



Fourth Bridge Bulletin

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DATES

Provincial Ultreya and AGM
at

St John's Church, 34 Princes
Street,
Perth, PH2 8LJ

Saturday 21st June

10am for 10:30am

Bring your own lunch

Weekend 72 Thursday 23rd -
Sunday 26th October at
Carronvale Larbert

* Team applications need to be
in by 2ndth July.

Team Meetings Sunday 20th
July at St Mary's Dalkeith, 1pm
for 1:30pm

&

Saturday 30th August (all day)

Location yet to be decided

**Participants' applications
need to be in by 23rd August.

**Ultreya and Picnic at North
Berwick .**

Sat 16th August '25.

Arrive for coffee from 10.00am for
Ultreya at 10:30am .

Bring your own picnic lunch
Afternoon free to explore the
town.



As preparations get underway for Cursillo 72, we're excited to invite both team members and those considering participating in a Cursillo weekend for the first time to come forward! Your unique gifts and willingness to engage are what make Cursillo such a transformative experience.

Whether you're feeling called to serve on team and share your faith, or you're simply curious about experiencing a weekend as a participant, you are very welcome. Your presence will be a real blessing.

Let's together make Cursillo 72 a truly impactful weekend for everyone involved. Blessings, Heller. Spiritual Director

A message from Andrew Elrick

Having been the Observing Lay Rector (OLR) on Cursillo #71, I was to be LR for #72 but unfortunately due to some health issues, I have reluctantly had to withdraw my nomination.

In answer to prayer, Vikki Ross volunteered to step into the position, with Wendy Wilkie as Observing Lay Rector, Karen Ellis is Head Gofor with Revd Nicky Chater (Durham) and Revd Terry Dyer as the Spiritual Advisors.



Hello, my name is Vikki Ross I worship at St Mary's Dalkeith. I'm Lay Rector for Cursillo 72. I made my debut at Cursillo 70 and enjoyed it so much I went back the following year joining the team. The reason I enjoy this spiritual weekend is that it is full of love and joy with everyone taking away something they needed to help them on their spiritual journey through prayer, study and action everyone supports you on your spiritual path. I hope you will consider coming on board as a team member for this weekend 72. If you are not able to join us in October maybe sponsor a participant from your church. Please hold us all in your prayers. With much appreciation, Vikki.

Use this link to apply for Team: *<https://forms.office.com/r/V4r9v1ZzhJ>

This one for Participants: ** <https://forms.office.com/r/XUEreNsTRb>

Karen Ellis Lay Director

As you know, our Weekends introduce the Cursillo method to new members and through Reunion Groups and Ultreyas, we continue to provide on-going fellowship, support, teaching and encouragement. It's through you, the Servant Community and your support, that the Secretariat can continue its work. So, thank you for your continuing efforts in supporting Cursillo and in helping to recruit new members. Please speak with your congregation about Cursillo and if people are interested, then explain to them what is involved in going on a Cursillo weekend. You can speak about a weekend without spoiling any surprises so stick to the basics – that it is a short course in Christian living involving talks, discussions, worshipping and fellowship. There will be fun, laughter, possibly a few tears and may be a few surprises too. There are still a few myths going around especially that people will come into your room uninvited so please reassure people that this is not the case. If someone would benefit from going on Cursillo, why not invite them to an Ultreya and become their sponsor for the weekend. Please pray for both participants and team in preparation for the Cursillo 72, which will be held in the Carronvale Centre in Larbert in October 2025.

Please prayerfully consider being on team and ensure that you are able to attend both meetings. Attendance at the meetings is essential as this enables the team to come together, get to know one another and to hear about your role and duties on team, and the importance of these to ensure that the participants have the **best weekend ever!** You will also get the chance to hear everyone's Rollo as there may not be chance at the weekend as you are busy carrying out your tasks.

We are working towards encouraging people to re-engage with Cursillo after the pandemic and have been reaching out to several churches which have Cursillistas who aren't currently active in Cursillo. It would be lovely if you could help with this by getting in touch with someone and seeing if they are still wanting to be involved in Cursillo. That

wee chat or email may be the encouragement somebody needs to reconnect with Cursillo and we all know what can blossom by planting that small seed.

Secretariat have met via Zoom since the last AGM to conduct the business of the organisation, with the main items on the agenda being the planning of Cursillo 72. The planned Edinburgh Servant Community meeting in March unfortunately didn't go as ahead due to difficulties finding a suitable venue and date availability. I hope to be more organised and advertise the next Servant Community meeting soon.

There are also some vacant positions on Secretariat for a BACC representative and a resource officer. Jenny, our current treasurer is planning on stepping down during 2026 and is looking for someone to show the ropes to. Training and support are available for these roles so please consider and ask any questions regarding this. It would be great to have all the posts on Secretariat filled.

Lastly, Cursillo continues to be supported financially through continuing support from generous members, enabling our work to progress. Thank you to those who regularly donate. If this is something that you are able to do, please contact the Treasurer, Jenny, for details on how to do this and the options available. Every donation ensures that those who attend a weekend are not penalised financially and that, as a result, Cursillo is open to all whatever their financial circumstances.

I thank God for the gift of Cursillo - for the support I receive from the Secretariat for their support, work and gentle reminders and for all Cursillistas wherever they are. It still amazes me that there are so many churches throughout Scotland where I actually know people and this is all down to Cursillo. Thank you and Ultreya! Karen



**We are back to the
Summer Time**

Our 2025 Provincial
and AGM will be
held on 21st June in Perth, and it
would be great to see as many of you
as possible.

10am for 10:30am

A Testimony from Weekend 71

Cursillo 71, The Taming of the Dragon

**I was talked into attending
Cursillo 71, but the badge over
the door was a dragon for me.**

**However, over two days
the dragon lost it's power in
God's love.**

**Surrounded by unquestioning
love I was able to talk and walk
as one of God's saved and
anointed.**

**I only know that when I stood
and spoke of the abuse
by a Boys Brigade leader
in front of all those at Cursillo,
I felt like Daniel in the lion's den,
but the lions in my heart were
quelled.**

**This was because of all I shared
that weekend.**

**It allowed me to be free of the
guilt that I had carried for more
than half a century.**

**It is still there, but it is now
controlled by the Holy Spirit.**

**I feel that the barbed wire
around my heart was gently
removed, with care,
by those around me.**

**If anyone asks what Cursillo is,
I can't explain it,
Without giving all the Glory to
God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit
And my newly found Christian
brothers and sisters .
Bless you all.**

Graham M. Oct. 2024