefully will be able to visit as many of the dioceses as possible during my three years.

I am very grateful to Hugh for the work that he has done, particularly in embedding Group Reunion firmly in the centre of the movement. It is so important and actually it's addictive. The more you do Group Reunion the more you want to do Group Reunion.



It's the tool which keeps us focussed on the road ahead.

Sally and I have spent a lot of time together since Catch the Vision in May and are looking at the priorities for the next three years. One of the things most dioceses seem to struggle with is getting clergy involvement and we want to address that issue. We have also become aware that those beautiful Cursillo libraries that most people buy on CLW, are gathering dust on the book shelves and in many cases have not been read. At the next BACC meeting in November we are going to focus on those and particularly on the ones which talk about the part which clergy should play in the movement.

Please do not be afraid to speak to me if I can be of any help to you whatsoever – willing to travel or to talk on phone or Skype.

It has been said that if you cut me down the middle you would find Cursillo written right through.

Ultreya

Cynthia

## Wanting to be a Disciple

To long for the unsettling, unsettling Son is dangerous.  
Saints and Starets,  
sinners and seekers  
have found that Christ takes them at their word  
who say that they want, or would like, to know him.  
Holy Fools have met him in the derision of sophisticates.  
Ascetics have met him in the desolation of wilderness.  
Postulants have met him in the rigours of discipline.  
Charismatics have met him in the exhaustion of powers.  
The convinced have met him in the darkness of doubt.  
The confident have met him in the paralysis of depression.  
The self-sufficient have met him in the nakedness of nothing.  
The triumphalists have met him in the failure of death.  
Whether a holy monk of Athos,  
a converted pagan  
or a rich Western materialist,  
to know Christ is to embrace catastrophe. But  
Because he has died the dead live.  
Because he is risen the obliterated are made new.  
Because he will come again the newly remade will remake the earth.

## Would anyone like to respond to Dianne's talk?



I am very curious to know what a Church Maid is – not a role I've come across before but I'm sure it's very much needed.

Like so many of us Dianne has tried really hard to say 'no' to God. Why is it so difficult? It's not as if he gives us easy tasks and time after time we come up with opposition. The Bible, of course, is full of people just like us. The one who particularly comes to my mind is Moses, who kept telling God he wasn't the right person for the job. He was wasting his breath because God is the one who knows who's the right person for the job. Or one of my favourite characters, Job, who had to be swallowed by a whale before he gave in and did what God wanted him to do.

As Church Maid Dianne was handed a black bin bag full of prayer request slips. What a wonderful reminder of the need for that connection with God. Many of our Old Testament prophets, people like Amos, spent their time communicating with God and Our Lord himself went off to have that one to one time. Maybe God was trying to show Dianne where it all had to start. Ministry which is not grounded in prayer is not going to be effective. I well remember the very best Action Talk I ever heard at an Ultreya was an elderly lady who was housebound and she said that people came to her with their problems and she gave them up to God in prayer. She couldn't do much physically but she was still extremely useful and was truly blessed by her ministry.

Dianne talks about unexpected opportunities to talk about her faith and often that takes courage. I am reminded of the poor disciples after Jesus was crucified, being desperately afraid of anyone knowing their connection but once they had been filled with the Holy Spirit they were able to go out and witness with courage. Our Lord himself went about taking every opportunity to teach and to heal. The great thing about Cursillo is that when we share together in our small groups the opportunities that have been given to us, we become more open to being aware of those opportunities on a daily basis – and what a blessing they are.

The early church didn't have buildings as Whitby has with St Mary's but they were there when people needed them. Reading through the Book of Acts, we get the sense that people knew who the Christians were because they were 'different', because they cared about one another and had the confidence to talk about prayer and worship and about their love for Christ.

Hearing about the suicide rate in Whitby reminds us of how vulnerable and alone people often feel; so often little things gain great magnitude and they are at a loss to know where to turn. How blest we are to have something to offer them – just to know the love of God and to be able to feel it through the ministry that he has given to us.

Dianne has told us of her ministry in her church; she has given so much of herself, totally

voluntary and without remuneration but I am sure that she has been more than repaid in just knowing that she is doing the work God has called her to do and is seeing people's lives transformed through him.

Keep going Dianne; his good and faithful servant

Ultreya

Cynthia

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## Gentle Us

Gentle us, dear Jesus.  
Gentle us in thought and deed with meekness like yours.

True us, dear Jesus.  
True us in thought and deed with truth like yours.

Health us, dear Jesus.  
Health us in thought and deed with wholeness like yours.

Spirit us, dear Jesus.  
Spirit us in thought and deed with the Spirit like yours.

Cross us, dear Jesus.  
Cross us in thought and deed with the Cross like yours.

Unity us, dear Jesus.  
Unity us in thought and deed with the Unity like yours.

Heaven us, dear Jesus.  
Heaven us in thought and deed with Heaven like yours.

When our bodies rise, dear Jesus,  
When our hearts and souls and minds and strengths rise,  
Glory us with the Father, and you, and the Holy Spirit,  
One God ever.

*By David Grieve*

# UPDATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

## BAC STANDING COMMITTEE

- ◆ 4th March 2017, Kippax Church, Leeds. N Yorks
- ◆ 19th May 2017, Durham
- ◆ 1st September 2017, Southwell or Nottingham - tbc



## AGM

- ◆ The Annual General Meeting of BACC will take place at St. Oswald's Church Institute Durham on 20th May 2017.

## NATIONAL ULTREYA

- ◆ 2nd September 2017, hosted by the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham

## CLWs

- ◆ 17th to 19th March 2017  
Olbate Retreat Centre, Wistaston Hall, Crewe
- ◆ 28th to 30th July 2017  
Shallowford House, Stone, Nr. Stafford.ST15 0NZ
- ◆ 20th to 22nd October 2017  
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*As good practice Diocesan Secretariats should adopt a policy of actively encouraging leading members of the Servant Community, Secretariat and prospective Lay Rectors to attend a Cursillo Leaders Workshop before taking office*



## Book Review

### **“DIVINE INTERVENTION, 50 TRUE STORIES OF GOD’S MIRACLES TODAY”, DANIEL FAZZINA**

This book contains wonderful accounts of God working miracles in peoples' lives in our era.

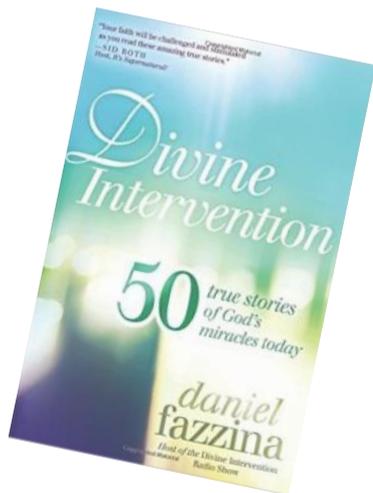
They go through different and very challenging ordeals, but experience God's grace working through these situations, providing miraculous healing of body or of adverse circumstances. As a consequence each person is inspired and empowered to go out and tell others the good news of Jesus Christ and of their own unique experience of His healing touch.

