

International

As an organisation our mission field is here but we also believe we have a responsibility to support and sow in fields we will never harvest.

EUROPE - Matt Baker and Steve Jones have both travelled to Europe to support and train other brothers and sister who have a heart to serve their community of sport. This was done in partnership with other ministries delivering the readyssetgo.ec program.

RWANDA - Mark Fleming, had the privilege of leading a group of 11 Scottish football coaches to Rwanda in June. They delivered coach education to delegates from 12 youth academies in Kigali, and they also conducted coaching sessions with many youth teams in the city. The trip was very well received by the Rwandan Football Federation. As a result of this trip he was invited to deliver a seminar on the basis and benefits of chaplaincy (and how it works in practice in the UK) to representatives from several Rwandan Premier League clubs. He has consequently been invited back to Rwanda early next year to help establish Sports Chaplaincy Rwanda and we are hoping to find a Rwandan national who will eventually lead the ministry.



RWANDAN COACHES WEARING SFA TRAINING GEAR

GLOBAL SUPPORT - Sports Chaplaincy UK has invested in a Global capacity by enabling Richard Gamble to help other nations start and establish sports chaplaincy. Richard has travelled to Asia, Europe and America. Through our work globally we have helped train literally thousands.

Richard Gamble
International Development
Director



Training & Conferences

The Annual Sports Chaplaincy UK Conference goes from strength to strength and as we celebrate 25 years of our work, we are ensuring that good quality training opportunities are at the top of the agenda for all our chaplains. The Conference programme moves through three different focus areas to inspire, challenge and stretch all those who attend and participate. With a combination of key note speakers from the world of sport, faith and academic learning alongside engaging workshops it has become for all chaplains a powerhouse of prayer, learning and mutual support.



CONFERENCE 2015

In 2015 the Conference focused upon mentality in sport, looking at having the right attitude to be both successful and positive. It included guest speakers Dr Nick J. Watson a Senior Lecturer in Sport, Culture and Religion and head of pastoral care, York St John University and Dr Allan Johnston MBBS, MRCPsych, Cert.Med. Ed(U) who is a Consultant Psychiatrist with the National Health Service and a Sports Psychiatrist and Trustee to the award winning State of Mind Sports Charity

This year the theme is "Inclusive Chaplaincy" reflecting on the fact that the work we do cannot be exclusive but needs to reflect the needs of all.

The quality of the Conference and learning opportunities it offers highlights the direction of travel for Sports Chaplaincy UK in equipping chaplains to grow and develop in the work they do and to seek to gain further examples of best practice within that calling.

In my mind Conference is a must for all chaplains in order for them to fulfil their work to the best of their ability.

Phil Mason
Chaplain Bolton Wanderers FC



Ambassadors

We are excited to announce that in this our Jubilee year we have been joined and supported by a number of new faces who you may recognise. Each of our Ambassadors are proud to be associated with Sports Chaplaincy UK recognising the benefit and support sports chaplaincy provides across the Community of Sport. (From left to right)

Anne Wafula Strike MBE - former Paralympian and Gold medallist and an advocate for charity work with disability charities.

Brian Noble - TV pundit and International Rugby League Coach having won everything domestically and globally at club level.

Robbie Hunter Paul - a retired New Zealand International Rugby League player, author and TV pundit. Robbie won everything at club and world level.

Stuart Elliott - former Northern Ireland International footballer, who played in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Craig Brown CBE - a Scottish former professional football player and manager and the most successful national coach of Scotland.

Fabrice Muamba - a retired professional footballer who played for Arsenal, Birmingham City and Bolton Wanderers as a central midfielder.

Keep an eye out for even more new announcements in this coming year.



INSPIRE

SPORTS CHAPLAINCY UK
SERVING SPORT THROUGH EXCELLENCE IN CHAPLAINCY



Chaplaincy reviews from across our Home Nations



Linvoy Primus MBE, Trustee & Warren Evans, SCUUK CEO

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT & EXCITING

"If you have a passion for sport and a heart after God, why not contact us and see how you can support or get involved in this great work!"

Welcome

CEO'S THOUGHTS

We here at Sports Chaplaincy UK have a dream to see an expression of God's love and compassion practically demonstrated in every community called Sport. Sports Chaplaincy UK have a big heart and a big vision to embrace the World of Sport knowing we are making a positive contribution and impact across each of our Home Nations.

