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### **HONOURING JANET DUNCAN: PIONEER OF SPIRITISM IN THE UK**

We dedicate this edition to Janet Duncan, founder of the first Spiritist Group in the UK in 1983.

From her living room in Walthamstow, she sowed the seeds of a movement that now spans 27 groups across the country.

As she approaches her 97th birthday we celebrate her unwavering dedication and vision, and the legacy she leaves for generations to come.

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## Have a Good Trip, Friend

How often we say these words—with tears in our eyes and hearts filled with longing. For over 50 years, the United Kingdom was blessed with the physical presence of the Ambassador of Peace, our dear friend Divaldo Franco. His loving, fatherly, joyful and humorous spirit marked our lives deeply.

I remember clearly a cloudy summer day in Curitiba, engraved in my memory like a date inscribed on the soul. In 1993, during the largest Spiritist event in Paraná (later named the Spiritist State Conference), I had the privilege of accompanying Divaldo for three days. It was an honour that many desired—and I was one of the few entrusted with it.

After the passing of my husband in 1991 the Paraná Spiritist Federation (FEP) became my safe haven. I took on various roles there and was now tasked with caring for Divaldo—taking him to his lodgings, meals, and rest at Mrs. Neusa's home, where we also shared a Gospel at Home with his moving reflections. I could hardly believe it was real—it felt like a dream.

I was at his side around the clock, ensuring everything flowed smoothly—transport, meals, conversations, his beloved autograph lines. Years later, in London, I would again sit beside him during one of those unforgettable moments, now living in a land that felt like a return to a past life.

On May 14, 2025, I awoke at 2am in London, full of energy, as if I'd rested for 12 hours. Brazil was four hours behind. I reached for my phone—Divaldo has just disincarnated. My heart stopped. I imagined the Mansion of the Way enveloped in emotion. I sent messages, designed a tribute card, and shared it with our groups in Europe.

Moments later, a message arrived from Andrei in Minsk, Belarus—he was in tears. He still hoped to meet Divaldo at the Joanna de Ângelis International Congress in the UK this September, where he planned to gift him a translation of one of her works.

In that quiet British dawn, we exchanged heartfelt audios. It's touching to see such love and gratitude from hearts around the world. Divaldo has returned to his spiritual homeland, following the plan he and the Higher Spirits prepared long ago.

One day, we too will make our passage. If we follow Divaldo's example—living Jesus' teachings and seeking spiritual light—we too may leave in peace and gratitude.

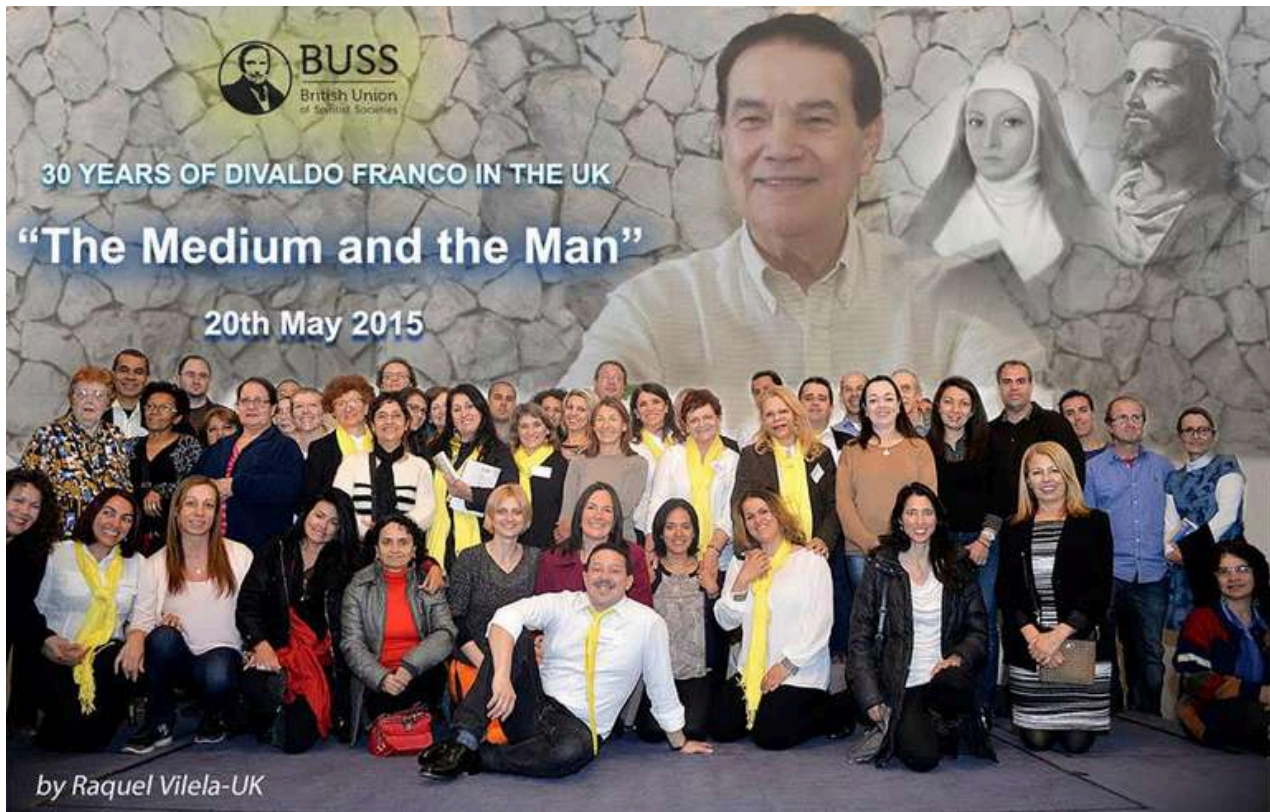
We give thanks in everything.