The author Daniel Fazzina was miraculously healed from lymphoma; a cancerous tumour larger than his heart, which was pressing on his pulmonary artery, but he was supported by the prayers of his friends, whose prayers were answered. As a result he has shared his testimony at many churches, on T.V. shows and now has his own radio show called 'Divine Intervention' in the U.S.A.

Mark Excel suffered as a refugee in Biafra, then moved to Lagos, got an accountancy degree, married, had children and founded a church there. He heard God calling him to give it all up and become a missionary. He was very reluctant to give up his secure position with dependents to support, till he was struck with a terrible illness, had a religious experience and had to learn to walk again. He responded to God's call and became a missionary in Togo and then in America, where he co-hosts a TV programme, is a church planter and a minister.

Emma McKinley had a severe accident in the department store where she worked, which resulted in a painful condition called reflex sympathetic dystrophy. After 15 years in a wheelchair Emma fell out of her chair and God worked his healing on her twisted body, enabling her to stand upright and to walk! Since 2012 she has shared her testimony at conferences, churches and nationwide events.

Great hope in these times of ISIL is provided by the witness of Kamal Saleem, an Islamic terrorist brought up to hate all Christians and Jews. He went from mosque to mosque in America promoting jihadist mentality, until he was involved in a traumatic car accident and experienced unconditional love and friendship from some Christians. As a result



God changed him from a radical Muslim terrorist to a Christian minister and lover of people. He has since shared his story in churches, synagogues and Muslim communities.

The Cursillo method of being a friend and bringing a friend to Christ worked when these Christians befriended such a difficult man and their love won over his hatred.

I can highly recommend this book.

Paula James

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## **Come, Holy Spirit**

We can call but not command, invite, but not demand.

Come, Holy Spirit.

He can choose to light our hair or flame the church elsewhere.

Come, Holy Spirit.

He breathes in all that lives, but him himself he gives.

Come, Holy Spirit.

He has no off-limits place yet wears no single face.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Power of God among us.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Love of God within us.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Life of God despite us.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Joy of God to give us.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Wait and pray and wait.

Come, Holy Spirit.

At any time or date.

Come, Holy Spirit.

In him become the place

Come, Holy Spirit.

Where God spreads out his grace.

Come, Holy Spirit.

*By David Grieve*

# The BACC President - Sally Henniker-Major

**My dear Fellow Cursillistas,**

Each season seems to bring its own joys and pleasures. In Spring we had much to look forward to: beautiful flowers, fruits and vegetables springing into growth and longer, brighter days. Now we are well and truly into Autumn and even the glorious autumn leaf colour is falling to the ground, the nights are drawing in and if I venture outside the scent of wood smoke fills the air.



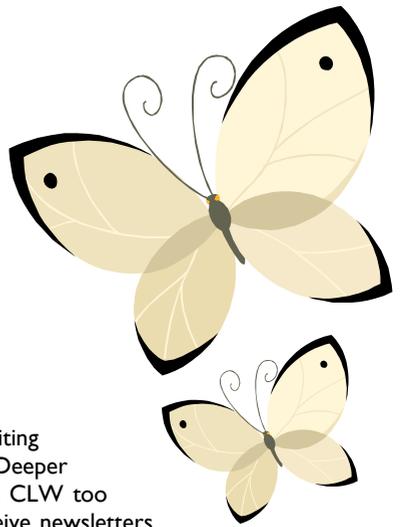
My summer has been a particularly busy one, not only with Cursillo things, but also because I have welcomed a new baby into our family, a little girl, born in August, so I have been called upon for a little extra 'Granny' duty.

In May we had a new venue for our biennial 'Catch the Vision' Conference which was entitled 'Know Yourself' and led by our new NSD Rev'd Canon Cynthia Hebden. This led to much discussion and is causing us to look at ourselves and see how we, as Cursillistas, can help to make Christ's Kingdom a reality where we are.

Whilst we were at Swanwick, our previous NSD Rev'd Hugh Burgess was nearing the end of his mammoth Pilgrimage walking 1500 miles from his parish in Halkyn in North Wales to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Hugh made this Pilgrimage (spiritual journey) not only for himself, but also to raise funds for 'Jamie's Fund' in memory of a little boy from his parish who died unexpectedly in Uganda whilst his parents were supporting mental health care there. Thanks to extremely generous donations the hospital is almost completed and if you would like to find out more about this project, just search for [jamiesfund.org.uk](http://jamiesfund.org.uk). Hugh has really shown us, through his example, how prayer and closeness to God, studying the environment in which he found himself, and how in action all have come together to produce wonderful results for many misunderstood and troubled people in Uganda.

In July 40 Cursillistas from all over the UK travelled to Kent to the Cursillo Pilgrimage 'From Bertha to Beckett'. We visited many places which have become special for Christians in this country, from the simple cross where Augustine landed to the magnificent Canterbury Cathedral and we learnt much from the Rev'd Canon Christopher Dent who led us gently along the journey. We shared a daily Eucharist and much fellowship and in true Cursillo style we were wonderfully entertained and fed by Canterbury Cursillistas on our last evening.

Then of course we had the spectacular National Ultreya in York when the rain failed to dampen our spirits on our own procession of banners, complete with the obligatory Yorkshire Brass Band. What a day it was! We shared Eucharist in York Minster, with TWO Bishops and followed with the Ultreya in York University where General Synod meet. The day was rounded off with an excellent Ceilidh and supper when some very energetic Cursillistas danced long into the night.



Since the National Ultreya I have been busy visiting Diocesan Cursillo, helping to lead a Day of Deeper Understanding and a study session. There has been a CLW too which was very well attended. It is a great joy to receive newsletters and bulletins from Diocesan Cursillo and to hear of all that is going on. Please keep them coming! Cursillo has so many hard working and energetic members who are truly living out their fourth day with great enthusiasm and with a real love for their fellows.

Cursillo does have a method which is effective in so many ways making, supporting and encouraging leaders in the church. We have to work hard at offering ourselves (and the Cursillo method as a means of support) to our Bishops and clergy and in particular to the mission and ministry teams in our Dioceses. The Cursillo method of sharing and supporting each other helps sustains leaders and leads us all to follow that great calling we all have to 'Go, teach and make disciples'.

In Cursillo we often sing the hymn 'I the Lord of sea and sky'. We are asked questions as if from Jesus himself:

'Who will bear my light to those in darkness?'

'Whom shall I send to give hearts for love alone?'

'Who will speak my word?',

'Who will tend the poor and lame?'

'Whom shall I send?'

And we reply 'Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I will go Lord if you lead me.'

I pray that we may all continue to make that reply with conviction and go on holding each other in our hearts and prayers.

Ultreya!

With love in Christ's name

Sally

# Action Talk for National Ultreya

When I was asked to give the “Action” talk at the National Ultreya I had one of those moments when you open your mouth and suddenly hear yourself saying ‘yes’ when you were thinking ‘no’. Over the years this has happened several times to me so you would have thought I would have been prepared. The same thing happened when I was called by God to Lay Ministry through becoming a Reader; I avoided answering God for a long time, I even changed jobs but in the end I heard myself saying ‘yes’. It happened again when I was asked to give up the job that I loved to become the Church Maid at St. Mary’s Parish Church in Whitby, then again when I found myself as Lay Director of York Cursillo; each time I had the same ‘Did I mean to say that?’ moment.

