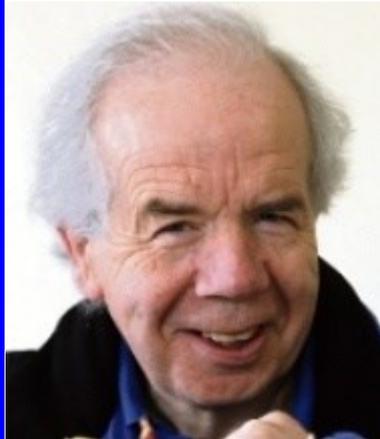




CHRIST MASS

DECEMBER 2015

Weekend #36 : 3 1st March—3rd April Windermere Centre
please pray ; please join us Sunday 3rd April at 3pm for our 'Closing'



FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

The new Christian year has begun so let me begin by wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas.

Celebration of Our Lord Jesus and light and colour are key to the Cursillo tradition and we can share them to the full with our churches and local communities at this glorious festival.

God bless us everyone!

And with the new year comes a new round of Cursillo activities. First our next Weekend – #36, from March 31st to April 3rd. This is earlier than usual but the plan is to keep a consistent date for our early year Weekend and always hold it over Low Sunday, the first Sunday after Easter. Then schools are still on holiday and it might be easier for teachers and parents to be away from home for four days.

Davy Jones will be Lay Rector and Rev Clive Shaw and Revd Sue Mckendrey Spiritual Advisors

Applications for team and for pilgrims are invited now.

Please pray and consider whether you would be a member of the team. Even if you're unable to devote a whole weekend, we are looking for a Fourth Day team to come to Windermere on the Sunday to help prepare for the Clausura service and pack the boxes for removal from the Centre.

Please continue to look for and encourage fellow-Christians who would bless and be blessed by Cursillo. Ideally perhaps, we're looking for believers who are already members of a church community and rooted in faith but still growing.

It is the smallest of all seeds yet when it grows it is the largest of plants and becomes a tree and the birds of the air come and nest in its branches. Matt 13:32.

Our prayer is that, in the nursery bed of Cursillo, all may receive new living water, be nurtured by love and grow in discipleship to spread their branches and welcome wandering birds.

And if you're a bit unsure how your own branches are bearing up, do call on your Cursillo brothers and sisters for support in fellowship, counsel and prayer! Yours in new Hope Tim

NEXT EVENT:

Weekend 36 Team
Application Deadline
January 31st

Archdeaconry Groupings :

Jan 19th NORTH

7pm No.1 The Abbey
Carlisle Cathedral
(come at 6pm for our
planning meeting if you
can) help make some
placemats !

Michael 01228 542790

WEST

7pm Maryport
All Saints or St Mary
Sue 01900 813077

SOUTH

Jim :01229 821561

36 Team Training day 1

Sat Feb 27th
Penrith URC

Team Training day 2
Sat March 19th
Penrith URC

*Please pray for these days
and the Team.*

NATIONAL ULTREYA : DAY OUT

Coach to Blackburn Cathedral



From **Elisabeth Watchman**

Our visit to Blackburn Cathedral for the annual Ultreya : a brief account of a happy and much blessed day.

We set off from Carlisle by coach and picked up our friends from Penrith. The driver was lovely who took good care of us, and Richard kept us awake and cheerful with his jokes.

After a short break in the journey we arrived to a warm and friendly welcome from the members of Blackburn Cursillo members. The

generous supply of coffee was available all the day.

After we had registered, and before the morning service, there was time to peruse the contents for sale on all the different stalls. However some people did gather to sing hymns straight away. It was a wonderful opportunity for so many voices to praise God in this beautiful cathedral. The services and Eucharist at the end of the day's worship were all moving and inspiring.

A delicious lunch of soup and sandwiches (and plenty of both!) was serviced with friendliness and the minimum of fuss.

There were 400 Cursillo attendees representing groups from different regions. Before the Eucharist there was a parade of all the Cursillo banners with everyone proud to see theirs and enjoy the design of each one's glorification of our Lord.

At the end of the Eucharist we were given the exciting news of next year's annual Ultreya to be held in York; (we will have to go). The banners were then processed out of the cathedral into warm sunshine to rapturous applause and cheers.

I hear that many then enjoyed a delicious Lancashire Hotpot in the Cathedral café before heading home but our Carlisle contingent felt it was too early and so, to break our journey, we stopped at a very pleasant hotel for a superb high tea and a wonderful Cursillo family occasion. Excellent choice Tim, thank you so much for arranging this special day.

From **Elisabeth's sister Mary Addison** (not a Cursillista)

Cursillo Ultreya GB 2015 held at Blackburn Cathedral.

We had an exciting day with the Blackburn Cursillo Community, in Blackburn's lovely Cathedral. The welcome and programme for the day were very encouraging.

It is wonderful to know that there are Cursillo communities in so many areas throughout the UK and beyond, living for Christ.

Tom Hicks was in our Faith sharing group. It was wonderful to meet such a wonderfully talented old man who has kept in touch and sends the inspiring poetry that he has composed.

Thank you so much to the Blackburn Cursillistas, and to my sister's Cursillo family in Cumbria, for making the arrangements to get us there and the excellent time and food on the way home.