Go with God.

Go in peace, as you always said, Divaldo.

You brought peace to every corner of Brazil—and beyond. We miss you.

Elsa Rossi



## *Help with a tribute to Divaldo*

Fabricio Assunção from the Spiritist Society of Bournemouth (SSB) writes:

**"Dear family of Joanna de Ângelis,**

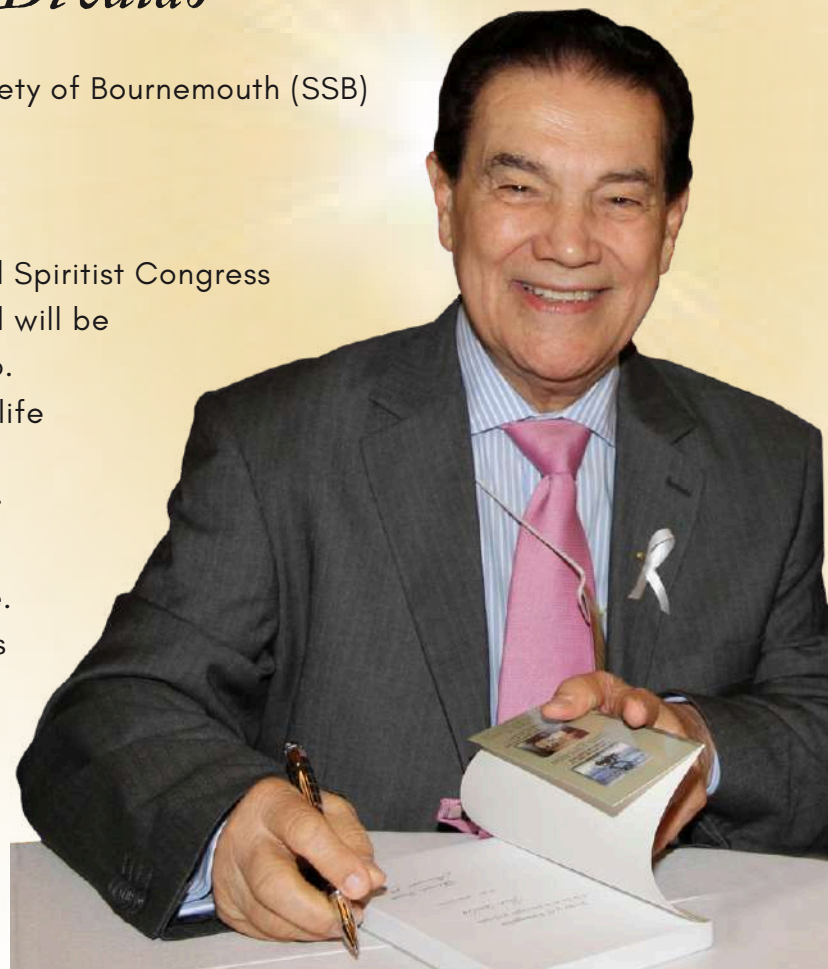
The Third Joanna de Ângelis International Spiritist Congress will be held in England in September and will be dedicated to the beloved Divaldo Franco.

We'll be paying a beautiful tribute to his life and legacy, and we need your help!