Sports Chaplaincy UK is on an incredible journey and as we thank God and celebrate this our 25th year we are more excited than ever about the future. The Community of Sport consists of over 151,000 clubs totalling 25 million men, women and children – what a mission field! And we, the Church cannot ignore a community of this size and significance.

If you have a heart after God, a passion for people and may be you like sport, we would encourage you, challenge you, dare you to join us on this journey...you will not be disappointed.

May you be inspired and challenged by what you read, thank you for your prayerful consideration of support

Every blessing.



Warren Evans
CEO - National Director

CHAIRMAN'S THOUGHTS

Celebrating 25 years is a significant milestone for any charity, even more so for a Christian charity whose work is within sport; the largest secular community in the country. Looking back we thank God not only for the growth in chaplaincy, but also for the favour we have been granted among sport administrators.

Thanks to the hard work of many, sports chaplaincy is now firmly established on the national scene and, we look forward to the real possibility of continued growth. But above all we look upwards with hope and confidence in God's ongoing guidance, wisdom and provision for the next 25 years.



David Chawner
Chair of Trustees



WARREN EVANS & ANNE WAFULA
STRIKE MBE



CHAPLAINS AT YORK MINSTER

ENGLAND

PURSuing EXCELLENCE IN THE ENGLISH REGIONALS

The last year has seen not just the number of chaplains increase but also the variety of sports being served. At regionals we have seen chaplains involved in football, rugby union, rugby league, horseracing, cricket, athletics, ice hockey & triathlon. From the early days of predominant involvement in football this shows how much we have developed as an organisation. It is also unusual to have a regional without female chaplains present showing the inroads being made in women's sport.



BENEDICT MUSOLA NEWLY APPOINTED CHAPLAIN AT WYCOMBE WANDERERS FC

The challenge with such diverse growth is to make our chaplains' regionals not just a time of networking and prayer but also to provide relevant training. In recent years we have included training on handling the media and stress management and over the last 12 months we have added gambling addiction awareness and bereavement support in the case of an untimely death. We are particularly pleased to have linked with Care for the Family in the area of bereavement support and see this as



JUSTYN LARCOMBE SPEAKING ON GAMBLING ADDICTION

another important partnership as we move forward. Striving for excellence is a key value in sports chaplaincy and we believe our regionals are important in empowering chaplains to do this.

Matt Baker
Pastoral Support Director in English Football



SCOTLAND

OPPORTUNITIES IN SCOTLAND

While chaplaincy grows phenomenally in Scottish Football through the prolific work of Mark Fleming, chaplaincy in other sports is only found in a few pockets like



TRAINING DAY FOR NEW CHAPLAINS

rugby and curling. I have been working closely with Warren Evans, Scottish sports chaplains and Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland's Rev Iain McFadzean, towards seeing chaplaincy in Scottish Sport become more sustainable and fruitful. With the help of expert consultancy we aim to create structures and processes, build profile and reputation, and evolve sustainable working models to ensure that sports chaplaincy can be truly owned in Scotland and grown to its tremendous potential. Opportunities for sports chaplaincy in amateur and professional sport are many and people in our churches can be identified, trained and supported to excel in sharing the love of Christ through sports chaplaincy. However we lack the broad insight and support of the Church, Christians, Philanthropists, Funders and the Sports World required to help sports chaplaincy make real and lasting inroads into Scottish Sport. From local gyms, women's football clubs and disability / all-ability sports groups to professional football, rugby, basketball and ice-hockey clubs, the need for pastoral support is immense. Please join us in praying for the realisation of our dreams to see SCUUK deepen its roots in Scotland and grow fruit to last!

Neil Urquhart
Chaplaincy Support Director in Scottish Sport



WALES

RUGBY UNION IN WALES

It's great to see what God is doing in Wales and especially in Rugby Union where we have a twofold approach: the blitz defence - trying to provide chaplaincy support to the professional end of the game, and the drift defence - providing at a more local level through local churches. We are seeing God at work in both areas and have chaplains in all 5 regions and 60% of the Premiership. We also recently placed a lady to support the Welsh women's national side. However we want to see more opportunities to work with the senior teams at regional level and greater involvement with the WRU.



CHAPLAINS IN WALES

Locally we would like to widen our network across the whole of Wales like that of Ifor Williams who is doing a great job at Gwernyfed Rugby Club. Local sports chaplaincy enables churches to offer Christ's care and compassion and a way to connect with their communities in being "salt and light".

