



# kahukura

*Newsletter of Anglican Cursillo in  
Christchurch Diocese*

**October 2016**

**20th Anniversary  
Edition**

***"Christ is counting on us"***

## **Inside this issue:**

Guest articles telling the story of the gestation and birth of the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Christchurch...

... and aspects of its development over the last 20 years.



# **NATIONAL CURSILLO ULTREYA 2016**

Christchurch, Labour Weekend, 21<sup>st</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> October 2016

Welcome! Haere Mai! Welcome!

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## 20 YEARS YOUNG

Editorial – by David Prosser

It's hard to believe that Cursillo is 20 years young in our Diocese (and 28 years in New Zealand)!

It doesn't seem all that many years ago when Glenda was rung by a work colleague one evening and told that she and I "should go" to the upcoming Cursillo weekend. We had never heard of Cursillo, and were told very little about it. Having "nothing better to do" that weekend, we decided to trust her colleague's wisdom and do what he said.

That was Christchurch Combined 2, back in 1998. The rest, as they say, is history!

During that weekend we caught a glimpse of how ordinary Christian faith could be transformed into world-changing action through an outward-looking perspective and the support and encouragement of a vibrant community of like-minded sisters and brothers. How everyone can be effective in "leadership" in its broadest sense, and how true Christian Community transcends artificial boundaries of Congregation, Parish, Diocese...

20 years later, this essence of the Cursillo Movement hasn't changed a bit. Our main focus is still changing our Environments for Christ, and encouraging and supporting each other in this task.

Every time I meet with Cursillistas (in 4th day Group Reunion , Ultreya, wherever) I find myself encouraged and uplifted. I can honestly say that I couldn't hope to meet a "nicer group of people" with whom to associate.

This phenomenon was summed up well for me in the words of an observer at a Diocesan Ultreya late last year, who remarked that it was totally different from any other church gathering he had encountered - we had so much fun together while taking our faith seriously and passionately at the same time.

We have so much to thank God for over the last 20 years - some of it is recounted in the historical articles of this edition, which we hope you will find interesting.

As with every milestone, there is always one eye to the future. What is God calling us towards on the next stage of our journey? The essence of Cursillo remains the same, however our Environments are ever-changing, and so our Apostolic Action must adapt to suit.

To those attending this 2016 National Ultreya - a very warm welcome. May this weekend be a celebration of the richness and joy that God offers through the Cursillo Movement, and an encouragement to us all to move forward in the power of the Holy Spirit into whatever the next 20 years will bring.

And in all our prayers and planning for the future of Cursillo in the various Dioceses, may this also be true.

Blessings & Ultreya!

David Prosser  
(Christchurch Combined 2)



*"See how they love one another."*

(Tertullian circa 160-220AD - recording the regular astonished cries of the pagans about the early followers of Christ).

## LET'S PARTY

Diocesan Lay Director - Stephanie Johnston

It's my pleasure to write the introduction to this special edition of *kahukura* compiled as a part of the 20th birthday celebrations of Cursillo in the Diocese of Christchurch. And we do have a lot to celebrate as we look back on God's goodness to us in the past, enjoy our Cursillo participation in the present, and look forward to what God has for us in the future!

I loved being a Pilgrim on Christchurch Women's 6, never dreaming I'd be the Diocesan Lay Director fourteen years later. As Brent Bruce reminds us in his article, God does seem to move in mysterious ways. Over the years Cursillo has certainly given me plenty of interesting, varied and faith-stretching experiences such as writing and delivering talks as a team member, keeping the fire going at Cracroft as char, dressing up as a chicken (as someone prepared to actually do it), somehow managing to find sufficient organisational skills to be Lay Director on three-day weekends, and finally accepting the position of DLD. I trust that you will all have many Cursillo experiences to share with others this National Ultreya weekend.

I'm grateful to the contributors who have shared their memories from the beginning of Cursillo in our Diocese to more recent times. May their stories encourage us all as we celebrate our journey together. What's more, as we celebrate what God has done in the past we can look forward in confidence to what God will do in the next twenty years.

De Colores!

Stephanie Johnston (Christchurch Women's 6)



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## CURSILLO BADGES AVAILABLE NOW

As *palanca* for the Movement in New Zealand, Christchurch Secretariat has commissioned the design and manufacture of a colourful and attractive "Anglican Cursillo New Zealand" lapel pin badge (pictured right).

Featuring a colourful "de colores" rooster emblem, this badge is a great way to show your colours and start a conversation about Cursillo.