If you have any photos, videos, stories, or materials that you'd like to share for this special homage, please send them to me. I'm collecting all the content to make this tribute truly special.

Let's come together to celebrate Divaldo Franco's remarkable legacy and share his inspiring story.

Thank you for your support!"



## BUSS - EDUCATION DEPT.

### Spiritist Education Seminar in July Spiritist Educators and Parents, You're Invited!

Following the success of the face-to-face Spiritist Education Workshop held on 24 May 2025, we are pleased to invite you to the upcoming Spiritist Education Seminar on 19 July 2025.

Both events are coordinated by Cris Artuzo, a dedicated school teacher in Bournemouth and Spiritist worker at the Grupo de Estudos do Espiritismo de Bournemouth. The group meets weekly in person and is guided by Ana Paula Teixeira.

This is a valuable opportunity to deepen our understanding of Spiritist education and to connect with others who share the same commitment to spiritual learning.

Organised by BUSS - British Union of Spiritist Societies. We look forward to welcoming you!



Spiritist  
Education  
Seminar  
*Online*  
*"Building Solid Future"*

**19 JULY 2025**

Saturday  
3pm to 6pm

Facilitator  
Cris Artuzo



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## *Celebrating Janet Duncan's 97th Birthday*

Our dear friend Janet Duncan will be celebrating her 97th birthday this year! Despite her age, Janet remains as charming and talkative as ever, always ready to warmly welcome those who visit her at the Albany Nursing Home in Walthamstow, London.

To mark this special occasion, Allan Kardec Study Group – Centre for Spiritist Teachings associates and friends will gather for a small birthday celebration on Wednesday, 6th August 2025, at her residence.

If you would like to visit Janet or send your best wishes, please contact us at: [AKSG.UK@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AKSG.UK@GMAIL.COM). She would love to hear from you!



### **JANET DUNCAN** **A Pioneer of Spiritism in the UK**

It is impossible to write the history of Spiritism in the United Kingdom without recognising the immense contribution of Janet Duncan.

I first met Jean Anette Duncan in 1992 at the World Spiritist Congress, organised by the Spanish Spiritist Federation in Madrid.

From the very beginning, I felt a strong bond between us – a beautiful spiritual connection that has continued to grow.

Now, 33 years later, I find myself organising her personal collection of Spiritist documents in her home. Among them, I've discovered invaluable materials – handwritten notes, detailed files, and meticulously archived records, all organised year by year.

According to her notes, the group was founded in her home on 21 February 1983, with just six people gathered in her living room on Churchill Road, Walthamstow – the same address where the group continued for 42 years.

In 1985, just two years after AKSG was founded – the first Spiritist group in the UK – Janet introduced Spiritist studies based on Allan Kardec's books. That same year, she also began mediumship study groups, and by 1988, she had started offering public lectures and private mediumship meetings.

From that humble beginning, the movement has grown impressively. Today, the UK is home to 27 Spiritist groups, 17 of which are affiliated with BUSS (British Union of Spiritist Societies). Janet's lifelong dream was to see the creation of a national Spiritist institution, officially registered in the UK – and that dream came true with the founding of BUSS, which now supports and guides new Spiritist groups across the country.

Janet is not only a cornerstone, but also the godmother of the Spiritist movement in Britain. Despite the financial challenges – as most groups still rent venues by the hour – her legacy lives on in the form of regular study meetings, public talks, and Spiritist education for children and youth offered by many of these groups.

Today, Janet remains a strong and vibrant personality – talkative as ever – and she deeply enjoys visits from friends at her current residence, Albany Nursing Home. Although she is no longer able to work actively, she continues to inspire everyone who knows her.

If you would like to visit Janet, please contact me, Marta Wright, or Malcolm, a wonderful couple who have supported her for many years – often driving her to her favourite supermarket, Sainsbury's, and helping with her daily needs.

As Janet celebrates her 97th birthday, we give thanks for her extraordinary journey. We are so grateful to still have her among us. May many more years bless her path.

Thank you, dear spiritual benefactors, for sending us a soul like Janet Duncan – a light in our lives and in the history of Spiritism in this country.