But God as always was right and I believe and trust that he called me to these particular roles in order for me to witness to the Gospel and be where he wants me to be. Life as a Christian is not always easy; there can be many challenging times on our walk with the Lord but he is right there beside us never leaving our side. Isaiah Ch 6 v 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I said here I am send me.”

I have been called by God to do some amazing things and this has only been possible through his Grace. “As the Father sent me, so I ‘m sending you” there is no getting away from this; for here is the secret of all Christian ministry, yours and mine, lay and ordained. It’s the secret of everything from being a quiet back row member of the church to being a platform speaker. If you are going to do any single solitary thing as a follower and servant of Jesus, this is what it’s built on.

The resurrection blows away the boundaries of possibility and entices us into new ways of being. As Christians we are being challenged and encouraged to move beyond our comfort zones to explore another dimension of Christian living, and this will for many of us mean that we will often face very challenging times in our lives and perhaps lead us in a new direction. When I used to hear the word action I would associate it with big, elaborate, extravagant gestures but often the smallest gesture can bring about the biggest changes in peoples lives. Prayer can be the simplest action we can offer and yet it can have the biggest impact in peoples’ lives.

When I took over as the Church Maid at St. Mary’s Parish Church in Whitby I was handed a black bin bag full of prayer request slips, I just gasped when I looked inside – “Don’t know what you going to do with them – Pray I replied – well you’ll be on your knees for a while there’s two more black bags in that pew.” It took me every day for over two weeks to work through those prayer requests.

Through my work I encounter hundreds of visitors every week. Sometimes an unexpected opportunity arises for me to talk to them about my faith; this may seem strange as I work in a Church, but our visitors are usually more interested in our unusual building and its box pews. Some people will approach me individually and ask questions or even seek reassurance – and it is through this I am able to talk of my love of Christ to very often non believing visitors in the hope that it will lead them to faith. Being attuned to what God might be doing in our lives and the lives of those around us we learn to expect the unexpected - as it says in Col 4 v 5-6;

“Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of Grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”

St. Mary’s is perched fairly close to the edge of the cliff and last year we became the first place the police came to when looking for missing people especially those who are extremely vulnerable and or intended to commit suicide. Sadly, a couple of people did jump over the cliff and did not survive. On occasion I have spent time with people who had come to the town with the intent of not going home again – but at the last minute had come into the church, these windows of opportunity are God given and after these brief encounters I have to lay it at the foot of the cross and leave it there. Because to carry someone else’s burden is not healthy for any of us. Whitby for such a small seaside town went through a couple of years when there were a surprisingly high number of suicides, both locals and visitors to the town – our Church Wardens son in law, a member of one of our congregations and my nephew being among them.

Many people leave flowers and messages tied to the fence in the grave yard, we have been working to encourage them to come into the church and leave their flowers and cards on the Chancel steps, this is going very well and we now have several regulars who come back to the church whilst visiting Whitby in order to remember their loved ones, to light a candle or to just sit quietly in the Chancel. My ministry involves being available as much as possible for when people want to talk, to pray or to simply just be there. Due to the volume of items left I have set aside two large box pews in the South Transept to keep them in, these pews are lined with messages, prayers, cards, photos and special items left by people. This area is not actually open to the public but people will come in and ask for a few moments in the special pews; for many these visits are a part of the healing process of their grief. This may sound quite miserable but there can be extreme joy amongst the sadness, a lady came to the church for four years before she asked me to pray with her; that was such a privilege as I knew not to offer to pray with her as this was not appropriate until she was ready. There was such joy and peace as at long last she let go of all her grief and became ready to move on.

We are sent into the world to represent Christ and his Church, to bear witness to him wherever we may be and to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world. We are called by the Gospel to "Make disciples of all nations" so that the church might be found everywhere. Our call to action requires us to tell people about Jesus Christ, to help people grow in their relationship with God and to transform society and its structures. Sometimes God surprises us with opportunities for action, although these opportunities are often unplanned, we can be prepared to respond through prayer and openness. Our Christian life is friendship with Christ and we want to share this friend with others. Our Christian action is our opportunity to share and spread the life of grace to others.

One of the first verses of scripture given to me when I became a Christian was John 15 v 16 "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last." This has stayed with me and it is also a reminder of how Cursillo has impacted on my life and how Cursillo has taught me to;

"Make a friend, Be a friend and Bring a friend to Jesus."

Ultreya

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## I-Thou

Why, sometimes, do I call Thee Thou?  
Not because I am old fashioned, if I am.  
But because Thou art closer to me  
than my heart, my mind, my soul,  
yet farther above me than infinity.  
Tenderness and awe call to me  
and provoke me to use the whisper of singular love,  
in moments when You will not do.

Yet I know that You do not mind.  
You look for love, not religion,  
and rejoice at what does me good.  
I who am filled with words,  
who am fulfilled by the Word,  
hope to reach beyond the need for words,  
when all chaos and darkness have made way  
for the silence of love.

*By David Grieve*

# Notes from Blackburn Diocese

Quite a contingency of us from Blackburn attended Ultreya GB in York. Although obtaining lunch at the university was a bit of a challenge, causing some of us to arrive late for the afternoon meeting, (sorry for that,) we want to thank Cursillistas of York for a really excellent weekend



*Blackburn ready for the off...*

Very impressive, both for participants and by-standers, was the walk of witness. The provision of additional small banners and the leaflets given to many of us to hand out to people who seemed curious or interested – was an excellent idea! I hope that innovation becomes a permanent feature. I'm sure I wasn't alone in finding quite a number of people certainly seemed receptive.



I'd love to know what happened to the two young men who, waiting at the start, said Cursillo sounded just the encouragement system they'd been looking for to support their faith journey – did they follow up by using the listed websites to make contact I wonder? And the other young man who kept me talking for ages as the procession advanced far ahead of me, - did he follow up as he said he intended to? I guess we'll never know but surely seeds were sown.

Seeds were sown all over the diocese during Blackburn's September Crossroads mission weekend and many of our Cursillistas were at the forefront assisting that work in all manner of ways. (Of course that's what all Cursillistas do everywhere - assist Diocesan Pastoral plans. Our busy weekend was part of Blackburn's 10 year 'Vision 2026 - Healthy Churches Transforming Communities,' project.) What an amazing variety of events there were and how brilliant were the imaginative ones that got local churches



*Loyal, long-term Cursillista Dorothy at 90, still striding out as enthusiastic as ever!*

noticed or took faith to be shared in places beyond the church buildings! (Look up 'Crossroads' on Blackburn's Diocesan website and follow links if you want to see more – maybe pick up some useful ideas for yourselves!)

The Archbishop of York, Dr Sentamu, and 25 bishops from the Northern Province with their mission teams assisted us. Amongst more than 450 events on the 4 day weekend, attended by some 30,000 people, the biggest were when 500 teenagers enjoyed "Light at the Crossroads," a faith & music festival; and when 4,000 primary school children gathered for a celebratory service in Blackburn Rovers' Football Stadium.



*The Bishop of Burnley, Rt Revd Philip North, & Bishop of Lancaster, the Rt Revd Geoff Pearson*

In my quiet, rural parish, our four events were well attended. (Of course most Cursillistas wore Cursillo badges and I made sure Cursillo leaflets were available with the other items of mission literature.