**Priced at only \$10 each** (plus post and handling, if required), badges will be on sale at the National Ultreya, or may be obtained from Lesley Allan (03) 356 1819 or [fortiter@paradise.net.nz](mailto:fortiter@paradise.net.nz)

(Badge dimensions 25mm wide x 31mm high)



## **GREETINGS FROM OUR NLD**

David McLay – National Lay Director, Anglican Cursillo NZ

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa whanau,

Greetings to all you distinguished guests and veterans of the Cursillo movement here in Aotearoa. (Haere mai, e te manuhiri tūārangi e, haere mai rā.) Greetings to our hosts, the Diocese of Christchurch. (Karanga mai rā, e te iwi e, karanga mai rā.) Welcome to this National Ultreya.

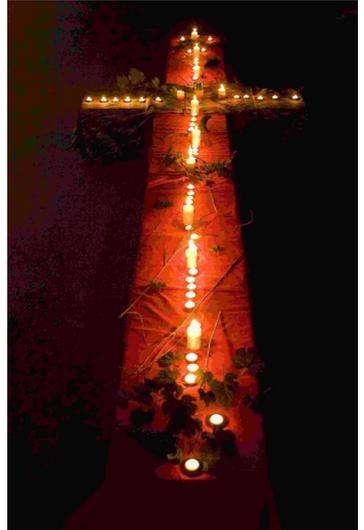
It has been a great pleasure to serve as National Lay Director for the past 5.75 years, noting that my term of office expires at the end of January 2017. We will announce and commission my replacement at this National Ultreya.

Over my term I have been greeted by Cursillo people in many Cursillo events - from Katikati to Ngauruawahia to Rotorua to Napier to New Plymouth to Palmerston North to Timaru and to Dunedin. I am looking forward to seeing you all again as we celebrate the journey and make this a glorious celebration of the arrival of Cursillo in the Diocese of Christchurch 20 years ago.

It is sad to note that some Cursillo people are not able to be present – some have recently completed their Fourth Day. I particularly note the recent passing of Revd Richard Spence (Wellington Men's 29 – Waiapu DSD). Richard and Gail (DLD) have worked tirelessly in establishing a Cursillo throughout the vast Waiapu Diocese.

Tihe mauri ora!  
De colores!

David McLay (Wellington Men's 23)



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## **IN THE BEGINNING. . . A BRIEF LOOK AT THE BEGINNING OF CURSILLO IN THE DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH**

David Coles – Bishop of Christchurch 1990-2008

Brent Bruce came to see me on Thursday 16 June, 1994 at 4.30pm. It was in the Bishop's Office at the Allan Pyatt Centre, when the Anglican Diocesan offices were in lower Riccarton in the grounds of St James Church. Brent was an accountant, a member of the Church Property Trustees, and a parishioner at Merivale. But he came to see me about something he called "Cursillo".

I was a bit suspicious – I had heard of Cursillo, but knew virtually nothing about it. Brent had attended a Cursillo three-day weekend in the Wellington Diocese, and had come back so fired up; he felt he just needed to tell me about it. I gave him coffee and we talked for almost an hour. It was important. Brent described his Cursillo experience as life-changing, and he believed it could be so for many oth-

ers as well. I believed him, and he was right!

I knew that the Diocese of Wellington had a Companion Diocesan relationship with Brisbane Diocese, and that Archbishop Brian Davis (who was Bishop of Wellington) had been instrumental in inviting the Cursillo community in Brisbane to 'gift' Cursillo to Wellington to plant it there. Brent asked whether I would be prepared to do the same: to invite Wellington's Bishop and Cursillo community to gift Cursillo to Christchurch.

The rules of Cursillo require the support of the Diocesan Bishop before it can begin, and that meant the Bishop should experience Cursillo in order to be able to lead the Diocesan development. It so happened I was due to take sabbatical leave early in 1995 at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. I wrote to the National Cursillo Office in Virginia to enquire about forthcoming Cursillo weekends. They put me in touch with the Lay Director of Cursillo in the Diocese of Virginia, who arranged for me to attend Cursillo Weekend 105 (Combined) in May 1995. It was held in a delightful retreat centre at Fort Royal. The National Centre also hosted me for half a day, introducing me to their staff and helping me learn more about Cursillo and the many facets and background of this wonderful movement.

Meanwhile, a small group of Cursillistas had begun to meet to pray and plan for the establishment of Cursillo in Christchurch. I attended a gathering at the home of the Revd Donald and Justine Pilgrim in November 1994. They had recently moved from the Diocese of Wellington where they had experienced Cursillo. Canon Craufurd Murray had experienced Cursillo in England, and Professor Chris Kissling in Canberra. They all supported the early formation discussions.

In this we were greatly assisted by Bishop Brian and May Carrell, who at that time were based in Palmerston North when Brian was Assistant Bishop of Wellington. They had both been involved with Cursillo in Wellington Diocese from its beginnings, and travelled down on several occasions to join the small Christchurch planning group.