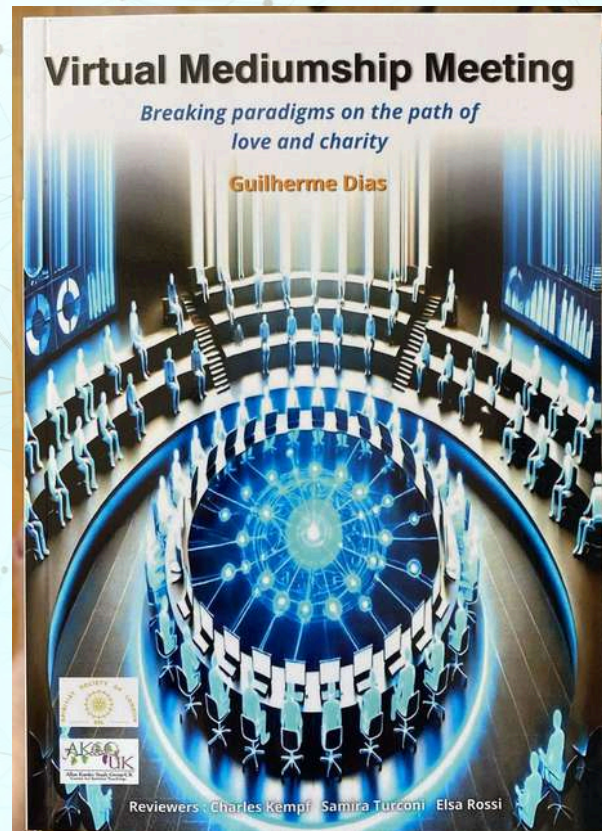


*AKSG & SSL sponsored the book launch in Finland:*

## *Virtual Mediumship Meeting*

The book *Virtual Mediumship Meeting* was officially launched during the 8th European Spiritist Gathering held in Finland on 8 and 9 June 2025. The event brought together Spiritist representatives and workers from 13 different countries, creating a vibrant international exchange.

All participants received a complimentary copy of this important work, authored by Guilherme Dias, a dedicated volunteer from the Spiritist Society of London. Additionally, 22 copies were sent to directors of Spiritist groups across the UK, helping to spread its valuable insights on mediumship in the digital age.



## *SSL & PEACE - The Mediums' Book Studies*

**THE MEDIUMS' BOOK**  
**ONLINE STUDY**  
**Saturdays 10:30am**  
**JOIN NOW**

Coordinators  
Charles Kempf  
Guilherme Dias  
Munir Gariba

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## BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH SPIRITIST CIRCLE - Essex

The group offers online study meetings on Mondays and in-person meetings on Thursdays.

On 10th July, there will be a talk on The Mediums' Book, specially designed for beginners. Everyone is welcome!

📍 Venue: 157 Station Road, Essex, CM0 8HJ

✉ Contact: [kardecuk@gmail.com](mailto:kardecuk@gmail.com)



## THE FRATERNITY SPIRITIST SOCIETY

We are pleased to announce the new Board of Directors of the Fraternity Spiritist Society for the term 2025-26:

- President: Eugene Pires
- Treasurer: Antonio Leal
- Secretary: Elizabeth Stevenson
- Trustees: Angela Fantini, Ana Lucia Cantlay, Emanuela Vita, Gilberto Gouvea, Maria Jose Goes, and Rayssa Favato

Each year, the Fraternity Spiritist Society hosts the Spiritist Healing Seminar (Passes), dedicated to the continuing education and training of new volunteers. The event welcomes participants from Spiritist Centres across the UK, and all are warmly invited to take part.