We were blessed by two visits from 'The God Squad.' Riding on their big motor bikes they attracted newcomers to 'Community Men's Breakfast' and aroused interest and extra participation in our Sunday 'Lost Sheep' service & BBQ.

Howie explained that the God Squad is now international and their mission is to courageously seek out the 'One percent bikers' - a name used because the anarchic bikers they want to reach are such a tiny proportion of the general motorcycle fraternity. They include groups such as 'Hell's Angels,' groups which, since feeling disaffected after the war decided to reject the norms of society and to lead lawless, destructive lives as gang members, often being involved with dreadful crime and brutality.



(An opposite reaction from the founders of Cursillo who reacted very differently after their war-time experiences!)

The God Squad attend rallies getting to know the 'One-percenters' and take risks in reaching out to bring the gentleness and love of Christ into these 'environments' - as was explained in the testimony and in inspirational pictures. One rally picture showed a baptism in the sea. Howie also told us how he and his mates began the concept of 'Garage Church' attached to his house, offering practical assistance to bikers and their bikes, and enabling at the same time, the sharing of God's good news.

Comments from the weekend,

"I am an atheist, but it has really made me think about the power of prayer"

"My experience has made me more open to hear the Christian message, and the Church should definitely have more opportunities like this to find out more about Christianity in an informal setting."

"I had no idea what to expect today, but it's made me think I might go back to church."

And my favourite comment, because I overheard these two 9 year olds talking whilst I was doing some craft with them. . . . .

"So Church? Can I just come along or do I have to sort of make an arrangement?"

Her friend who had brought her replied,

"Just come – you might find it's my turn to be in the porch waiting to welcome you."

Aren't children great! Such uninhibited examples of, 'Make a friend . . . Be a friend . . . Bring that friend to our friend Jesus'!

Ultreya

Sandy Harris – Blackburn BACC Rep.

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*Give*  
THANKS  
*to the Lord*  
*for He is good; His love endures forever.*

–1 Chronicles 16:34

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# Bishop Paul's Sermon

3 September 2016: St Gregory the Great

British Anglican Cursillo National Ultreya

Jeremiah 1.4-10; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; Matthew 5.13-19

Again, welcome to York, and welcome to the mother church of the North of England. *De colores!* I hope that you are enjoying yourselves at your National Ultreya. It's affirming for you to be together, and especially perhaps if cursillistas are a bit thin on the ground where you are, it's encouraging to know that there are people elsewhere you are doing something similar to what you do, and whose experiences are like your own. I'm very grateful to Shelagh for asking the Dean to invite me to speak this morning, and to Trevor for sight of your programme. It looks as if you have got a good mixture of work and fun. Whether the item on tonight's programme '7pm Dancing commences' fills you with joyful anticipation or trepidation, it's going to be quite a party.

But what do you bring to the bigger party, the church's party, God's party?

Let's look at today's Bible readings to help our thinking. Jeremiah experiences his call from God. The language is very personal, 'the word of the Lord came to me.' When God calls him to be a prophet, a person who brings God's perspective on the religious and social and political situation of his time, Jeremiah's reaction is to think of his own inadequacy. 'I don't know how to speak, and anyway I'm just a youngster.' But God's plan is to make Jeremiah his mouthpiece, not for blandness because sometimes he will bring a hard message and his task will be 'to destroy and to overthrow'. But God will be with him and will not abandon him.

Then we heard part of the opening chapter of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Whenever I read those letters to the young church in Corinth, I feel the intensity of Paul's love and care towards them, but also hints of the huge frustration they must have caused him. They split into groups and they squabble and they behave badly. But Paul knows that they are the living treasury of the good news of Jesus. It's as if Paul is grabbing them warmly by the lapels (OK, they didn't have jackets with lapels, but you get the picture) saying 'Don't you realise how wonderful and how world-changing all of this is? But if you are going to begin to realise that, you have to think in a radically different way. Yes, dear Corinthians, those of you from a Jewish background may expect God is going to prove his power by doing something supernatural. If you're from a non-Jewish background you may want to sort religion out with a dose of logic. What have we got to show? A beaten-up naked man shamefully nailed to some planks. But that's where you'll find power and wisdom, the real stuff that comes from a loving God: the self-giving, self-emptying anointed one who gives himself up to death for the sake of those he loves.' 'God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.' Fourteen chapters later Paul will put the other pillar of his argument in place: 'If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in

the Lord your labour is not in vain.’

And then the Gospel reading. Matthew pictures Jesus on a mountain in the presence of crowds, speaking particularly to his disciples about God: Jesus as a second Moses, we might say, not bringing a replacement law but with a re-telling, a re-focusing, of what it means to be in relationship with God. But for the disciples, having this relationship isn’t for their own advantage. Rather, they are to see themselves as tasty salt, eye-catching light: the way that they are with God is to be for the benefit of anyone and everyone else. They are to be what Gregory would call himself, ‘servants of the servants of God’.

So our readings are encouraging us to think about what it means to be caught up in what God intends for us, and not just what we think we can do — but God may have some hard work in store; about being swept along by the discovery of how God really works and how that doesn’t conform to human and cultural expectations; about the relationship with God that Jesus’s learners have being a gift to others.

You share the experience of being on Cursillo weekends. There’s still the strong echo in the weekends of the spiritual revival movement 80 years ago when Cursillo started. Eduardo Bonnin saw how the circumstances of the time, the Spanish Civil War, had had the effect of people’s religious mindset lacking depth, understanding and real commitment. In the classic mould of spiritual reformers — St Gregory the Great whose feast day it is today, the Wesleys, name whom you will — Bonnin wanted to see people’s whole life being transformed through a discovery, and a daily re-discovery, of the wonder of the love of God in Jesus Christ. I know from being with some of you at the end of your weekends that although at one level there is little that is different from other gatherings for prayer and worship, nevertheless there is a special ‘something’ and there is a great intensity of experience that many cursillistas feel, and a sense of having been on a very powerful journey in those short days. And to go on that journey means having the courage to ask the question we so often run from, ‘How am I with God?’; and being open to God making of you what he intends. And you have all realised, I know, that the journey of a weekend is a step on a longer, never-ending pilgrimage.

So what can you bring to the bigger party? How can you, individually and together in Cursillo, be an influence for good at whatever level within the church, and what can be your distinctive colours in the whole mission and work to which God invites us?

- First of all, please bring celebration and joy, with worship and prayer at the heart, because without worship and prayer we don’t deserve the name of church anyway. In the spirit of Jeremiah, please bring your conviction that the church is only what it is because of God’s Spirit working through us, and tell your story of how you have seen unexpected gifts of God flourish in yourselves and in the people you have been blessed to meet.
- Be the advertisement for what it means to be a rational 21st-century adult, belonging to whatever part of the church you do, with whatever style of weekly worship and using whatever kind of faith language is appropriate for you, but a person whose deepest being has been transformed and is constantly being changed by an encounter with God in Christ.