When I opened my package of Cursillo Palanca in Virginia in May 1995, there was a letter from Brent Bruce. I still have it. He assured me that the Christchurch Team were "all highly delighted" that I was attending Cursillo. He reported that more meetings had been held in Christchurch while I was away and that "things are progressing very well." He attended a meeting of Archdeacons "to explain to them the basics of the movement and outline for them the ...programme." It was wonderful to receive that encouragement, and the assurance that they "were praying both for and with" me from the embryonic Christchurch Cursillo Team while I was on my three-day Weekend so far away.

There was so much prayer and preparation for those first Cursillo weekends in the Christchurch Diocese, 20 years ago, when the amazing Wellington Team came in April 1996, at

**Wellington Diocese gifted  
Cursillo to Christchurch  
Diocese in April 2006.**

**Christchurch Men's 1**  
19 - 22 April, 2006  
The Lodge, Meadow Park  
Lay Director: Tony Hassed

**Christchurch Women's 1**  
23 - 26 April, 2006  
The Lodge, Meadow Park  
Lay Director: Sue Hassed

their own expense, to 'gift' Cursillo to Christchurch. They had many preparatory meetings in Wellington before arriving to take up residence at "The Lodge" at the Meadow Park Motor Camp in Papanui to lead Women's and Men's Cursillos over a two week period. Many friendships were forged then between Wellington and Christchurch Cursillistas, which still remain strong today.

In the middle of it all, I recall hosting a buffet lunch for 50 people at Bishop's Lodge to thank the Wellington Cursillo Team. How could we ever thank them enough for the love they brought to Christchurch? The love which so many of us have discovered afresh in Cursillo.

At that first Cursillo in Christchurch, after the pilgrims had made an Emmaus walk with a companion, I spoke at the closing Eucharist and Clausura. I used the Gospel account of Emmaus in Luke 24 as my text: "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road?"

That's how the first twenty years of Cursillo started in Christchurch...

Thanks be to God...  
Ultreya!

+David Coles (Virginia Combined 105)

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## **GOD WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS**

Brent Bruce – Founding Diocesan Lay Director of Cursillo in Christchurch

It was mid-1994 and a group of us were in the final stages of a four-year Education for Ministry (EFM) Course. It had been a wonderful experience, but we were all looking forward to the finish.

We realised that we were not going to get through all the final assignments, so agreed to set a number of them aside. However, later I decided to go through those set aside and came across a description of a movement called Cursillo.

For some mysterious reason (God knew!) I became quite interested in what it appeared to be about. At a meeting a couple of days later I asked Bishop David Coles if he knew of Cursillo. He replied that he did, and that the Wellington Diocese were running Cursillo events most successfully. He also advised that Bishop Brian Carrell was the Episcopal Overseer for that Diocese.

I did not know Bishop Brian at that stage, but decided to make contact with him to find out a bit more about Cursillo. He described it briefly to me and told me that they were running a Cursillo in a couple of weeks' time. I asked if I could attend, and only later understood his hesitation in saying Yes! (In the past I had quickly learnt that when you offer to do something in the church you are snapped up very quickly.) Brian eventually replied to this last-minute application, saying that I would be welcome to join the Cursillo event at Paraparaumu.

Not knowing anybody else there, it took me time to settle in and appreciate what it was all about. But, needless to say, I found it a thoroughly moving experience. So much so that when we were invited to make a few comments at the Clausura, I leapt up and loudly proclaimed (with fist raised) that I would ensure that Cursillo would be introduced to the Christchurch Diocese. This was greeted with a huge cheer and the rest of the afternoon I was bombarded with offers of assistance!

On the plane home I sat thinking 'what on earth have I got myself into now?' Eventually I discussed things with Bishop David and found out that there were a number of Cursillistas already in the Diocese, and these wonderfully supportive people formed an organising committee. They included Justine and Don Pilgrim, Craufurd Murray, Jim and Edie Riley, Chris and Maxine Kissling, and Frank Fahy. We commenced planning for Men's 1 and Women's 1 set down for April 1996.

**What on earth  
have I got my-  
self into now?**

**God knew!**

Under the leadership of Tony and Sue Hassed (since deceased) from Wellington we were blessed with two teams of inspiring people. These teams, all from Wellington, with their supporters, provided us with excellent Cursillos and so much encouragement to get Cursillo in Christchurch off to a great start. It was also gratifying to have the Episcopal oversight of Bishop David who himself attended a Cursillo in USA while on study leave.

I will never forget our first Ultreya. We were such a small group that we fitted into what was then the Fendalton Parish library. But the enthusiasm was very high! Initially I took on the position of Diocesan Lay Director but shortly after, due to a move to Auckland, Derek Allan took over this responsibility and was followed by many others who have also led Cursillo successfully in the Diocese.

I have titled this article, "God Works in Mysterious Ways." I just know that I was led to study those EFM assignments we had set aside. And I know that God provided a willing group of supporters to help, so that many in the Diocese would benefit from the experience.