## SPIRITIST SOCIETY OF BOURNEMOUTH – SSB

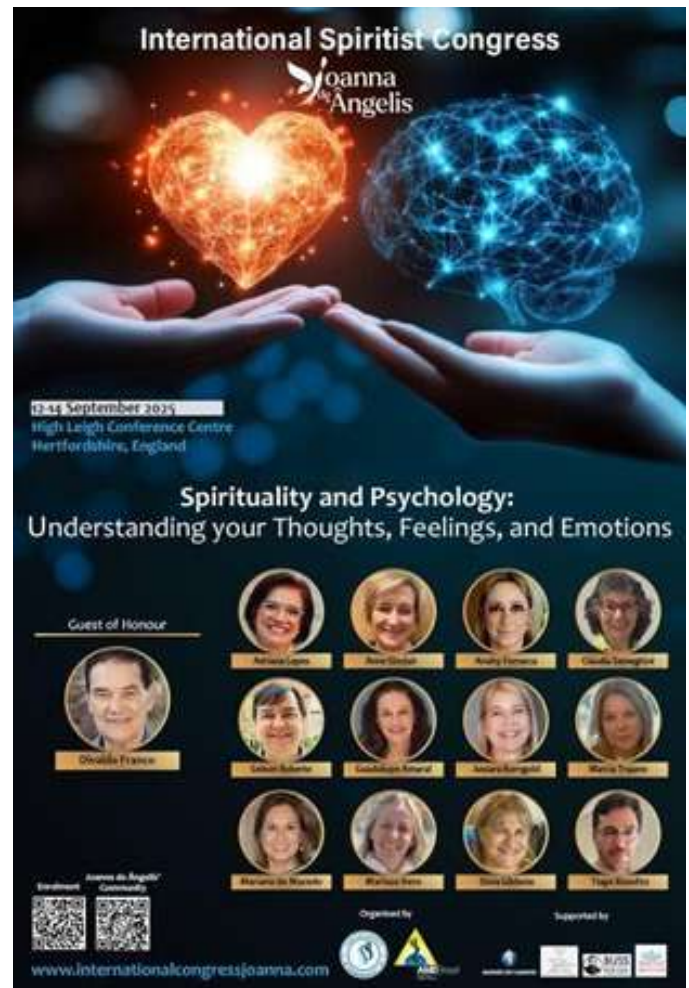
We cordially invite you to join us at the Third Joanna de Ângelis International Spiritist Congress from 12 to 14 September 2025 at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon in Hertfordshire (near London), organised by the Spiritist Society of Bournemouth (SSB) in collaboration with other Spiritist organisations.

The theme is "Explore your thoughts, emotions, and feelings, and discover new tools for self-transformation".

For Registration and Accommodation: you can find all the information you need on our website. (Please click the link ) 📌

<https://www.internationalcongressjoanna.com>

We look forward to seeing you there!



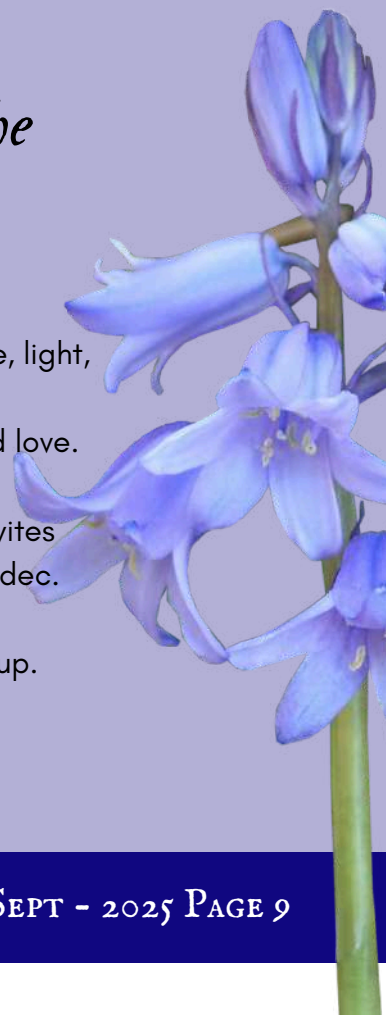
## *The Spiritist Society of Bournemouth and the Spiritist Group Brighton & Hove*

cordially invite you to join our online healing and prayer sessions, held every Monday via Zoom from 18:30 to 19:00 (London time). Together, let's send love, light, and healing energy to the world and those in need. Your presence is truly welcome, and we look forward to connecting with you in a spirit of unity and love.

Study Group on "Heaven and Hell". - The Spiritist Society of Bournemouth invites you to join our online Zoom study of the book "Heaven and Hell" by Allan Kardec. This study group happens every Monday from 7 pm to 8pm. London time. If you are interested please click in this link to enter the WhatsApp study group.



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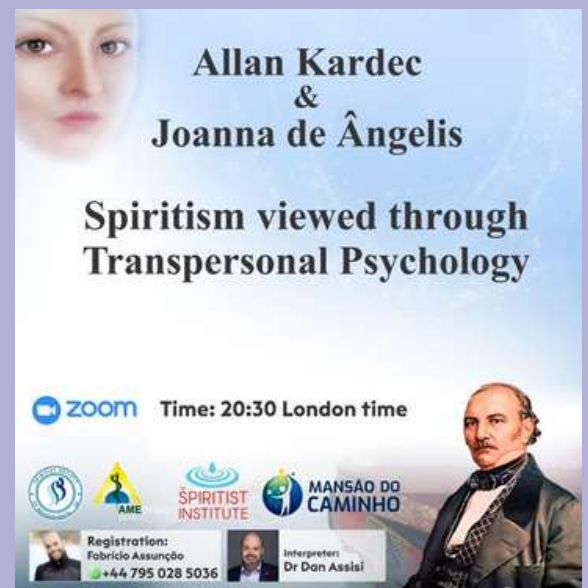
**The Spiritist Society of Bournemouth also organises and coordinates three online study groups with distinguished international speakers and an international audience.**

SSB's recordings of these studies are also available to view on You Tube.  
We cordially invite you to join us in these free studies:

## "Spiritism viewed through Transpersonal Psychology"

Throughout 2025 in 19 meetings online at 20:30 London time SSB joins with speakers from AME Brasil and the Spiritist Institute (USA) to study in Portuguese, with simultaneous English translation, the works of Allan Kardec and Joanna de Angelis.

