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# September 2017

Notes from Servant Community and Secretariat Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017 hosted by the Borders Ultreya

Doctrinal Talk: The Christian Community. We looked at Matthew Chapter 5 and the Beatitudes..... '*Blessed be.....*' In this passage we read '*Jesus went up the mountain and sat down*'. This puts him in the position of teacher. He is speaking to disciples and the Beatitudes are really the first teaching on how to live in Christian Community. In small groups we discussed five modern translations of each of the Beatitudes and a good discussion followed.

The modern day Beatitudes.

*Happy are those who "recognize their need for God," who acknowledge their dependence on God and His gifts to them.*

Happy are those who though they are blessed with fine families and friends are still very concerned with the pain and suffering of others, either nearby or at a distance. These others are their human brothers and sisters.

*Happy are the generous people who give of their love, their time, their money, and somehow keep on giving despite disillusionment and disappointment in seeing their efforts go wasted.*

Happy are the "big people" who can forgive those who are petty, angry, rude, or neurotic, and seek to find and delight in the good qualities of the people around them.

*Happy are those who respect a person as an individual and do not prejudge him or her because of race, colour, ethnic, or economic background or sexual identity. They do not, therefore, reduce that individual's many good qualities to one rather unessential characteristic.*

#### **Fourth Day:**

One group looked at the trifold leaflet we are introducing and how we can personalise this for Cursillo in Scotland. We will include a

photo of a Celtic Cross on the front of this and agreed a best colour format.

A second group looked at the details for the new website, with some volunteers willing to work on this and see it is fast tracked. A third group looked at the new address list that has been compiled and how best to use this, making certain we abide with data protection law.

The fourth group looked at how we would organise a *Sunday Revisited* programme to allow existing Cursillistas to come together over 24 hours for a time of fellowship and teaching. It was noted that 2018 is the 30<sup>th</sup> birthday of Cursillo in Scotland, and perhaps we can combine these two events.

Other info .....

David Dalglish from the Borders Ulteya has taken over as Treasurer.

Thanks were expressed to Jim Lewis for not only doing a full 3 year term but also the extra year as well. (something biblical about that going the extra .....) )

## **Dates for calendar:**

### **Servant Community & Secretariat**

October 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 10 for 10:30 St Devenick's Aberdeen

March 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 Edinburgh (venue to be announced)

August 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 Inverness (venue to be announced)

November 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 Perth (venue to be announced)

### **Cursillo Weekend 66**

1st - 4th March at St Mary's Kinnoull.

### **30th Anniversary Celebration & AGM**

May 11th/12th 2018 Kinnoull, Perth.

## BACC report

Rosemary McCosh attended the AGM in Durham in May. She will attend GB Ultreya 2017 in Southwell in Nottinghamshire and hoping to be joined by others from Scotland.

There has been much discussion at BACC meetings about getting more clergy involved in Cursillo, about group reunion, about how we communicate what Cursillo is about, about how we keep people involved after their weekend - all things you've heard before, but we don't seem to get any better at doing them! The November meeting focused on some of the booklets from the Resource Manual.

At the AGM in Durham, Sally Heniker-Major stepped down from her role as President of BACC, and Trevor King from York diocese was commissioned as the new BACC President. Sally was warmly thanked for her tireless work on behalf of the Cursillo movement and will still be involved in the updating of some of the resources.

Please look at the BACC website for any information regarding Cursillo and to read BACC pages.

Secretariat discussed assisting those attending CLW (Cursillo Leaders Workshop) and agreed that those going should pay the deposit (£60) with Cursillo in Scotland paying the balance (currently £115) and travel costs. (train fares or petrol).

CLWs are for anyone wanting to know more about the structures that underpin the Cursillo Movement.



I don't mean to sound ungrateful Fred, but when I asked for something to 'represent farming in the community'...



## National Ultreya - Southwell Minster, Nottinghamshire



Scotland's banner was held high during the walk of witness from the Minster School to the Minster on a gloriously sunny day on Saturday 2nd September. We were well represented by Val & David McGavin, Duncan & Rosemary McCosh, Sally Mair and banner bearer Mike Coats. Well over 400 folks attended from across the UK with all Cursillo Dioceses being represented.

We were blessed with the Minster Choir to lead the singing and the Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham The Right Reverend Paul Williams gave an excellent address noting the part that Cursillo has played in energising the Church to look beyond itself and into the community it serves.

All in all a great day and with many thanks going to Southwell and Nottingham Cursillo for organising such a well run Ultreya.

Why not swell the numbers for next year when the National Ultreya will be in Chelmsford on Saturday 1st September 2018.



As you will know the Lothian to Fife Crossings recently became 'Trinitarian' with the opening of the Queensferry crossing and I was thinking it brings another dimension when we think of the 4th Bridge and Cursillo.

If you permit me to take the Forth Crossing analogy a little further - I get the impression sometimes that we see ourselves as being/feeling like the Rail or Road Bridge, getting older and in constant need of repair & maintenance. Life as it were can at times seem a bit of a struggle and on occasions I hear that said about Cursillo.

Let's take a leaf out of the Forth Bridges and remember that we too are Trinitarian in nature and although we often feel closer to one person of the Trinity we are however in relationship with all three. Just like Prayer, Study and Action are intertwined and one is no good without the others so too is our relationship with God, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

As we often say to conclude our meetings .....

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all,  
now and evermore. Amen



Cursillo<sup>©</sup> in Scotland

**30<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

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*Please join us at Kinnoull to celebrate*

**On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**9:30 am – 4:30pm**

*We have booked the accommodation at Kinnoull for Friday night when we would plan a social evening for Cursillo friends to catch up.*

*Saturday will have workshops and plenty of good food!*

*Further details will be available shortly but please*

**SAVE THIS DATE** now.

**Cursillo<sup>©</sup> in Scotland Weekend No 66**

Team Applications are invited for Cursillo No 66  
1st - 4th March 2018 at St Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth.

Team Meeting Dates - Saturday 2nd December 2017 & Saturday 3rd February 2018 both at St Mary's Dalkeith nr Edinburgh (close to public transport).

It is preferred that Team attend both Team Meeting days.

Please pray for the Lay Rector - Nancy Muir as she gathers together the Team to serve on the Weekend.

Team Applications will be by email for the next Weekend.  
Please contact the Spiritual Director Revd Duncan McCosh  
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## CHOCOLATE & GINGER BEER

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Chocolate and a six-pack of Ginger Beer and he started his journey.

When he had gone about three streets, he met an elderly man. The man was sitting in the park just feeding some pigeons.

The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his Ginger Beer when he noticed that the man looked hungry, so he offered him a Chocolate. The man gratefully accepted it and smiled at the boy. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a Ginger Beer.



Again, the man smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the man, and gave him a hug. The man gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?"

"He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? God's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!" Meanwhile, the elderly man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I ate Chocolate in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected." Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime.

Embrace all equally!

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