

Ely Cursillo Fourth Day Activities



Event dates for 2016

The events listed are colour-coded, with an explanation below:

Mar	8	Lent Ultreya & Compline – The Cathedral Centre and Ely Cathedral
Mar	12	Meeting of the Fourth Day Group
Apr	9	Study Day at Chippenham Church Hall
Apr	15-17	CLW - Crewe
May	14	Spring Ultreya & Ely Cursillo AGM
May	20-22	Catch the Vision, Swanwick
Jun	4	Training Day 1
Jun	25	Training Day 2
Jul	7-10	Ely 31 Weekend (Lay Rector: Steven Ridley)
Jul	10	Ely 31 Wake-Up and Clausura
Jul	30	Welcome Back for Ely 31 & Summer Ultreya (venue TBC)
Sep	3	Ultreya GB York
Sep	15	Autumn Ultreya (venue TBC)
Oct	8	Cursillo Day of Reflection at St Andrew's Church, Soham
2017:		
Mar	16-19	Ely 32
Sep-Oct	28-1	Ely 33

If you would like more information about any of these events, please contact the Lay Director.

GREEN = Events for all Cursillistas and guests to attend, especially the Ultreyas, as these are a wonderful introduction to Cursillo for people you are praying about sponsoring. All Ultreyas, Day of Reflection and the Study Day are places for growth and continuing conversion for us all, where personal support is found through the sharing of the experiences of living with Jesus Christ; where help is provided in seeking spiritual direction; where there is inspiration from the Action Talks to be courageous in transforming our environments for Christ. These events are all designed to encourage, sustain and continue our spiritual growth and to help us to renew, retain and pass on to others the love of Christ we experienced on our own weekend.

All the other colours in the list, unless you are directly involved with the particular group, are meetings and events where we would appreciate your prayers, and here is a breakdown:

BLUE = Meetings of the Secretariat. The Secretariat is the name given to the diocesan body which has the responsibility for the life and direction of the Cursillo Movement in our diocese under the authority of the Bishop of Ely. Bishop Stephen is extremely supportive of Cursillo in the diocese, knowing the energy it has to transform our parishes for Christ.

DARK BLUE = British Anglican Cursillo Council. The national body that we are affiliated to in this country and who put on training workshops and supply all that we need to fulfil our mission in terms of information, guidelines and support. The Lay and Spiritual Directors and the BACC Rep are required to attend these meetings, if at all possible, and the Cursillo Leaders' Workshops (CLWs) are intended for the Cursillo Servant Community who are in roles of leadership.

ORANGE = All things relating to a Cursillo Weekend; praying through every aspect, including team selection. The prayer and planning meetings are of vital importance in this process, and the training days are an essential time for bonding as well as going through the intricacies of the weekend programme.

RED = The Fourth Day Group is an essential element within the Servant Community of any Diocesan Cursillo Movement “... A core of Cursillo leaders who have chosen to work inside the movement as their apostolic vocation and have committed themselves to being a community of service to the movement,” usually for a three-year term.

AN EXPLANATION OF SOME OF THE TERMS WE USE:

Group Reunion

A group reunion is ideally no larger than five people, who meet regularly to suit them – this could be weekly, fortnightly or even monthly. It could be in the daytime, over a work lunch-break or in the evening. It’s a faith-sharing opportunity, using the ‘group reunion’ card to prompt our thoughts about progress with and plans for developing:

prayer..... study action.

Your sponsor will hopefully help you join a small group, or even to start one if there is nothing happening in your vicinity. If you need help to find out what groups already exist, please contact your sponsor or the Lay Director, who can put you in touch with our Group Reunion Co-ordinator.

Ultreya

These are less frequent larger gatherings to worship, have small group faith-sharing discussions, hear a witness talk and a gospel response, and chat over a cuppa and light nibbles. Twice yearly they are held on a Saturday morning as the ‘Welcome Back’ after a weekend. At other times we usually hold them on a weekday evening.

Other events

We try to arrange a one-day event each year when we reflect on a particular topic. We also occasionally hold social events, walks, etc.

Future Cursillo weekends

We usually hold two weekends a year at Bishop Woodford House. You only ‘make your Cursillo’ once, but we encourage everyone to pray for future weekends and you may like to serve behind the scenes or on the staff team. Please let our Lay Director know if you are interested.

Communications

We issue a newsletter, *Rainbow*, twice yearly. It’s sent by e-mail unless you specify otherwise, to keep costs down. Could you write a short entry reflecting on your experience at this weekend? Please contact the editor.

We also have a website: www.elycursillo.co.uk – Our webmaster maintains this.

A copy of the Ely Cursillo **Pastoral Plan & Deed of Trust**, and events from across the wider Cursillo Community are included on the website.

The Lay Director maintains a **database** of members who have given their consent to be sent communications and for their details to be held electronically.

Our ‘Servant Community’

This is everyone who contributes to the running of Cursillo. In Ely Cursillo we have:

The Secretariat. Ely Cursillo is a registered charity, and its management committee is (like all Diocesan Cursillos’ committees) known as its Secretariat. For Ely it comprises the Lay and

Spiritual director, Secretary, Treasurer, BACC Representative, Fourth Day Group Convenor, Weekend Support Coordinator. All posts are for three-year terms.

The Fourth Day Group, led by the Fourth Day Group Convenor. This includes the Bookings Secretaries, Sponsorship Secretary, Palanca Secretary, Magazine Editor, Webmistress, Group Reunion Coordinators, Ultreya Organiser and Music Co-ordinator. People in this group tend to have a role that they fulfil for a three year term.

The Weekend Support Team. This undertakes all the practical behind the scenes tasks for our residential weekends. The Weekend Support Coordinator enlists the help of lots of different people for each weekend. There's plenty of scope to get involved here, and to be creative if you like. Please read the weekend support tasks handout. The organisers would love to hear from volunteers who can help sometimes. Do call!

Weekend Team. Each weekend is led by a new lay rector, who prayerfully draws together a team of roughly 15 which also varies each time. Prior to the weekend the lay rector, observing lay rector (who'll lead the following weekend) and head gofor meet monthly with the lay and spiritual directors plus the weekend support coordinator, to pray and plan together. They also hold two team preparation days.

Email Prayer Group. The email prayer circle started in November 2013. This is for occasional prayer requests where we would rather contact those who have a desire for intercessory prayer, than send off emails to absolutely everybody in the directory. If you would like to be part of the prayer group within our Cursillo servant community, please notify the lay director. When a prayer request is received, it is forwarded to the people in the group and they have the opportunity to pray for the situation and also to send an encouraging note to the person for whom they are praying, if applicable, and if they so wish. We always try to follow up these prayer requests with an update from or about the prayer recipient.

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