Personally I have found the experiences of being a pilgrim, a team member, and then a Lay Director to have strengthened the basic tenets of my faith . . . to love God, to love others, to seek first the Kingdom of God, and that the Kingdom is within me.

I am absolutely delighted that Cursillo in our Diocese is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Thanks be to God!

Ultreya!

Brent Bruce (Wellington Men's 15 - 1994)

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## **EARLY MEMORIES**

Craufurd Murray – Founding Diocesan Spiritual Director of Cursillo in Christchurch

While overseas on leave in 1987, I attended a 3-day Cursillo. Returning to New Zealand and to an appointment in a different Diocese – Christchurch – I spoke twice to the Bishop of the time about the Cursillo Movement. However, my enthusiasm made no impact! It was over seven years later (in 1995), with David Coles as the Bishop, that Cursillo began to develop local roots.

Bishop David invited the Cursillistas in the Diocese (we were only a very small group with Cursillo experiences from various parts of the Anglican Communion) to meet and prepare to receive the gift of Cursillo from the Diocese of Wellington. Brent Bruce and I had met in July to discuss this possibility, but the first planning meeting was held at the Hoon Hay Vicarage on Monday 16 October,

1995. May Carrell and Tony and Sue Hassed from Wellington were present to lead the discussions. Further meetings, chaired by Brent Bruce, were held in November and December. I became DSD and Derek Allan DLD (although I note our formal commissioning by the Bishop only took place in 1997!)

My only concern was that we would not be tied to the model from Wellington of separate Men's and Women's Cursillos. My own experience was of a shared/mixed Cursillo (as also for Frank Fahy) – i.e. men and women all part of the same 3-Day event. So with the Bishop's permission, we embraced a policy of holding gender-separate Cursillos as well as a "Combined" model. Peter Hide, the Editor of Anglican Action, was very helpful in presenting Cursillo to the Diocese. In the October 1995 edition, he included an interview with Brent Bruce and a lengthy article from my hand.

Preparation continued with meetings in 1996. A two-day Cursillo Leaders' meeting was held in March. But Men's 1 (19-22 April) and Women's 1 (23-26 April) held at Meadowpark, led by teams from Wellington Diocese, gave us a real taste of what Cursillo offered. It is not an understatement to say it was spiritually exhilarating! Our first Diocesan Ultreya was held on 15 June, 1996, and our first Diocesan Cursillo Workshop from 30 August to 1 September that same year.

Chris Kissling was Lay Director of Men's 2 – the first 'home-grown' Diocesan Cursillo at Cracroft in May 1997, with the theme Empowered by the Holy Spirit. Justine Pilgrim was Lay Director of Women's 2 (May-June 1997). Our first Combined Cursillo was held in October 1997 – this was also a first in Australasia.

As I reflect on what the Cursillo Movement has brought, these are among the things that spring to mind:

- The joy of being a pilgrim and the grace-filled participation of being on team;
- The spiritual revitalisation and growth that many have discovered through their encounter with Cursillo;
- A deeper understanding of living Christianly as we consciously seek to take Christ with us into every dimension – aspect, environment and relationship – of our lives;
- The influence of Cursillo in strengthening links across parishes and ministry units throughout the Diocese;
- The encouragement many have received through their Fourth Day Reunions; and
- The way people have been both invigorated and liberated for new ministries previously not considered part of their faith journeys.

Craufurd Murray (Gloucester 23 - 1987, St Timothy's Table).

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## **THE CURSILLO RESPONSE TO THE CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKES**

Glenda Prosser – Christchurch Diocesan Lay Director 2009-2013

The deadly February 22<sup>nd</sup> earthquake in 2011 caused major disruption to the Cursillo movement in Christchurch, as well as to the city and its inhabitants. The

Christchurch Secretariat proved itself to be adaptable and resilient as members coped with the after-effects of the earthquakes on a personal level, the 'normal' exigencies of daily life, and made the most of the opportunity to reassess how we were doing Cursillo in the Diocese.

The first post-earthquake 'Ultreya' in March became a responsive "Cursillo gathering." Attendees were invited to talk about their feelings, to share how they were coping, and ask for any assistance they might need. About half of the meeting time was spent in floating Group Reunions looking at specific questions about hope. The meeting concluded with a reflective service led by Revd Ivan Jones, our DSD. The small gathering appreciated the opportunity to share and to come apart for a while.

Secretariat realised that any three-day Weekends planned for 2011 would need to be cancelled as most Cursillistas were fully occupied with survival in this strange new world of damaged houses, insurance claims, and EQC. We did, however, think it important to continue with our regular pattern of 4 Ultreyas a year.

Instead of the planned Cursillo Weekend in September, we decided to throw a Special Ultreya and Dinner to celebrate our 15th Birthday. This was held on the Saturday of the cancelled Weekend, with the meal being cooked and served by the Secretariat in the hall of St Silas', Redwood, one of the few undamaged churches in Christchurch.