The work is so exciting; the fields are white but we need more labourers so please get in touch if you'd like to get involved!



BYRON HAYWARD FORMER WELSH INTERNATIONAL AND WALES U20S COACH WITH **GEOFF WAGGETT** CHAPLAIN TO EBBW VALE RFC

Steve Jones
Chaplaincy Support Director for Welsh Sport



Martin Lewis
Chaplain to Cardiff Blues



NORTHERN IRELAND

A WONDERFUL SEASON OF INCREASE

The last 18 months of sports chaplaincy in Northern Ireland have been a wonderful season of increase. We have seen new chaplains appointed, a regional office established, Steven Thompson becoming support co-ordinator to Phil and myself and we have built a firm partnership with the Danske Bank Premier Football League. Additionally, new doors are opening up in a variety of sports and disability sports. All of this forms a good report, yet it doesn't tell the full story of life within Sports Chaplaincy NI. Underneath the surface is where we have seen the real increase; a band of chaplains in fellowship, sharing together in vision and values and encouraged by stories of players and clubs openly endorsing the role and exploring faith.



TRAINING EVENT NORTHERN IRELAND

By regularly meeting together we have been able to provide a clearer picture of our role and responsibility as chaplains. Fresh expressions and ideas have emerged inspired by the desire to offer Christ-centred chaplaincy not as a hobby or on-call service but as a consistent and authentic demonstration of pastoral care and witness in the world of Sport. If we are to adventure forth with sports chaplaincy, every step must be supported by prayer with our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

Keith Mitchell
Co-Chaplaincy Support Director for Northern Ireland Sport



Phil Mitchell
Co-Chaplaincy Support Director for Northern Ireland Sport



Sports Chaplaincy to women

Women sports chaplains are currently involved in football, rugby, triathlon, athletics and all-ability sport. Often more emotional than men, it is important for women to have the opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings. Chaplains are willing to listen and will journey alongside them in their environment, understanding the pressures and seeing the frustrations. Heather Lewis, the Wales Women's Rugby chaplain says "Sharing life with the Rugby girls is a real privilege and big adventure! Slowly building trust and being welcomed into their lives in both the good and bad, means I can be Jesus' hands, feet and words." I echo those sentiments in my work with elite women footballers.



HEATHER LEWIS
AMY BROOKS, ABERDEEN LADIES FC CHAPLAIN WITH ANNA SIGNED, SCOTLAND TEAM MANAGER

Carolyn Skinner serves at the Commonwealth Games, Paralympics and Women's World Cups and is privileged to be able to serve and support athletes, staff and volunteers in such a high pressured environment.

Providing a Christian presence at long-distance triathlons such as Ironman UK is exhausting and exciting, according to Pat Cooke-Rogers. She spends three long days at each event talking with (and more importantly listening to) athletes, their families, the event crew, referees, team leaders, the sound team, medical staff and volunteers. The evening before a race she also organises a short prayer and worship service along with local churches.

Working with disabled athletes in Wales, Heather Lewis (obviously a popular name in Wales!) observes that the medium of sport can help transform their outlook on life. She believes that Christians should be involved with helping those who face such massive challenges, demonstrating Christ's love and compassion.

There are many opportunities for women chaplains to minister in sports from grass roots to elite level. A pastoral heart and a desire to serve God in a sporting environment are all that is required. Support and encouragement from SCUUK and also our male counterparts is guaranteed so please think and pray about whether it may be an area of ministry for you.



Angy King
English Women's Football

Disability Sports Chaplaincy

Being a chaplain to Disability Sport Wales has not only increased my admiration for people and life, but it has also been a privilege to walk with individuals through the joys and trials they face offering words of encouragement and occasional spiritual input. The people I meet weekly are athletes working in an extremely competitive arena whose goals are to represent Wales or even team GB, with a number of them heading for Rio.

Every year an event called "wheelchair spectacular" takes place to reach children, parents, carers and schools allowing children of any age to come and try out different activities, to encourage participation and to transform lives through the power of sport. My part is simply to meet people where they are at and build up relationships with them and be there for them should they wish.