- Show and share how vital it has been for you to take steps on a long pilgrimage irrespective of age, and if the reality is that the pilgrimage has been hard at times, you'll be a better advocate for it if you're not afraid of saying so.
- Outside the safety of church culture, counter the idea that faith is redundant, as others see in you what Paul wanted the Corinthians to be, people who know that true wisdom and power are to be found on the cross and in the emptiness of the tomb.
- And let Cursillo be not only your own closer walk with God, but your way to be salt and light as Jesus taught his disciples to be, so that others can be drawn to the reality of God and his love.

Gregory could have been a true cursillista 13 centuries in advance when he wrote 'I do not stand on the pinnacle of achievement the creator and redeemer of humankind can give me, unworthy though I be, the grace to see life whole and power to speak effectively of it.' To that I hope we can all add our Amen. Have a wonderful day.

*1 Corinthians 15.19-20, 25-26, 58  
From a sermon on Ezekiel*

## Anagrams

When I am scared, O Lord,  
you tell me I am sacred.  
When I feel vile, O Lord,  
you call me to live.  
When faith is pale, O Lord,  
you tell me to leap.  
When trust saps, O Lord,  
you remind me it will pass.  
With you, O Lord, it is never too late.  
That's the joy of the Gospel tale.

*By David Grieve*

# The BACC Pilgrimage “From Bertha to Becket”

Some 40 pilgrims arrived at Aylesford Priory in Kent on Tuesday 19th July to take part in the 2016 BACC Pilgrimage. The very spiritual setting of this Carmelite Friary made it an excellent base from which to explore the early days of Christianity going back to the sixth century. Canterbury Cursillo hosted the event and the guide for the pilgrimage was the Reverend Canon Christopher Dent - a veritable expert on the subject of church history.

The following date, the pilgrims headed for the Isle of Thanet and Morning Prayer was held at the site of St. Augustine's Cross where St. Augustine reportedly met King Ethelbert in 597 AD.

Some fascinating information was given by Canon Christopher as the pilgrims visited the landing place of the Vikings, Minster Abbey and Reculver Towers on the north Kent coast. An evening service took place in an interesting and historic Whitstable Church followed by a splendid fish and chip supper at the internationally celebrated fish and chip shop, V. C. Jones.

Thursday 21st July saw the pilgrims in Canterbury. Morning Prayer took place in St. Martin's Church – the oldest place of Christian worship in the country and the church of Queen Bertha who worshipped there even before the arrival of St. Augustine from Rome. The amazing ruins of St. Augustine's Abbey were then explored and following time to look around the historic city, the pilgrims attended a Eucharist service in the Crypt of Canterbury Cathedral.

Cathedral tours followed, the highlight of which was a visit to the “Martyrdom” – the place where Becket was murdered in 1170 AD.

The evening brought food and hilarious entertainment in a nearby church hall before the weary pilgrims headed back to the Friary for some pre-bedtime drinks and much discussion about the two very full days.

The following day saw a morning service in the St. Joseph's Chapel of the Friary before fond farewells to a very happy and contented band of pilgrims!!

# BACC Pilgrimage 2016 'From Bertha to Beckett'

On 19th July (probably the hottest day of the year) five Durham Cursillistas set off for the BACC Pilgrimage entitled 'From Bertha to Beckett' – yes, Bertha - and we found out about Mildred the mild, and Augustine and.... But I digress!

We were welcomed at the Friars at Aylesford which is not only the home of an early Carmelite order but now a beautifully reconstructed and magnificent retreat house set in the most beautiful grounds. A Pilgrimage is 'a spiritual journey to a sacred site' in which the journey and our companions on the road are important too. We were certainly led on many journeys (in great comfort on an air conditioned coach) to several sacred sites over the next three days and we were all grateful to have the time and space to be away from our own daily routines as we were exceptionally well looked after. For one of our number the pilgrimage had special significance as she had made her Cursillo on Bradford 1 under the gentle guidance of the Rev'd Christopher Lewis, who had been part of the gifting team from Canterbury to Bradford. More on this connection later!

We shared the Eucharist on our first evening together with fellow Cursillista Pilgrims from all over the country in the beautiful modern chapel of St Joseph and went on to hear the history of Aylesford Priory from one of the brothers in residence there. We were then introduced to Rev'd Canon Christopher Dent (not a Cursillista -yet!) who was to guide our path from Bertha to Beckett. Christopher was a fount of knowledge and brought so much knowledge and understanding to us of the first Christians who arrived in Kent.

The following morning, we shared morning prayer at the Augustine Cross near Ramsgate, so called because it is at the spot where Augustine landed, but of course is now much more inland and went on to the ancient Benedictine Abbey at Minster where we learnt about Ethelburga's daughter Mildred, so called because she was a wise and mild counsellor and which was where she set up a community. Parts of this ancient foundation were still visible and it was so good to learn that this small retreat house has survived and is still being used by those on their own spiritual journeys. Part of the grounds were used as an outreach called 'Looking Ahead' to those with learning difficulties, who ran a fantastic coffee shop (the BEST coffee and walnut cake I've ever tasted!) and with a garden centre too.

Our next stop was Reculver, where we had the opportunity to walk some of the Pilgrim way, or take a boat trip down the river. It was very moving to walk along the pilgrim path with my fellow pilgrims and to share their stories. This is also so much of what a pilgrimage is about and is what the earliest pilgrims would have done too. Reculver on a cliff top is where there was a Roman settlement and we were able to see the ruins of a huge church built on the same site, whose towers remain intact despite the forebodings of a Victorian priest, who decided it was about to fall into the sea and demolished the

body of the church and built a smaller one further inland. Here a breeze and a paddle in the sea cooled and refreshed us before we set off for Whitstable.

We shared Eucharist in the round in the parish church at Whitstable. This church had been Rev'd Christopher Lewis' and he had been responsible for the reordering which made the altar central and decorated on all four sides with beautiful embroideries. We looked for some of Christopher's beautiful carvings there, but I'm afraid I didn't find any! Christopher, of course was very helpful and supportive of Durham Cursillo in its earliest days and was Rector at Riding Mill for several years, running retreats at Shepherd's Dene, so we had a special connection.

On Thursday, another hot day, we had morning prayer at St. Martin's church in Canterbury, which is apparently the oldest church to still be in constant use since it was given to Bertha, the Christian Queen, for her use. We then explored the ruins of St Augustine's Abbey the size and scale of which was truly awesome, especially as it had been constructed in the shadow of the vast Canterbury Cathedral which towered above us. The earliest pilgrims must have been overwhelmed with the size and magnificence of these places, but I hope that they were given a warm welcome too and were well looked after.

Our Pilgrimage took us into the Cathedral where we shared the Eucharist once more, but this time in the cool and sombre Eastern Crypt by the suspended Antony Gormley sculpture of Thomas a Beckett and directly under the site of his murder in the Cathedral. It was an extraordinary time, which caused me to consider all those early Christians in this country who were called to 'stick their necks out' and uphold their faith in the face of hostility and derision and to thank God that they did. This experience was highlighted again in our guided tours of the Cathedral – led of course by Cursillistas! After choral evensong we were entertained in true Cursillo style by Canterbury Cursillistas, royally fed and entertained!

So to the end of this Pilgrimage after a Eucharist once again in the chapel of St. Joseph at Aylesford Priory where we had begun our journey. Did we and our fellow pilgrims find spiritual insight, wisdom and healing on our Pilgrimage to places special to our faith? Oh yes, I think so, walking in the company of Christ, sharing our experiences, and meeting with others who share that same faith and commitment.