The Ultreya part started with a cuppa at 3.30pm, proceeded to the ubiquitous floating Group Reunion (this was Cursillo after all!), then moved into a special Cursillo-themed game of Pictionary led by Revd John Day, at that time the Diocesan Ministry Motivator. Much hilarity (and intense competition) resulted. After some socialising, the serious business of eating began at 6pm. We had a great time among the gathered Cursillistas from across the full 15 years!

The work of Secretariat continued throughout, and in that year we used the time to revamp the literature for Sponsoring. After consultation at a couple of Ultreyas we re-named 'Sponsorship' as 'Companioning' and devised a 'Companion's checklist' to guide Companions in helping their pilgrims.

The Secretariat also trialled a new style of meeting. One of our members, Roy Bickers (who has since completed his 4th Day), suggested Cursillo Community Meetings as ways we could encourage Cursillistas on their journey, to strengthen the local communities, and to revitalise some of the 4th Day Groups. For each meeting we would invite 4th Day Groups from 3 or 4 neighbouring parishes to meet together and consider how their 4th Day was going.

The questions asked at these meetings were designed to help each Cursillista to reflect on their post-Cursillo journey, and also to encourage a more intentional sense of community across the parish boundaries. We held 3 such gatherings in 2011: two in Christchurch and one in North Canterbury. They were a positive experience, and quite well attended.

2012 saw us in a new venue, and the Christchurch Combined 15 Weekend fully subscribed.

Ultreya  
Glenda Prosser  
(Christchurch Combined 2, 1998)

# Events Hosted by C 1996 -

| <b>Event</b>         | <b>Date</b>          | <b>Location</b>             | <b>Lay Director</b>   |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Men's 1              | 19-22 April 1996     | Meadowpark                  | Tony Hassed           |
| Women's 1            | 23-26 April 1996     | Meadowpark                  | Sue Hassed            |
| Workshop 1           | 30 Aug - 1 Sept 1996 | Redemptorist Centre         | Lisa Johnson          |
| Men's 2              | 8-11 May 1997        | Cracroft                    | Chris Kissling        |
| Women's 2            | 29 May - 1 June 1997 | Cracroft                    | Justine Pilgrim       |
| Workshop 2           | ?                    | Redemptorist Centre         | Derek Allan           |
| Combined 1           | 9-12 October 1997    | Cracroft                    | Helen Ensor           |
| Combined 2           | 28-31 May 1998       | Cracroft                    | Liam Gough            |
| Men's 3              | 8-11 October 1998    | Cracroft                    | Graeme Robinson       |
| Women's 3            | 23-25 October 1998   | Cracroft                    | Rosalind Stewart      |
| Workshop 3           | 19-21 February 1999  | Redemptorist Centre         | Chris Kissling        |
| Combined 3           | 20-23 May 1999       | Cracroft                    | Ron Parry             |
| Women's 4            | 19-22 September 1999 | Cracroft                    | Jenny Drury           |
| Men's 4              | 22-25 October 1999   | Cracroft                    | Roy Smith             |
| Workshop 4           | 10-11 March 2000     | Cracroft                    | Liam Gough            |
| Combined 4           | 11-14 May 2000       | Wainui                      | Chris Stewart         |
| Dunedin<br>Men's 1   | 3-6 August 2000      | Lakeland Park<br>Queenstown | Ron Parry             |
| Dunedin<br>Women's 1 | 7-10 August 2000     | Lakeland Park<br>Queenstown | Justine Pilgrim       |
| Women's 5            | 14-17 September 2000 | Cracroft                    | June Dalziel          |
| Workshop 5           | 30-31 March 2001     | Cracroft                    | David Prosser         |
| Combined 5           | 17-20 May 2001       | Cracroft                    | Heuchan Parr          |
| Combined 6           | 16-19 August 2001    | Raincliff                   | Brent Bruce           |
| Women's 6            | 27-30 September 2001 | Cracroft                    | Elizabeth Hitch       |
| Men's 5              | 2-5 May 2002         | Cracroft                    | Alf Aldersley         |
| Women's 7            | 13-16 June 2002      | Cracroft                    | Anita Murray (Harris) |
| Combined 7           | 12-15 September 2002 | Cracroft                    | Glenda Prosser        |