Please click in the link below to register and join this free WhatsApp group:  
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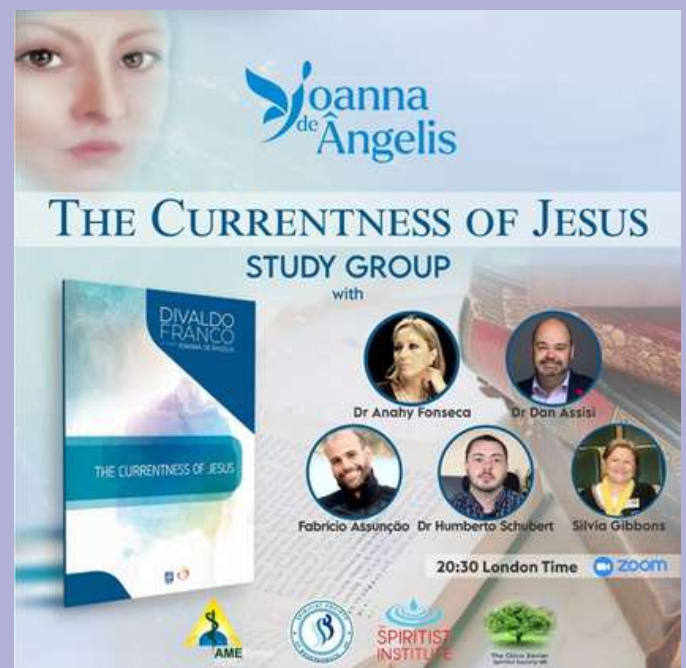


## "The Currentness of Jesus"

In conjunction with Mansão do Caminho.

SSB has recently arranged printing of a new publication in English of the first book by Joanna de Angelis in her psychological series entitled "The Currentness of Jesus" (book available from SSB price £15 + postage).

All profits from sale of the book are being donated to the charitable work of Mansão do Caminho.



# News from the UK Spiritist Groups

In conjunction with this new English publication SSB has joined with AME Brasil, the Spiritist Institute (USA) and the Chico Xavier Spiritist Society UK to launch The Currentness of Jesus Study Group which is led by Dr Anahy Fonseca, Dr Dan Assisi, Dr Humberto Schubert, Silvia Gibbons and Fabricio Assunção. We meet via Zoom on various dates each month (usually Wednesdays) at 20:30 London time.

You are very welcome to join us as we discuss and delve into this Spiritist study of Jesus' teaching. Click in the link below to register and join this free WhatsApp group!

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DHtiC9U21auHLZcpgDijBk>

## "Human Beings in Conflict: Challenges for the Conscious Being"

In these challenging times, exploring the uncharted territories of our unconscious is crucial to enhancing our mental health, spirituality, and wholeness. SSB is honoured to have Dr Anahy Fonseca leading these studies. For some thirty years, she has been working in psychotherapy, and diagnosis and research on the relationship between spirituality and mental health.

Our online programme of studies run from March to December 2025 and are usually held twice each month at 20:30.

Join us on this exciting journey!

Click in the link below to register and join this free WhatsApp group

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BFDSURLN9lp5sfqDCTr8wF>

**Human Beings in Conflict:**  
**CHALLENGES FOR THE CONSCIOUS BEING**

**Dr. Anahy Fonseca**  
Anahy Fonseca is a psychiatrist who for 30 years has been working in psychotherapy, diagnosis and research on the relationship between spirituality and mental health. She is also a Jungian analyst and a member of the Spiritist Medical Association of Brazil, where she teaches Spiritist Psychology by Joanna de Angelis.

**Sundays**  
zoom  
from 20:30 - 21:30  
London time

Registration:  
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+44 795 028 5036

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SPIRITIST SOCIETY OF BOURNEMOUTH

## **MANCHESTER**

### **Kardec Manchester**

#### **Spiritist Society updates**

Andre Abreu Silva, President of the Kardec Manchester Spiritist Society (AKSS), shares the latest news from their group:

Meetings take place every two weeks at 2:30 pm at the Manchester Friends House.

