

Lay Director's Spring Letter

Dear Cursillistas

Signs of spring are everywhere with daffodils, snowdrops and wild violets popping up and the aroma of my daphne flower is just beautiful. Its fresh lemony scent is for me, one of the loveliest scents of the whole year.

On January 22nd your secretariat finally had their long awaited "quiet day"! Unfortunately, James, Jackie, Hilary and Linda were not able to join us and we did miss their presence but we had a good meeting which naturally involved cake (!) and it was so lovely to share Eucharist together as well.

It was suggested at this meeting that smaller groups in between our Ultreya's may be a good way to get us meeting face to face after what has been a very challenging and for many, a lonely, period of time. Maggie set to.....came up with the name "Camino" and with help, organised the first one back in February. It was attended by a few Cursillistas and three guests and we shared wonderful cake, washed down with a lovely cup of tea/coffee and of course singing! It was a great success and I hope it will be the first of many. It is an informal and relaxed meeting and offers those interested in Cursillo a chance to meet some of us and to ask questions. Many thanks to Maggie and all those involved.

If you are an Area Rep please do consider doing something similar for your area.

The Cursillo weekend, Southwark #42 with Chichester took place on 3-6th March and was a wonderful weekend. Southwark led this weekend with four staff from Chichester. It was their first weekend for 6 years and so the need and desire to hold it outweighed the small number of pilgrims. This was indeed the right decision - God knew many things prior to the weekend and having fewer pilgrims became a blessing and God's hand on the weekend was very evident. For our pilgrims it was as special as any weekend is -each of them having taken home many golden nuggets. To see the joy of our Southwark Cursillistas as they staffed after such a long wait, was heart-warming and to be a part of this new beginnings for them, was a privilege. Irene Adams was

commissioned on Sunday to be the Lay Rector for our October weekend...please hold her in your prayers.

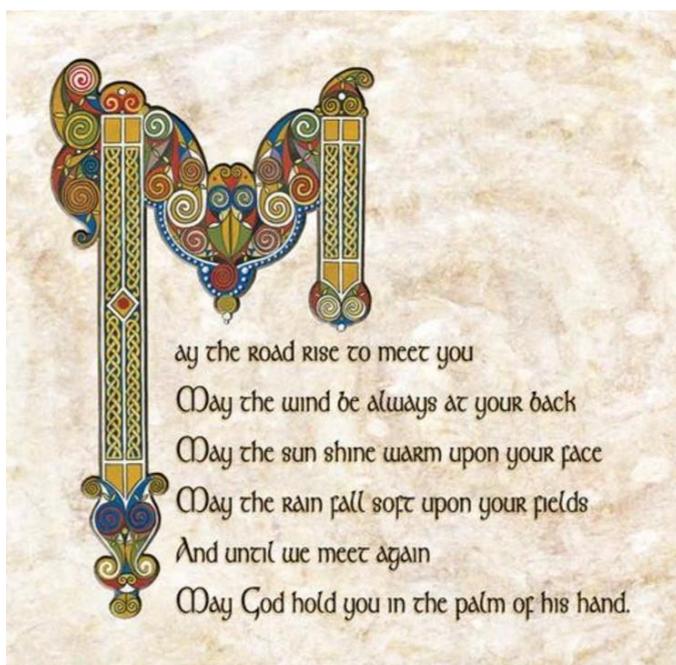
Coming up very soon is our next ULTREYA!! This will take place on March 19th and will be at Thomas a Becket church in Pagham - a poster has been circulated but if you haven't seen it yet, please get in touch with either your Area Rep or me and one of us will send it to you. Southwark also have an Ultreya on April 2nd at All Saint's East Sheen, London, SW14 8AX. It starts at 10am with Eucharist at 10.15am. I know some of us are hoping to go.....

We have a few events lined up for you during this year. The dates were put into the last edition of our newsletter which was circulated in December last year but I have put them at the end of this letter as well. PLEASE NOTE the venue for our November Ultreya is to be Holy Trinity Church at Cuckfield. This is a new venue and we will be well looked after by Jane Coan and her lovely team of Cursillistas.

Our AGM and Ultreya will be held on May 21st at All Saints church, Findon Valley.

You will also notice that we have another PP weekend occurring this year in September.....this weekend will be open to Southwark Cursillistas as well. (Staff and pilgrims from the last two weekends) More information will follow later in the year!

I have included in this letter a picture and a small tribute to Hilary Ferries who made her weekend in February 2019 and served on secretariat. She will be missed by all who knew her.....



I look forward to seeing many of you at Pagham on 19th March.

Please do contact me if you would like to chat about anything I have written or just need a chat!

May God's blessing be upon you and all those whom you love

Judy xx

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Hilary made her Cursillo in February 2019 and very quickly became a very active and much loved Cursillista. Hilary's faith and trust in God shone out of her and her smile was infectious.

This photo was taken last year in 2021 during our Pilgrim progress weekend. Throughout her battle with cancer her beaming smile was always on her face. Hilary joined the secretariat last year as well and we all prayed her course of treatment had been effective. Sadly that was not the case and Hilary began a further course of chemo...but the cancer was not responding.

Hilary died peacefully, at home, on Saturday 5th March. Her faith and trust remained central to her to the end and we say farewell to a lovely member of our community.

MAY SHE NOW REST IN PEACE.....AND RISE IN GLORY

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2022 (Easter Day April 17th)

March 18-20 th	CLW Wistaston Hall, Crewe
March 19 th	Ultreya at St.Thomas á Becket, Pagham
May 21 st	AGM and Ultreya at All Saints, Findon Valley
September 3 rd	National Ultreya hosted by London/Southwark
September 23-25 th	PP5 Wychcroft
Oct 7-9 th	CLW Shallowford House, Nr Stafford
Oct 27 th -30 th (is half term)	Chichester#33/Southwark Wychcroft
November 19 th	Ultreya at Holy Trinity, Cuckfield