# Christchurch Cursillo - 2016

| <b>Event</b>                 | <b>Date</b>             | <b>Location</b>                                | <b>Lay Director</b> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| National<br>Ultreya 1        | 23-27 April 2003        | St Andrew's College                            | -                   |
| Women's 8                    | 15-18 May 2003          | Cracroft                                       | Judith Bruce        |
| Men's 6                      | 4-7 September 2003      | Cracroft                                       | Max Joines          |
| Women's 9                    | 8-11 July 2004          | Cracroft                                       | Stephanie Johnston  |
| Combined 8                   | 29 July - 1 August 2004 | Cracroft                                       | David Prosser       |
| Women's 10                   | 7-10 April 2005         | Cracroft                                       | Diana Manson        |
| Combined 9                   | 15-18 September 2005    | Cracroft                                       | Derek Allan         |
| Combined 10                  | 18-21 May 2006          | Cracroft                                       | Sheelagh Wood       |
| Women's 11                   | 19-22 April 2007        | Cracroft                                       | Felicity Watson     |
| Combined 11                  | 19-22 October 2007      | Cracroft                                       | John Talbot         |
| Combined 12                  | 16-19 October 2008      | Cracroft                                       | Cathie Withington   |
| Women's 12                   | 7-10 May 2009           | Cracroft                                       | Jocelyn Golding     |
| Combined 13                  | 29 Oct - 1 Nov 2009     | Cracroft                                       | Alastair Wood       |
| Combined 14                  | 6-9 May 2010            | Cracroft                                       | Diana Turner        |
| Men's 7                      | 7-10 October 2010       | Cracroft                                       | Neville Alexander   |
| 10th Birthday<br>Celebration | 24 September 2011       | St Silas Redwood                               | Secretariat         |
| Combined 15                  | 20-23 September 2012    | Blue Skies, Kaiapoi                            | Mary Cropp          |
| Combined 16                  | 12-15 September 2013    | Blue Skies, Kaiapoi                            | Steve Murray        |
| Combined 17                  | 20-23 November 2014     | Blue Skies, Kaiapoi                            | Stephanie Johnston  |
| Combined 18                  | 1-4 October 2015        | Blue Skies, Kaiapoi                            | Mike Morley-Bunker  |
| Combined 19                  | 26-29 May 2016          | Blue Skies, Kaiapoi                            | Raewyn Crosby       |
| National<br>Ultreya 5        | 21-23 October 2016      | Double Tree by Hilton<br>(Chateau on the Park) | -                   |

*This information has been compiled from a variety of sources and is believed to be accurate. We would welcome correction of any errors and advice of the missing details for Workshop 1, Men's 2, Workshop 2 and Combined 1. (Ed)*

## Lay Directors of Christchurch Cursillo 1996 - 2016

|                                   |                             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Brent Bruce,<br>(Founding Father) | Pre-1996                    |
| Derek Allan                       | 1996 - 1999                 |
| Ron Parry                         | 2000 - 2003                 |
| Jenny Drury                       | April 2003 - April 2006     |
| Max Joines                        | May 2006 - August 2009      |
| Glenda Prosser                    | September 2009 - April 2013 |
| Mary Cropp                        | May 2013 - August 2015      |
| Stephanie Johnston                | September 2015 - present    |

## Spiritual Directors of Christchurch Cursillo 1996 - 2016

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Revd Craufurd Murray    | 1995 - August 2000   |
| Revd David Cappel-Rice  | 2001 - 2002          |
| Revd Shirley Bennett    | Sept 2002 - Dec 2004 |
| Revd Brenda Walker      | Jan 2005 - July 2008 |
| Revd Ivan Jones         | Aug 2008 - May 2013  |
| Revd Lynnette Lightfoot | May 2013 - present   |

*Come Holy Spirit, to all baptised in your name,  
that we may turn to good whatever lies ahead.*

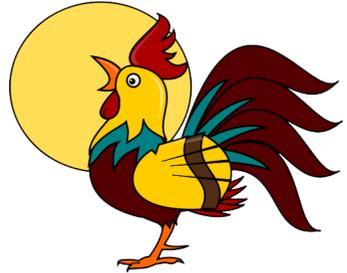
*Give us passion, give us fire;  
Make us transform the world from what it is,  
to what you have created it to be.*

*Christ be within us to keep us; beside us to guard;  
before us to lead; behind us to protect;  
beneath us to support; above us to bless. Amen*

# SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT

Justine Pilgrim – foundation Cursillista Christchurch Diocese,  
Lay Director for Women’s 2 and Dunedin Women’s 1

A new day dawns in the farmyard and the rooster crows. His feathers are a multitude of shiny colours. What an image to enhance De Colores – the many colours which weave the fabric called Cursillo.



I have always marvelled at the unity found in the diversity of Anglicans on a Cursillo weekend. Somehow (and who knows exactly how?) through the presence of the Holy Spirit we can experience a loving Christian community.

It has been my privilege to be part of the Christchurch Cursillo since its inception, and I have been crowing ever since!!! Surely after 20 years this old rooster should be ready for the slow cooker!!

**Lay Leadership is a vital part of our lives...**

- ... in church,
- ... at work,
- ... family,
- ... community.

Lay leadership is a vital part of our lives; whether in church, at work, in family life, or the community. Just as the rooster heralds the dawn and bravely stands tall, so we, through the Cursillo movement in Christchurch Diocese have, for 20 years, encouraged new beginnings, challenged pilgrims to walk their 4th day in the discipline of Piety, Study and Action, and developed an awareness of Changing our Environments for Christ knowing that “Christ is counting on us!”