For those interested in joining or learning more, please feel free to contact either Andre or Talita at: [kardecmanchester@outlook.com](mailto:kardecmanchester@outlook.com).

We are also pleased to announce the new AKSS Board:

- Andre de Abreu Silva – President
- Talita Toledo – Vice President
- Lucia Fullalove – Secretary
- Maria Gresty – Treasurer

We wish the new board great success in their service.



## *SPIRITIST CENTRE FOR PEACE-UK Presents the Ernesto Bozzano Series*



The Spiritist Centre for Peace-UK, an official member of BUSS, is proud to organise a monthly series dedicated to the works of the renowned scientist Ernesto Bozzano.

Every month, on the first Sunday at 7 pm UK time, a guest speaker will present one of Bozzano's important books, bringing his valuable insights back to light.

Both Peace and BUSS warmly invite you to mark your calendars and join us for these enriching events.

Below are the flyers for the upcoming sessions.

# News from the UK Spiritist Groups



 	<b>2025</b> SERIES	
	<b>ERNESTO BOZZANO</b>	FLÁVIO ZANETTI
	Organized by  In collaboration with    	<b>Apportation Phenomena</b>  Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 7pm (BST)

 	<b>2025</b> SERIES	
	<b>ERNESTO BOZZANO</b>	CAROLINA CORREIA
	Organized by  In collaboration with    	<b>Premonitory Phenomena</b>  Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2025 7pm (BST)

 	<b>2025</b> SERIES	
	<b>ERNESTO BOZZANO</b>	SHEYNE MARTIN
	Organized by  In collaboration with    	<b>Thought and Will</b>  Sunday, 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 7pm (BST)

# News from the UK Spiritist Groups

## AKSG Welcomes Dr. Suzana Simões



We had the joy of welcoming Dr. Suzana Simões on Monday, 30 June, for an inspiring talk at AKSG. A Doctor of Physical Therapy and Director of Rehabilitation Services, Suzana is also a dedicated Spiritist. She is a former board member of the Spiritist Federation of Florida and currently serves as the founder and president of the Conscious Living Spiritist Group in Miami, USA.

Her presence was warmly received by workers from several Spiritist groups across London, Brentwood, and Chelmsford, who joined us for this special occasion.

We thank you, Suzana, for your enlightening contribution and your kind spirit. Our doors remain open, and we hope to welcome you again whenever your path brings you back to us.

## GRUPO DE ESTUDOS DO ESPIRITISMO DE BOURNEMOUTH

Studies only in Portuguese

Venue: Moordown Community Centre

21 Coronation Avenue, BH8 1TW

Mondays face-to-face studies - from 7pm to 8:45pm

Contact: Ana Paula Teixeira

WhatsApp 07460 753574

Email: [gee.bournemouth@gmail.com](mailto:gee.bournemouth@gmail.com)

The GEEB organized a Spiritist bookstall during an event hosted by the Brazilian Educational and Cultural Centre, a registered charity in the UK. A variety of Spiritist books, both new and used, were displayed and made available to the public.





## West Kent Spiritist Group

enjoyed a very special picnic at Dunorlan Park in Tunbridge Wells. It was wonderful to share some time with our spiritist family, with some lovely food, games and good company.



invites you

Allan Kardec Study Group-UK  
Centre for Spiritist Teachings



Lecture in Portuguese with  
English Interpretation

**22/09/2025**  
**7.15pm**

**Iraci Campos Noronha**  
President of CEJA-Barra and the Instituto  
Mãos Unidas in Rio de Janeiro

Theme

**Overcoming Affective  
Challenges**

Venue:  
**FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE**  
1A, Jewel Road, WALTHAMSTOW,  
London - E17 4QX



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## SPIRITIST NEWS FROM ABROAD

### 8th European Spiritist Gathering

Since 2015, Spiritist workers and leaders from across Europe have come together each year for the European Spiritist Gathering – with the exception of the pause during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The main goal of this event is to create a space for sharing experiences, discussing the best ways to study and spread Spiritism in Europe, always with respect for the diverse cultures and laws of each country.

This gathering is not a formal institution. There are no official positions or hierarchies – everyone is welcome. However, a dedicated core group helps coordinate and keep the spirit of the event alive. It includes two friends from Germany, one from France, one from Poland, one from Finland, Stevan from the Spiritist group in Ireland, and Elsa Rossi from the Allan Kardec Study Group (AKSG) in London, along with many supportive friends from Spiritist groups throughout the United Kingdom.