There are many areas of disability sports where it would be great to see other Christians get involved e.g. Boccia, Table Tennis, Archery, Basketball, Weightlifting, Wheelchair Rugby, etc. Clubs are always looking for volunteers and support including a sports chaplain, so why not contact us and see how you might be able to help. One of the joys and privileges I've had as a chaplain was being part of the chaplaincy team for the IPC European Games where approximately 40 countries competed. Not only were we able to get alongside the athletes, but also the trainers, coaches, support staff, and the many volunteers.



Heather Lewis
Disability Sports



Steve Jones
Disability Sports



TOP LEFT: WHEELCHAIR RUGBY CHALLENGE
TOP RIGHT: HEATHER LEWIS WITH STEVE JONES
BOTTOM: CHAPLAINS

HORSE RACING



It is with thanks that I look back on this year in Horse Racing here in the UK. With thanks to God that the relationships continue to be built and grow stronger with Racing Welfare and the many other organisations looking after the wellbeing of racing staff. There are many issues. Increased workload due to shortage of staff puts pressure on those who work in the industry and this year has seen mental health issues in the sport come to the fore. This is where Sports Chaplaincy UK plays a big role in supporting the staff who need it most. There are many issues that I could highlight but we serve a God who uses us to bring his calmness into the areas that we visit. The aims for the future are to expand this work around racing towns and racecourses. Please pray for people to be inspired enough to get on board.

Simon Bailey
Chaplaincy Support Director for Horse Racing

RUGBY UNION



The past year in Rugby Union has been dominated by the Rugby World Cup hosted by England, but with other home nations having greater success on the pitch!! There was considerable disappointment that the tournament organisers turned down our offer to provide full chaplaincy support as in New Zealand in 2011. However, through our contacts chaplaincy was provided for one of the competing squads. More significantly for the future of chaplaincy in the sport, several local churches took the opportunity to build links with their local rugby clubs and it is hoped this may result in chaplaincies at a local amateur level. In the professional and semi-professional game there have been some new chaplains placed, most notably in Wales and Northern Ireland. Over the next year, with the 25th anniversary providing impetus, we are planning to focus on establishing a stronger chaplaincy presence within the sport; and the signs for the future are very encouraging.

Martin Lewis
Pastoral Director Welsh Rugby Union

NORTH EAST



It has been an exciting time developing sports chaplaincy in the North East. In the last couple of months we staged a regional at St James' Park, Newcastle United. Though a tough regional regarding bereavement, our sports chaplains went away feeling supported, encouraged and resourced. The new season has just got underway in the Northern League, where we currently have four great chaplains serving a cluster of clubs. After establishing chaplaincy within Northern League clubs around a year ago, they are doing a wonderful job building relationships and supporting all involved in any way they can. In the next few months we are prayerfully looking to expand the chaplaincy team to fill the 44 clubs in the league. We also have two great chaplains lined up for Newcastle United Ladies FC and Hartlepool United and we are just praying for an opportunity to meet with the respective clubs very soon.

Christian Weinkamp
Pastoral Support Consultant

CRICKET



At present five of the 18 County Cricket Clubs have Chaplains; Surrey, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Derbyshire, & Northants, and talks are taking place with one other. Chaplaincy in professional cricket received a significant boost over the summer when a letter sent from SCUUK to the Chairman of the English Cricket Board promoting chaplaincy was circulated to the Chairmen and Chief Executives of all the County Cricket Clubs. Although we have yet to see any direct outcome from this, it has opened the door for further talks with the clubs. Whilst these developments are taking place at the elite level of the sport, there are also encouraging signs of chaplaincy gaining ground at grass roots level in local clubs. There are clear opportunities for continuing to spread chaplaincy across cricket in the UK and we will be working over the next year to take hold of as many of these as possible.

Max Wigley
Pastoral Co-ordinator for Cricket

RUGBY LEAGUE



2015/16 has been an exciting and challenging year within Rugby League. We have seen some great chaplains retiring or moving on and some excellent new people joining the ranks. One exciting development has been the introduction of chaplaincy for Match Officials, with Tony Hall taking a lead in this area. The tragic death of an under 19s player, following a freak incident in a match, showed the real value of chaplaincy. Richard Thomson and Paul Hallam were both new in roles, but served their clubs brilliantly and continue to have an impact in the time after the incident. Looking to the future we are encouraged by the decision of the Super League Club CEOs to make it compulsory for all clubs to have a chaplain. It is important that we take the opportunities that God is sending our way and continue to be pastorally proactive and spiritually reactive.