Every Blessing and a very happy Christmas to you all. **Thank you Elisabeth and Mary !**

FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR



New Year Revolutions—no, it isn't a spelling mistake !

but a challenge to start planning NOW for the year ahead.

In that wonderful passage from the beginning of the Letter to the Hebrews , we hear how, over thousands of years , God had tried different ways to get through to humanity, finally speaking to us 'in the flesh' through his Son. No doubt with his head in his hands, The Almighty had changed his game-plan several times, until, 'at the right time', Jesus appears and completes the rescue.

What plans are you making for the coming year ?

Apostolic Action : Who are you attempting to work on ? What's your plan for 2016 ?

When are you going to regularly pray for them ? What are you hoping to invite them to ?

It is still true that the majority of people come to faith through a friend or family member.

Study : What book are you hoping to read or what course are you planning to attend ?

Piety : Have you got a Spiritual Director/Soul mate yet ? Have you set dates to see them ?

Have you booked a Quiet day or two, or a Retreat ? Have you tried keeping a journal ?

'The word became flesh, and moved into the neighbourhood' perhaps we too have to remind ourselves how deeply inhabited we are by the living Lord; that Christ is in us, the hope of glory, and we, in turn , need to inhabit our own networks of family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues; to help release the kingdom in our day and in our area.

Have a blessed Christmas and a well-planned 2016 Michael

Cumbria Cursillo Diocesan Gathering and AGM 2016 : June 16

Cursillo Leaders Workshop (CLW) want to explore Cursillo more ?

Want to refresh yourself or equip yourself for wider leadership in Cursillo ?

Why not consider a leaders weekend ?

Contact **Tim Barker** or **Lyn Radcliffe** for details

April 15—17 Wistaston Hall Crewe

Sept 30 - Oct 2 Stone nr Stafford



National Ultreya :York 3rd September 2016

As Elizabeth mentioned, next year's National Ultreya will be held in York and as she says, "We will have to go." It will be on Saturday September 3rd and some Cumbrians have already booked.

To be practical a visit to York will best be done with an overnight stay on Friday 2nd. York Cursillo have reserved accommodation at the university for £47 per night with buses laid on to ferry people to and from the Ultreya at York Minster. Full details and booking forms are available online – www.anglicancursillo.co.uk/ultreyagb2016/. For printed versions please ask Tim.

Who's Who

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		canonmissioner@carlislecathedral.org.uk
Secretary	Lyn Radcliffe	01900 814181
		lynrad@hotmail.co.uk
Treasurer	Margaret Scott	01946 721397
		xtystie@yahoo.co.uk

Archdeaconry Teams

Who have taken on the roles of pre-cursillo, post-cursillo, and area reps

<u>West</u>	Rev Sue McKendrey	01900 813077
	Lyn Radcliffe	01900 814181
	Anna Jones	01946 691195
<u>South</u>	Rev Clive Shaw	01229 772889
	Jim Webster	01229 821561
	Graham Tate	01229 833150
<u>North</u>	Canon Michael Manley	01228 542790
	Richard Stewart	01228 533658
	Pat Conlan	01228 674204

Diocesan Reps

Weekend Convener	Al Lee	01228 562291
Web News/prayer	Jim & Brenda Webster	01229 821561
BACC Rep	Margaret Tate	01229 833150
Palanca Secretary	Lyn Radcliffe	01900 814181
Music Convener	Al Lee	01228 562291
Magazine editor	<i>vacant</i>	<i>could be you ?</i>
Communications	Jenny Wright	01556 502184

Servant Community

The Trustees with the Archdeaconry Team Reps and Diocesan reps

SHOP SPOT

We have various items for sale to add to our togetherness, (and add to Cursillo funds). Some are available at Ultreyas and Homecomings and you can order them at any time from the contacts below:

Navy fleece jackets Navy fleece cardigans Jade Sweatshirts Jade Polo Shirts Available from Wendy Houghton 01900 813675 wendyhoughton19@sky.com

CDs Ultreya 1. Ultreya 2. "In Christ Alone"

Michael Hancock 01228 527106 eleanor.hancock@sky.com

Graham Tate 01229 833150 graham@carring.wanadoo.co.uk

EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE

At our AGM in June one of the things we talked about was the **themed place-mats** which go on tables at Cursillo weekends. They're both fun and instructive and a gentle informal way to involve pilgrims and encourage them to contribute. It would be good to produce fresh place-mats so we are asking you in your group reunions to make some for weekend # 36 next year.

Just a sheet of A4 paper decorated with images and text as you wish but including the weekend number and a note of who it's from – your group, the artistic one who actually did most of the work, as appropriate. Pilgrims (and team) can keep them as a memento. Liaise with your archdeaconry leaders (see Who's Who) and other groups but we thought perhaps 12 from each archdeaconry.

New Year Resolutions.

Please pray about posts on Cumbria Cursillo Secretariat and Servant Community which are still unfilled or about to become vacant. Could you yourself take over as

Treasurer
Palanca Convener
Website Manager
Magazine Editor ?



Or could you share one of the duties ?

Could you encourage someone else you know who would be just right for the job ?

Job descriptions are available from Secretary Lyn.

Prayer Support we owe a great debt of thanks to Jim and Brenda Webster for keeping us all in touch—thanks guys ! Please continue to pray as you receive the requests, and especially for all the flood victims and for continued long-term support for house-holders and businesses.

Thank you