Many, many thanks to Canterbury Cursillo for organising this very special time for us!

Durham

## Blackburn's Happening #25



In September our amazing 'Happeners' held another 'Happening Weekend'.

We are so very blessed by these wonderful young people who annually provide these weekends to enable more young people (aged 15 – 20 years of age) to spend time together, exploring and deepening their faith. With inspirational talks given by the Happeners; discussions; lively worship; crafts and activities; lots and lots of fun; and of course the excellent food in Whalley Abbey's special surroundings, it is a highly enjoyable, often life-changing experience for each batch of new participants. (How I wish I'd known about it when my own children were in this age bracket. I'd have loved them to have such a faith affirming experience before leaving home for university; I'd have been pleased to know they had such a firm Christian friendship group to encourage them at what can be a tricky stage of life.)

Happeners have their own ways of ensuring that their weekends are rooted in prayer, as are those of Cursillo. Happeners try to arrange a P.U.S.H. - which is more than 'Pray **U**ntil **S**omething **H**appens. They gather together in a church for an 'all-night lock-in,' thus enabling 'Prayer **U**nceasingly **S**upporting **H**appening.' A few years ago when youngsters from our church went on their Happening I was amazed to read at the closing service, the prayers which had been inspirationally written for each of the unknown



# Chester Cursillo Wake Up and Clausura

Can you remember your thoughts and feelings at Wake Up and Clausura on YOUR Cursillo Weekend? Here are a few supplied by Chester Cursillistas from its early beginnings in the 1980's to the most recent at the Diocesan Ultreya. Do any reflect your feelings?

## Wake Up:

Fabulous, I couldn't believe it. To think people had actually got up and come. It was one of the most exciting moments of the Weekend.

I can't explain it, it was just like, well, beautiful voices. I wondered why people were coming in- just amazing, absolute joy, STUNNING.

If I hadn't had the Wake Up I wouldn't be at this Diocesan Ultreya today. It showed me all the 'goodness' of the Weekend was real.

I didn't know what was happening. Sitting there; there was apprehension, waiting for something. It was very exciting when it happened: wonderful experience.

Well, I hadn't made it down as I was a bit stressed. It was the Wake Up when I finally 'got it'.

I was AMAZED. I thought, 'What are you doing here? What will happen next?' The carnation was lovely. Wake Up pulled the Weekend together and COMPLETELY CHANGED MY LIFE.

Taken aback.....full of surprises!

## Clausura:

The whole thing was amazing-wonderful.

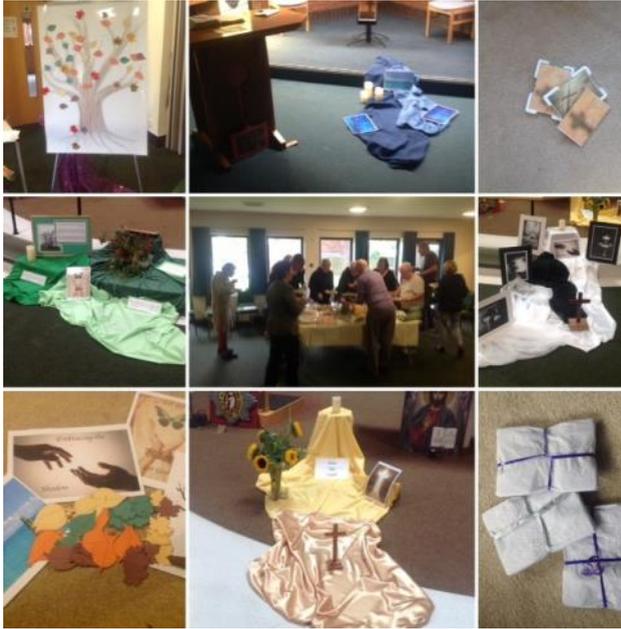
Such generosity of spirit.

I was stunned to see the visitors. I wondered 'What are you doing here?' I was overwhelmed at the effort put in.....

It was emotional. The weather was terrible: fog and snow, but it was packed-wonderful.

These reflections speak clearly of the impact of Wake Up and Clausura. They are a real gift. It is such a SPECIAL GIFT to give and so gratefully received, as one Cursillista said, 'Such a generosity of spirit'.

# COVENTRY DIOCESAN CURSILLO



Coventry Diocese had a wonderful 'quiet day' recently, led by one of our Cursillistas aided by a good friend. The morning was entitled 'A Day to Receive in the Shadow of the Cross' and it was indeed that! From feedback received, a number of the 24 people who attended found a special closeness to God. There were prayer stations which stimulated our thoughts and opened our minds to receive God's words.

After the quiet time, we had a Eucharist followed by a shared lunch.

I'm delighted to say that Sally Henniker-Major joined us for this event and addressed the group at the end of the day, with words of encouragement and clarity on the fourth day.

Chris Horton

Secretary.



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**from Coventry**

# Trevor King – Who is he?

It is a great honour and extremely humbling to be asked to be the next President of this amazing tool of the church that is Cursillo, of which I have been a part for some 25 years. I first made my Cursillo in February 1992 in Chester diocese, on Chester 10, 6 months after my late wife Stephanie had made hers. Soon afterwards we joined the Lichfield diocese Steering Group and helped establish Cursillo there. I staffed on a number of weekends, had various roles on the Lichfield Secretariat, and was Lay Rector on Lichfield 4 and it is a deep sadness to me that Lichfield Cursillo is no longer active.

As Lichfield BACC Rep I attended BACC meetings and for some time in the 1990s served as editor of BACC Pages. I joined the BACC Standing Committee and helped write the first 'Gifting Cursillo' Guidelines in the Resource Manual.

We moved to Scarborough in 1997 when I was appointed Manager of a new church based charity for the homeless. There was no Cursillo movement in York diocese but we quickly linked up with a couple of other Cursillistas and started growing the movement, holding York 1 in 2001. Again I served first on the Steering Group and then on the Secretariat in various capacities and staffed on weekends regularly, being Lay Rector of York 7.

Shortly after that I suffered a period of depression and withdrew from any Cursillo leadership role for a while to concentrate on my family and my work, but I did continue with Reunion Group and Ultreyas. Then, just before retirement a couple of years ago, I was asked to consider becoming York Lay Director. No more than a month after agreeing we were asked to host Ultreya GB 2016!

As President I will look to build on the excellent work of my predecessors to further strengthen the movement and improve its profile and reputation within the Church. Cursillo is such a wonderful gift to the Church but is still often misunderstood and undervalued.

I have found the Cursillo method incredibly supportive and encouraging over the years. Group reunions and Ultreyas have been the backbone of my own spiritual growth. It was through Cursillo that God called me to His service in the church both in work and now in retirement. If I had not been part of Cursillo I would not have been open enough to hear that call nor had the courage to respond. Through the prompting of Cursillo friends and prayer I believe that He called me to offer myself for this position of BACC President and I know that the Holy Spirit will enable me to fulfil the role to the best of my ability.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the next three years and I intend to visit as many dioceses as I can in the time.

