



Derby Anglican Cursillo®



Newsletter – December 2017

Dear Cursillistas,

May the Secretariat of Derby Cursillo wish you all the Peace of Christ at this Christmastide and a Happy New Year.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

Ultreya - Sally, Robert, Betty, Jane, Barbara, John, Kath, Val and Andrew

Robert's letter

Dear Cursillista's

As we start to prepare for the coming celebration of the birthday of Jesus both at Church and in our daily lives we can reflect that another year is almost over and within weeks we shall begin all over again.

We will be thinking about where we might go on holiday, and when. Will we try and get away for a weekend to celebrate a birthday. Shall we decorate the living room and all other sorts of material things? It's now mid-November as I write this and guess what Black Friday has already started and I am reliably informed that Thornton's have made their Easter Eggs already!

We can however reflect on another great year as members of Derby Cursillo. Some of us spent a very nice weekend away at Launde Abbey organised and run by Sally in which we studied the Psalms and had the opportunity for some quiet time (including Barbara!). The weather was kind to us which allowed us to have some nice walks around the grounds.

In September we also fielded a contingent to attend the National Ultreya which took place in Southwell. I was personally pleased to be able to go as we were not on holiday and it was local. We stayed the night at the Saracens Head along with Jane and had a pleasant meal together. We have had some very enjoyable Ultreyas. Our Secretariat has had some lively debates and we always enjoy our time together.

Sadly we have lost two of our members this year but we know they are in a better place and their suffering has ended.

Can I wish you all the very best for Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Robert



A MESSAGE FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

We are now in the season of Advent, and looking forward to Christmas. A busy (and can be expensive) time of year. The word 'Advent' is taken from the Latin word *Adventus*, which means 'coming'.

Of course, we are looking forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus, but during Advent it is traditional to think about the second coming of Jesus. He promised that he would return 'but about that day or hour no one knows, but only the Father.' We do know that when he does return, it will not be like the last time ... he will not again be born in poverty and obscurity, but will come as King of Kings and Lord of Lords ..'Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds, with great power and glory.' And Jesus tells us to be ready at all times.

Advent and Christmas are therefore times to think about the past and the future. In the past we have the wonderful story of the baby born at Bethlehem, with shepherds and wise men giving praise and worship. But we also look to the future, to the second coming of Christ, when he will return to make all things new. Some people become obsessed with trying to work out the date of Jesus' return ... over the centuries there have been many dates confidently predicted, which have come and gone.

But Jesus did not ask us to try and calculate the date; we leave that to God. Being ready for Jesus' return has nothing to do with trying to calculate dates. It has everything to do with being obedient to his commands. When Jesus returns, he wants to find us faithfully doing the tasks that are ours, doing our duty, being kind to one another, and enjoying with thanksgiving the good things that God has given us.

Jesus summed up the whole of Bible teaching in a few words - 'Love the Lord your God ... and love your neighbour as yourselves.' We don't have to be great theologians, with a row of letters after our names. We just have to love God and one another. And loving one another means helping and caring for each other, and forgiving each other the hurts that we do, for we do sometimes hurt people even if we don't mean to. If we live in love, forgiveness and generosity, we will be ready for Christ's return whenever that may be.

Advent and Christmas, are, above all, times of Hope. Not the uncertain hope of 'I hope it won't rain tomorrow' but the certain Hope of Christianity. The certain Hope that we can trust God to love and care for us; for Jesus' birth and life on earth have shown us the depth of that love. The certain Hope that Jesus will return, for we can trust his promises. And the certain Hope that those we have loved who have already died are safe with our Father in Heaven, and that one day, whenever that may be, we shall see them again, and rejoice with them in Christ's eternal kingdom. This Hope is especially important to those who have been recently bereaved, and are facing their first Christmas without their loved one. It does not protect us from the grief and pain of loss - the pain we feel at their passing is the price we pay for loving them - but we should not totally despair. This year I have found this particularly important, as a young man I knew was killed on his motorbike in November. He was only 19, and his family are devastated ... Christmas is going to be very hard for them. But they believe in God and in Jesus his Son, and they now entrust their son to God's care. Please pray that God will help and comfort them at this time.

I wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas,

With love,

Sally





Derby Cursillo

3-day Weekend - 19th - 22nd April 2018

At 'The Hayes Conference Centre'
Swanwick, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 1AU
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If you know of any potential pilgrims, please contact Jane.

We have some pilgrims already signed up so please do include them in your prayers.

Sunday 22nd April 2018 Starting at 3.00pm. Refreshments will be provided. Clausura at Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick Alfreton, Derbys DE55 1AU

Notices:

We have organized the following Ultreyas:

Saturday 27 th January 2018	Ultreya 12.30pm shared lunch	All Saints' Tamworth Road, Sawley, Derbyshire, NG10 3AT
Saturday 10th March 2018 Please note that this was advertised as being the 17 th March	Ultreya 12.30pm shared lunch, including AGM Please consider if you can give your time to Cursillo by becoming a member of the Secretariat. We need new members. Application forms will be sent out in February	St Michael's and All Angels, South Normanton DE55 2BT
19th to 22 nd April 2018	Derby Weekend #19	The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 1AU
Sunday 22 nd April 2018	Clausura - 3.00pm	As above
Wednesday 30 th May 2018	Ultreya 7.15pm tea and biscuits	St Mary the Virgin, Market Place, Ilkeston, DE7 5HY
Thursday 14 th August 2018	Ultreya 7.15pm tea and biscuits	St Werbergh's, Old Blackwell, Nr Alfreton, DE55 5HT
Saturday 27 th October 2018	Ultreya 12.30pm shared lunch	St John the Evangelist Mickleover, Derby DE3 9HD





Saturday 26 th January 2019	Ultreya 12.30pm shared lunch	All Saints, Church Street, Ockbrook, Derbyshire, DE72 3SF
Saturday 9 th March 2019	Ultreya 12.30pm shared lunch, including AGM	St Michael's and All Angels, South Normanton DE55 2BT

Website

We have our own website at www.derbycursillo.co.uk This will be used to advertise our Cursillo and we can post information for members. If you have access to the web, please have a look at it.

Your contact details

If you have received this newsletter by post and you would like to receive it my e-mail to save cost, then please contact Andrew Templer at communications@derbycursillo.co.uk.

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BACC News

ULTREYA GB 2018 will be hosted by Chelmsford diocese in September 2018 and details of the event will be available soon.

