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Come, Holy Spirit!

How often have you heard this prayer? Every time we have a Group Reunion. It's one of the simplest and greatest prayers of the Church and this month we celebrate Pentecost, so what could be more appropriate on Pentecost than welcoming the Holy Spirit just as simply and humbly as the apostles did so long ago? What could be a more appropriate way to pray today than simply repeating, "Come, Holy Spirit" over and over again, trusting that God will hear and answer? Even if it seems silly and repetitious, don't worry. Simple requests like these can be very powerful. Just keep praying, "Come, Holy Spirit," and see what thoughts, images, or emotions flow into your heart. You can be confident that if they are good and godly thoughts, the Holy Spirit is behind them.

Jesus took a very simple approach with children. He said, "Let the little children come to me," and he blessed them and held them close (Mark 10:14-15). It was all so uncomplicated, yet very moving, both for the children and for their parents. In a similar way, when we pray with simple words such as "Come Holy Spirit," we are being like little children. We are trusting God, placing our hope in him, and going to him for his blessing.

What kind of outpouring might God give you as you welcome the Spirit in just as simple a way? He may fill you with such a deep understanding of God's love that you know he's real in a whole new way. He may show you mercy to such a powerful degree that you fall to your knees in gratitude and adoration. He may bring you to tears of repentance, or move you to dance with joy and freedom. He may do something altogether unexpected, but just as delightful and awe-inspiring. So come today as a child: pure, simple, and open. Who knows what God is prepared to do for his children on this day of heavenly grace and power? But the most important thing is not to be afraid – just let go and let God!

May the Holy Spirit pour out his love on you all.

Father Norman



Spring newsletter time - and how lovely a spring it has been. Our March weekend was blessed with the joy that spring seems to bring; those who attended the Clausura found happy (though tired) participants. My thanks to Aileen Murray and her team for their efforts towards the weekend; I hesitate to say 'success' as that implies a standard to be attained. Although so carefully planned, the weekends always rely upon the help of the Holy Spirit and OUR prayers are essential. This time we made some slight changes to the weekend in that the sponsors were sent a programme to help prepare the participants and answer queries. The participants also received a programme on their arrival plus a list of the Cursillo terms. Those of you at the Day of Deeper Understanding last November will remember that this was discussed. It seems unnecessary to leave people wondering what will happen next.

Now please pray for Julian Slotema as he prepares for Chichester #19. Finding staff and fixing training days is difficult to arrange around summer holidays etc. There are still spaces for participants so if you know of any people who would benefit from a weekend and you wish to sponsor please be in touch with Carol Wood our Booking Secretary. We would like all the forms in by the 6th August so that lists can be prepared in time.



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At the AGM three people will retire from the Secretariat having served their three years: Andrew Meredith (Treasurer), Susan Maund (Weekend Rep) and Yvonne Austin (Palanca Rep). My thanks to them for all their good work. It helps to hear from any who could support the work of Chichester Cursillo by serving in this way. Our system is that three people retire each year so that there is continuity. If you, or someone you know, might serve on the Secretariat please let me or one of the other Secretariat members know.

With summer approaching we look forward to the annual picnic at Latchetts, on 4th July this year. We have changed the times a little and Laurence and Rebeka Hardy will be ready to welcome us from 12.30pm, so do bring your picnic lunch and enjoy these beautiful gardens. Or come any time before 4pm, when Rebeka will lead Evening Prayer, and look around until 6pm. Do bring friends or family too.

I have mentioned already that Hugh and Carole Mortimer wish to retire from running the bookstall at our Ultreyas. We hope that a group of people (a group reunion?) will take this on. But perhaps it could be less of a bookstall and more of a sales table with various "wares" being brought for sale, and a percentage of the price to Cursillo. Please think and pray about this, and contact me with

ideas. My thanks to Hugh and Carole for their long and faithful service to us.

Also, Heather Fry has asked if someone could take over her "job" of ordering and collecting the Chichester Cursillo sweatshirts etc. If you can take this on, or you want to know more, do contact me.

And finally, please pray for the School of Prayer Day at Worth Abbey on 10th October. There will be a display to man, and I have been asked if Cursillo will serve the refreshments, so I do hope some of you will be able to help! Please let me know if you can volunteer.

Do have a good summer, whether you are at home or away, and remember that we have a loving God who is always with us wherever we are. May He bless you as you continue your journey with Him.

Ruth

SWEATSHIRT ORDERS for garments embroidered with the Chichester logo. There is a catalogue with a variety of styles or you may like to provide a garment to be embroidered.

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Would you like to take this job on? See Ruth for details.

Our Next Weekends

#19	September 17-20	2009	#21	October 7-10	2010
#20	March 4-7	2010			
		2009	Dates		
Sat 9 th May 2009	AGM+Ultreya	St Symphorian, Durrington	Sat 17 th October 2009	Ultreya	St Thomas a'Becket, Pagham
Sat 4 th July 2009	Picnic	Latchetts			

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