**ULTREYA!!**

Trevor

York Anglican Cursillo

# Making My Cursillo

E cum back from choch yon Sundi. Sed t'owld lass ad invahted im ont weekend away!  
Y'know, that un wot ugs, N prays fur evrywun. Well – if ees goin – me n'all – wimin wot  
ug! Nivver! Ees not stayin!

So off we went – Wydale – Gods ow'wn cuntry. Bags int car – gin – emergency supply –  
packed int bag – and fost aid kit. Well – ye nivver know. And there wus more of em! And  
they all ugged! Nivver known art like it! Weird but kindly like – but we're still not stayin!

Room were uge – bigger n ars back ome. N grub were reet grand – a good spread as me  
mam wud say. Ahm keepin me eyes peeled fur t'owld lass though – er an er uggin. Service  
were nice – I expectid 'ummin or summat – wi it bein meditation. Ah tawld im – if ahv  
t'sit ont floor wi mi legs crossed – ahl nivver git up – fergit it! But it felt peaceful like – an  
no washin up – We'll stay til mornin!

Thowt fire alarm ad gon off int mornin. Bells all over! Ringin t git up, rinin fer chapel, and  
a raht greet gong fer grub! Reminds me o me school days. Specially wen 'lectures' started.  
Ah sed to im – ah bin goin t' choch nigh on all me life – an now 'lectures' on it – wi bells  
n all! Ah nivver thowt ah wud see day. Sundi school 3 days int row! But them talks – reet  
intrestin, from the 'art – we'll stay a bit longer.

Eee, raht crafty we wos yisterday. It war like bein back wi bairns agen. Glue 'n glitter 'n  
colourin stuff – got raht carrid away. 'N t'day – well t'day ah feel quite 'inside' missen.  
Them there prayers n all. The Passion last night set me off – caught me off guard like - an  
all them diffrent ways a prayin t'day. Ood a thought. Med me think a bit ah can tell ya.  
Can't quite put mi finger on it. Reflective like. 'N folk don't seem quite so weird – not  
uggin as much as ah thowt. An it felt warm like – we maht just stay.

Wot a banquit we ad t'night. Allus folk int posh togs. T'wer raht special. N all them cards  
from folk ah don't reet know – wunder if ee does? Summat t do wi Polka – didn't dance  
much wen they wus given art. Nice though. Then there wus these ere skits – no, not  
sort wot needs tablets! Well, I aint laughed so much int ages. Glad ah packed me big nik-  
kers! Ah maht just find t'owld woman – and give er an ug missen. Reet social bunch –  
we'll stay fer t'night.

Well. Service 'o light they called it. Ah've nivver seen aht like it. That cross lit wi undreds  
of little candles. Felt like Ee was raht there wi us. Raht there. It wasn't the wimmin uggin  
– it were im. Wasn't too sure on bein anointed at first – but after a bit ah went up – an  
ee was there, listenin, prayin, healin. I tell ya – ah needed the Kleenex that night – rured  
like a bairn. But at same time, I felt reet warm inside, loved. Reet glad we stayed.

No bells this mornin – woken by angel voices singin in't hallway. Can't believe we're goin  
ome t'day. Ahl miss this lot – yes – an the ugs. This weekend as touched my art and sole.  
Such peace. Such a lot ter think about. An it'll stay wi me for ever. But there's still the  
reunions. We'll be goin to them. But I wish we could stay longer!

Tracey Netherton

2015

(Tracey performs her Yorkshire dialect poem online at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T8GxYzq46vU>)

# V World Ultreya

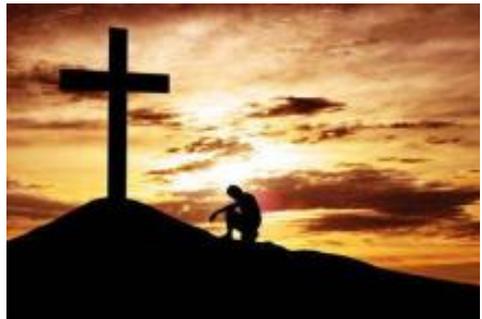


4, 5 & 6 May 2017

## **PALANCA**

*In the CM, this is the name of prayers and voluntary sacrifices, performed individually or in community, to ask for the Grace of God to act on the persons and the Movement, so that all human activity carried out in the CM always has the support of the Spirit. These prayers and actions, with a profound ecclesial spirit, make real the mystery of communion of the Saints in the Mystical Body of Christ.*

*Palanca is an essential tool in the evangelizing method of the CM; the first and most necessary resource to support all activities at all times.*



*Prayer is the principal means of the supernatural order in which we trust for the success of the Movement.*

*The Movement is also supported by praying communities which offer prayers and sacrifices for the success of the CM, as they know from their own experience the transcendence of prayer in order to obtain conversion.*



*These praying communities, with a deep ecclesial sense, make real the mystery of the Communion of the Saints, in the Mystical Body of Christ.*

*That's why, now that we are preparing the big World Ultreya that will be celebrated on the 4, 5 and 6 May 2017, we appeal to all cursilistas and all the Movement's structures to make "palancas" praying and making sacrifices asking to the Lord by its good success and sending it by email to:*

*omcc.palanca.ultreya@gmail.com*

*And, don't forget, the deadline for registration for participation in the V World Ultreya, ends on the 31 January 2017 and that it must be registered via email to:*

*omcc.secretary@gmail.com*



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**Proposed Itinerary**

**Fatima/Santiago De Compostella**

**(Date TBC possibly 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May 2017)**

*(The date is dependent on flights but we will be in Fatima before 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017)*

**Day (1)** The Options travel coach will pick up en-route from Rochdale to either Manchester airport or Stanstead airport. **(Note: if we leave from Manchester we will return to Stanstead & vice versa)** therefore the itinerary will also be in reverse.

Arrive in **Santiago De Compostella** for a 2 night stay at a 3\* hotel (half board) we will have a guided **walk around the old town** & a **guided visit to the Cathedral**, and **the burial place of St James** friend and companion of Jesus.

**Day (2)** After breakfast for those pilgrims who would like to **walk the last 5 mile of the Camino**, the coach will take us to **Monte De Gozo** where we join the pilgrimage walk at **"The Hill of Joy"**, the first sighting pilgrims have of the Cathedral in the distance. For those not walking the Camino you will have a free day in the historic city of Santiago De Compostella where Mass will be arranged.

**Day (3)** We leave Santiago after a leisurely breakfast for Fatima. Where we remain in a 3\* hotel for 3 nights half board. There may be a possible visit to **Porto on the way to Fatima**. In **Fatima** the guide will give us a full tour of the **sanctuary** taking in the **Apparition Chapel, Holy Trinity Church & the Basilica** where you will see the tombs of the 3 children.

**Day (4)** This morning we walk the stations of the cross after this we visit **Aljustrel** where the children were born before returning to our hotel for dinner. Mass can be arranged in the **Chapel of St Stephen**.

**Day (5)** Cursillo World Ultreya **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**For those pilgrims not attending the Ultreya you will have a Free day in Fatima.**

**Day (6)** After breakfast we depart to Lisbon & the flight back to Manchester where the coach will be waiting to return you to your pick up point. On the journey to **Lisbon airport** we will stop at **Santarem** where we will have Mass at the **Church of the Eucharistic Miracle**.