Start preparing your hearts and schedules for the next inspiring opportunity: the 9th European Spiritist Gathering in 2026.



### *Celebrating 14 Years of Kardec Radio*

For the past 14 years, Kardec Radio has served as a beacon of light, sharing the enlightening teachings of Spiritism and encouraging inner transformation. Through its devoted mission, the radio continues to inspire peace within hearts and promote a more compassionate and harmonious world.

We, at the British Union of Spiritist Societies, extend our heartfelt congratulations to Kardec Radio. We wish you continued success and many more years of service in spreading light, love, and knowledge across the globe.





## Kardec Bot

**Developed by Vanessa Anseloni**

This app teaches and discusses Spiritism based on Allan Kardec and related Spiritist texts.

Easy to use and a good tool for all spiritist disseminating Spiritism in English language.

<http://bit.ly/3TKruef>

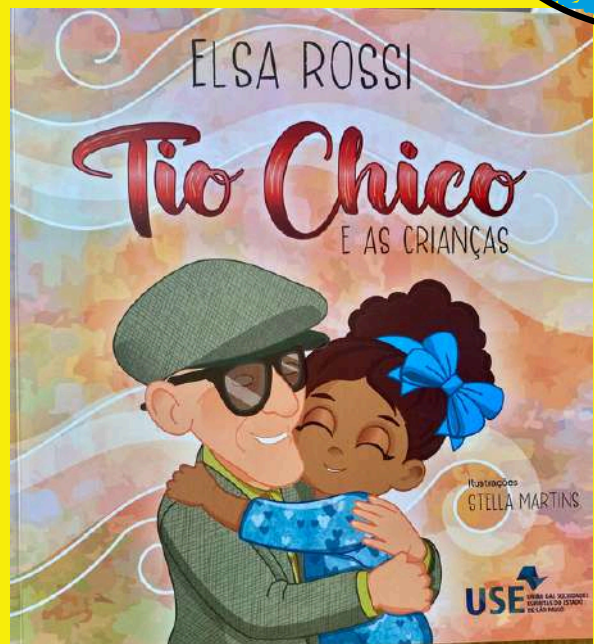
## BOOKS TIO CHICO AND KIDS

### New Book by Elsa Rossi Introduces Chico Xavier to Children

We are delighted to announce the release of *Tio Chico e as Crianças*, the 8th published book by Elsa Rossi.

Published by União das Sociedades Espiritas do Estado de São Paulo- USE-SP. The book for children and parents, was launched in May 2025 in Brazil and in June in the UK (for Portuguese-speaking audiences). This beautifully written story aims to introduce the life and legacy of one of Brazil's greatest mediums, Chico Xavier, to children in a captivating and accessible way.

Due to growing interest, an English translation is already underway, responding to numerous requests. In just three weeks, 90 copies have been sold – a heartwarming sign of the book's early success and resonance with families.



## *Firmness of faith*

**“The ones that fell upon rock are those who, upon hearing the word, receive it with joy; but since they have no root, they believe only for a while, and when times of trial come along, they fall away.” – Jesus. (Lk. 8:13)**

The word “rock” usually symbolizes rigidity and impediments; however, it is important to remember that Jesus sometimes used it to imply firmness. The Master once called Peter the “living rock of faith.”

The Gospel of Luke tells us about those on rock, that is, those who receive the word with joy, but who, because they have no roots, fatalistically fall by the way in times of trial.

Many people do not understand this promise of trials. Nonetheless, trials should be looked at as essential experiences. In the home, parents can take excessive care of their children while they are very young, but too much care is inappropriate when they need to make an effort by themselves.

A manager will patiently teach new employees, but afterwards that person will rightly expect them to do the work by themselves.

Therefore, in this verse from Luke, we can see that in religious matters it is not advisable for someone to become dependent on the spiritual strength of others. As long as improvident individuals can rest on others, everything will probably be fine for them, but if they do not have their own firm roots, they will look outside themselves during difficult times for the strength of others.

Everything invites people to work on perfecting and enlightening themselves.

Thus, let us respect firmness of faith wherever it may be found, but let us never forget to strengthen our own faith to obtain a solid victory.

Candido Xavier, Francisco. The way, the truth and the life (Living Spring Collection) (pp. 260-262). FEB Publisher. Kindle Edition.



# BUSS BOOKFAIR is back

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