Leading a women’s team to the Dunedin Diocese 15 years ago was a highlight for me. So many of us in various stages of our Christian journey, all open to God’s leading. How well I remember the day a huge rainbow formed near Lakeland Holiday Park Queenstown where we were staying for Dunedin Women’s 1... such a sign of hope!

Like the crow of the rooster which is heard over a sleeping community, so may we expand our horizons to companion new pilgrims, stand tall for Christ in OUR communities, and be heard in a country slumbering in apathy. While a strutting, crowing, loud rooster may not be your image of a Christian, remember Paul’s exhortation (1 Corinthians 1:31) “Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

May the image of a rooster on an early morning mission, feather sleek and colourful, confidence in stance, proclaiming the new day, inspire you on your 4th day.

Thank you to so many who have contributed to 20 years of Cursillo in this Diocese. For the saints who now rest from their labours, for our current leadership, and for those pilgrims yet to come.

Praise God that we have something to crow about!!

Justine Pilgrim (Wellington Women’s 13)

*Editor’s Note:*

*Justine is uniquely qualified in her perspective, having expertly played the role of “Rooster” in the Friday morning chicken parade at numerous Cursillo Weekends.*

# "ULTREYA CURSILLISTAS"

Written by Bishop Brian Carrell – sung to the tune of "Onward Christian Soldiers"

May Carrell writes: "*Brian wrote this song on the plane on the way to an Australian National Ultreya in Brisbane in October 1997 when about 6 Cursillistas from Wellington Cursillo went over. We all sang it.*"

1. Ultreya Cursillistas, pilgrims on the way,  
Called to follow Jesus, whatever others say,  
Glimpsing God's grand purposes,  
Serving God's great plan,  
Acknowledging our weaknesses  
Yet doing what we can;  
    Ultreya Cursillistas, reaching for the sky,  
    Give up small ambitions; set your hopes on high.
  
2. Ultreya Cursillistas, grace has touched our lives,  
Brought us love eternal,  
Opened sin-bound eyes.  
Showed us what it cost God's Son  
To die upon the cross,  
Called us then to serve with Christ and  
Count the world as loss.  
    Ultreya Cursillistas, look into God's face,  
    See the One who made us, and saved us by his grace.
  
3. Ultreya Cursillistas, see Christ on the cross,  
Bearing shame and curses, counting all but loss,  
Son of God, yet crucified,  
As God's act of grace,  
Allowing human sinfulness  
To show its cruel face;  
    Ultreya Cursillistas, wear your cross with pride,  
    Owning Christ as Saviour, he who for us died.
  
4. Ultreya Cursillistas, the world around us needs  
The grace of God to change it  
Through gospel words and deeds.  
Evangelize environments,  
Target who to win,  
A vision of Christ over all to  
End the rule of sin.  
    Ultreya Cursillistas, hearken to Christ's call,  
    Work with perseverance till Christ is Lord of all.

5. Ultreya Cursillistas, persevere with Christ,  
Walk your fourth day boldly,  
Counting not the price.  
Meet in Group Reunions,  
Encourage everyone,  
With openness to share and pray and  
Show what Christ has done.  
    Ultreya Cursillistas, pilgrims on the way,  
    Faithful to Christ's calling, whatever others say.
  
6. Ultreya Cursillistas, the tripod bear in mind,  
Piety and study,  
Action of every kind,  
Walk close with your Lord and God,  
Know the world he made,  
Help each other live with love, and  
Never be afraid.  
    Ultreya Cursillistas, stand tall for the Lord,  
    Encouraged by each other, and strengthened in his word.
  
7. Ultreya Cursillistas, heed your mission call,  
Persevere in witness, in the steps of Paul,  
Preach the message, press it home,  
Teach the word of God,  
Run the race, complete the course -  
Wherever feet have trod;  
    Ultreya Cursillistas, claim the victor's crown,  
    Christ your hope and glory, Christ your high renown.
  
8. Ultreya Cursillistas, keep your vision wide,  
Move beyond renewal -  
Don't just look inside;  
There's a world awaiting  
Where Christ holds no sway,  
We're to be his hands and feet, his  
Voice in all we say.  
    Ultreya Cursillistas remember we are salt,  
    Where we live and play and work, there the Lord exalt.

# NOTICE BOARD

## **A vision for the future with Cursillo**

Shaping the Cursillo Movement for tomorrow  
An interactive workshop

Saturday 25th February, 2017, St Barnabas', Tui Street, Fendalton  
10.00am - 3.00pm (9.30am cuppa), shared lunch  
Organiser: Stephanie Johnston (ph: 381 1351)

There are many challenges facing the Cursillo Movement (which mirror challenges in our Church as a whole):

- ageing of our participant base;
- gender balance in leadership;
- sustaining 4th Day group participation;
- relevance to the under-50s;
- how we might be more family-friendly; and
- remaining true to "Authentic Cursillo" while addressing contemporary issues.