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# Ultreya GB 2017

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Saturday 2nd September 2017



## **Outline programme for the day:**

### Saturday 2nd September 2017

- 9.30 onwards    Meet up at The Minster school (NG25 0LG) For a time of catch up
- 10.30 - 11.30    Ulteya in the Minster school main hall
- 12.00            Lunch is served - you will need to register for this (details to follow)
- 13.15            Assemble for the Procession of Faith from the school to the Minster
- 14.15            All in and seated and our National Service begins
- 15.30            Return to the school for drinks, hugs, chat

### **Travel instructions**

There is ample parking at the school if you intend to arrive by car.

Buses run from Nottingham city centre (Pathfinder line No. 100) and Newark train station (No. 28 & 29) every 30 minutes (journey time of 50 and 30 minutes respectively).

Nottingham train station is a 10-15 walk from the bus service. The bus stops outside the station in Newark

### **Accommodation**

There many places to stay in and around Southwell. For the best advice and most up-to-date information contact Visit Southwell Tourist Information. Their contact details are listed below.

Web - [www.visitsouthwell.com](http://www.visitsouthwell.com)

Call - 01636 819038

Email - [info@visitsouthwell.com](mailto:info@visitsouthwell.com)

Alternatively, Newark town is also reasonably close and has slightly more capacity. For further details go to

[www.visit-newark.co.uk](http://www.visit-newark.co.uk)



# The British Anglican Cursillo<sup>®</sup> Council

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## **N.B. New Arrangements for payment and delivery of resources:**

- Please continue to send your orders to Anne (the resources officer) as before, either by post or to the above email address.
- When sending your order please **also** send a copy, together with payment to the BACC Treasurer, Jane Wrigley, 11 Little Lunnon, Dunton Bassett, Leics. LE17 5JR . Cheques need to be made payable to British Anglican Cursillo.
- Please identify your resource needs in good time so that they may be taken to BACC national events and collected there. i.e. at the May AGM, at the National Ultreya or at the November BACC meeting. **The last date for orders for collection must be with Anne at least 2 weeks before these events**, so that there is time to print (if necessary) and pack items needed for your collection.
- If items are being ordered on behalf of a Diocesan Cursillo and will be collected at a national meeting, please indicate the name of the person collecting these items.
- If your Diocese has an urgent need for items, please add postage and packing costs to your order and pay these in advance. We suggest £3 for small items in a padded envelope, and a minimum of £5 for larger items, dependent on weight and quantity.

# BACC RESOURCES

## PRICE LIST & ORDER FORM

<b>RESOURCE MANUAL</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total Price</b>
<b>Complete Resource Manual</b> (comprising all items in this section)	<b>£ 20.00</b>		
Contents list	5p		
<b>Apostolic Message and Team Formation 2014</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>		
<b>Authentic Three Day Weekend 2014</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>		
<b>BACC—What is it? 2002</b>	10p		
<b>BACC Constitution and Licensing Agreement 2012</b>	50p		
<b>BACC Publications and Styles 2003</b>	10p		
<b>Cursillo Workshops inc. Clergy Taster Days 2004</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>		
<b>Day of Deeper Understanding 2014</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>		
<b>Fourth Day First 2014</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>		
<b>Gifting Cursillo – BACC Guidelines 2012</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>		
<b>Group Reunion 2006</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>		
<b>Health and Well-being of the Movement 2014</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>		
<b>Music in Cursillo 2012</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>		
<b>Pastoral Plan 2001</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>		
<b>Role of the Clergy in the Cursillo Movement 2014</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>		
<b>Secretariat 2014</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>		
<b>Self-Study Checklist for Secretariats 2005</b>	10p		
<b>Servant Community 2004</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>		
<b>Spiritual Direction 2001 (N.E.C.)</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>		
<b>Sponsorship 2014</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>		
<b>Strategy for Restarting/Renewing Cursillo Movements in Dioceses 2014</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>		
<b>Table Leaders Guide 2014</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>		
<b>Ultreya 2014</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>		
<b>What is Cursillo? 2001</b>	<b>£ 1.00</b>		
	<b>RUNNING TOTAL</b>		<b>£</b>

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## PRICE LIST & ORDER FORM cont...

	BALANCE B/F:	£	
OTHER BACC PUBLICATIONS	Unit Price	Quantity	Total Price
Three Fold Leaflet	20p each		
A5 Colour Poster	5 for £ 1.00		
Group Reunion Card	100 for £4.50		
	50 for £2.50		
	or 6p each		
Rule of Life Card	100 for £3.50		
	50 for £2.00		
	Or 5p each		
Ultreya Floating Group Reunion Card	10p		
Talk outline for Group Reunion talk	25p		
Suggestions on Developing and Using a Rule of Life	10p		
NEC PUBLICATIONS			
Lay Talk Workbook 2004	£ 3.95		
Clergy Talk Workbook 2006	£ 3.95		
Spiritual Direction (for Clergy only)	£ 2.75		
OTHER RESOURCES			
Cursillo Lapel Badge	£ 1.00 each		
Crucifixes	£4 for 1		
	£3.75 for 2-49		
	£3.50 for 50+		
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£</b>

A copy of this form can be also be downloaded from:

<http://www.anglicancursillo.co.uk/assets/documents/BACCResourcesOrderFormApril2016.docx>

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Date of order: \_\_\_\_\_

For collection at \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person collecting order \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Is this order on behalf of a diocesan Cursillo? YES/NO \_\_\_\_\_

If YES, please state diocese: \_\_\_\_\_

Role in Diocesan Cursillo \_\_\_\_\_

**If this is an urgent order please add post and packaging, as appropriate, to total cost and send remittance to include this, to the BACC Treasurer, Jane Wrigley.**

**Total cost of order if NOT being collected (please include postage and packaging – see note)**

## **P&P costs**

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Or email to: [resources@anglicancursillo.co.uk](mailto:resources@anglicancursillo.co.uk)

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If you have a BACC Resource Manual, please check it against the list below to ensure you have the latest copy of the booklet. Item in red below is currently being re-written.

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BACC Constitution and Licensing Agreement <b>2012</b>	10p
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Self-Study Checklist for Secretariats <b>2005</b>	1 copy free, others 10p
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Spiritual Direction <b>2001</b>	£ 1.00
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# WHO TO CONTACT

The following will help you enormously when contacting the right people, should you have queries or information to share.

## **Standing Committee:**

### **For all BACC enquiries:**

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### **For all Secretarial queries:**

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### **For all Cursillo Finance queries:**

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Alison Askew, Libby Bradshaw, Jacqui Johnson, Rev Canon Duncan McCosh, Roberta Smith, John Seller & Margaret Tate.

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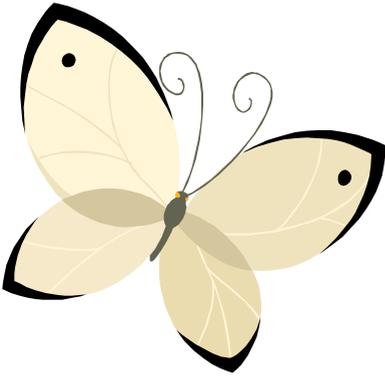
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