Please save the date, then come prepared to share your ideas...



### **Congratulations to Lynnette Lightfoot**

Congratulations go to our Diocesan Spiritual Director, Lynnette Lightfoot on her appointment earlier this year as Archdeacon of Christchurch.

Lynnette also continues as Archdeacon of North Canterbury.

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### **ANGLICAN CURSILLO DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH IS A REGISTERED CHARITY**

*Anglican Cursillo Diocese of Christchurch* is a Registered Charity (CC52892). This means you may be eligible to claim a tax rebate against taxable income for any receipted general-purpose donations of \$5 or more made to Cursillo.

Donations are welcome. Our 'Anglican Cursillo' Account is 06 0821 0192732 00 Please include your name with any electronic/internet transaction then separately advise our Treasurer Derek Allan on (03) 322 4686 or [dalallan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dalallan@xtra.co.nz) Cheques should be made out to "Anglican Cursillo Diocese of Christchurch." Thank you to all who contribute to the work of the Movement in various ways!

## — snippets from Secretariat —

A report was received from the National Ultreya organising group. Everything is slotting into place, and practical details are being finalised. Registrations have exceeded 100 and are looking to come close to the 120 hoped and prayed for. Praise God! Generous donations have been received from various sources including two other Dioceses and several individuals. The NU should end up about break-even financially.

Lesley Allan was congratulated on the rooster badges - several were sold on the spot. She is also compiling a rather impressive international contact list for palanca.

A well-enjoyed and well-attended Ultreya was held on 28 August in Amberley.

Interest has been shown by Te Hui Amorangi O Te Waipounamu in sending a few pilgrims to the next Weekend. Their ministry educator, a Cursillista, is assisting with communication.

Stephanie reiterated some of the challenges facing the Movement which mirror challenges in our Church as a whole: ageing of our participant base; gender balance in leadership; sustaining 4th Day group participation, relevance to the under-50s; how we might be more family-friendly; and remaining true to "Authentic Cursillo" while addressing contemporary issues. A forward vision event is to be convened in February.

A 2017 calendar of events was compiled (see page 18 overleaf).

## WOULD YOUR PARISH OR GROUP LIKE A VISIT FROM OUR DLD?

Our Diocesan Lay Director, Stephanie, was recently invited by Cursillistas from the Belfast-Redwood Parish to talk about Cursillo.

Stephanie is happy to visit any other Parish or group wanting information on Cursillo.

## ***kahukura by email? - yes please!***

Would you be happy to receive ***kahukura*** by email?

You would get it faster, and it would save us the photocopying and postage costs. If so, please email [harmony@xtra.co.nz](mailto:harmony@xtra.co.nz) to let us know.

Also, if you are not receiving regular emails from Cursillo you are missing out, please email Marion at [stbarnabas@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stbarnabas@xtra.co.nz) so we can update (or add) your email address to the database.

Please also promptly advise changes to your postal or email address. Sadly, we have lost track of several Cursillistas in recent times.

## **Diary of Upcoming Events**

*Mark these dates in your diary now!*

**Fri 2 Dec**

### **Advent Ultreya and Service**

Contact: Stephanie Johnston (ph: 381 1351)  
Transitional Cathedral (on Latimer Square)  
6:15pm BYO tea (tea & coffee provided) followed by  
7.00pm - 8.00pm Advent Service/Ultreya

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**Sat 25 Feb**

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**Sun 21 May**

### **Diocesan Ultreya**

Contact Raewyn Crosby (03) 308 6707  
(2.00pm cuppa) 2.30pm - 4.30pm  
St Stephens, Tancred St, Ashburton

**Sat 19 Aug**

### **Diocesan Ultreya & C20 Team Commissioning**

(2.00pm cuppa) 2.30pm - 4.30pm  
North Canterbury (venue to be advised)

**14 - 17 Sept**

### **Combined 20 Cursillo weekend Youth Lodge @ Blue Skies, Kaiapoi**

Pray for prospective Pilgrims and Team

**Sat 14 Oct**

### **Day of Deeper Understanding (DDU)**

11.00am - 4.30pm (10.30am cuppa), shared lunch  
Venue to be advised

**Sat 14 Oct**

### **Diocesan Ultreya**

(2.00pm cuppa) 2.30pm - 4.30pm  
Venue to be advised

**Fri 1 Dec**

### **Advent Ultreya and Service**

City venue (to be advised)  
6:00pm BYO tea (tea & coffee provided) followed by  
7.00pm - 8.00pm Advent Service/Ultreya

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**Secretariat Meetings** in 2017: 4th Wednesdays of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct

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