Paul Johnson
Pastoral Support Co-ordinator for Rugby League

EVENTS



In October 2015 two Sports Chaplaincy UK chaplains and one chaplain from Germany served at the first ever World Wheelchair Rugby Challenge tournament which took place during the Rugby World Cup. The event was held at the Copper Box arena on the Olympic Park in London, where the three chaplains were granted full accreditation and access to the players, coaches and backroom staff in order to offer pastoral and spiritual support. Domestically, in the UK there are currently two volunteer sports chaplains serving with local wheelchair rugby teams in Wales. It is hoped that further volunteers from UK churches will come forward to serve the growing number of wheelchair rugby sports clubs in Britain and Ireland.

Steve Jones
Chaplaincy Support Director for Welsh Sport

GYM CHAPLAINCY



On a weekly basis I serve as a chaplain at my local gym, through a group called Fit Lives. I am there for social, pastoral and spiritual care. Some of my work is enabling people to build friendships by organising social events; some of it is being a listening ear for those who want to talk; and some of it is praying with people or running courses such as Alpha or Wellsprings. The Wellsprings Course is for women looking at issues such as beauty and self-esteem, worry and anxiety, healing and forgiveness. People go to gyms for more reasons than fitness. They go because they are lonely, have body image or stress issues. To have an intentional presence in gyms provides some incredible opportunities. The pastoral need for the staff within the gym is also a significant part of the work and it has been so encouraging to see how receptive they are to chaplaincy. We look forward to seeing how we can develop this work in the future.

Carolyn Skinner
International chaplaincy

WIMBLEDON



It was encouraging to be able to bring together another year of outreach at Wimbledon Tennis Championships with our 'Love All Serve All' team. Every evening our team of volunteers offered free refreshments, a listening ear and prayer to hundreds of fans who camp in Wimbledon Park. This year we had 92 volunteers from 24 churches and prayed with 90 people during the fortnight. We act as chaplains to the night stewards, often finding them coming to our base for a chat, encouragement or a hug. One steward said "this is the most I've been to church all year"! I love how she saw us as church in the middle of the park, how we enhanced the presence of Jesus, and how she engaged with that. While there are celebrities in pursuit of greatness on Centre Court, there are people having God encounters in the park. And as we served on our knees in a wet, muddy park, we sensed the greatness of God in that place.

Carolyn Skinner
International chaplaincy



Wimbledon team



Steve Jones & Carolyn Skinner at Wheelchair Rugby Challenge

ENGLISH FOOTBALL

The number of clubs with chaplains in the Premier League and English Football League continues to increase with now 72 of the 92 clubs represented. Several clubs are now appointing a second chaplain as well with specific responsibilities for the academy (youth set up) at clubs. Particularly pleasing last year was the appointment of Benedict Musola at Wycombe Wanderers after several years of trying. Looking forward it is great still to have the support of the Premier League, English Football League & PFA. The challenge moving forward is to continue to show the importance and relevance of chaplaincy at individual clubs, particularly where there is so much money available to some of the larger clubs to provide alternative support. Yet God continues to be faithful and the role of the chaplain, where faith is on the increase in football, is still a vital support and demonstration of the kingdom of God advancing.

Matt Baker

Pastoral Support Director in English Football



WOMEN'S FOOTBALL IN ENGLAND AND WALES

There are currently six chaplains serving in women's football in England, still a long way behind our male counterparts. However, the relationships being built with the players are excellent and time spent on the training ground, in the physio room and on the team bus is bearing fruit. This is my second year of chaplaincy with the Wales women's football teams, where I am a consistent presence on camps supporting players during the tense times of international competition. Relationships developed at U19 level are being followed through into the first team and I am grateful to the Wales women's manager for opening doors for me to show God's love in this environment. My aim is to have ten women chaplains in place very soon and I praise God for the chance to explain chaplaincy to the England women's manager and pray that we can explore this within the international set up.

Angy King

English Women's Football



CHAPLAINCY IN LOWER LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Lower league football chaplaincy covers a vast range from ex League clubs like York City to community based clubs and grass roots initiatives. This year has seen new chaplains appointed at places like Woodham Ferrers and Kettering Town as well as several transitions as people move on. There is also an encouraging trend as chaplaincy teams develop to cover youth teams, supporters' trusts and academies as well as the first team. One positive example of development is Eastleigh where Andrew Bird pioneered the role for few seasons before handing on to Jono Harvey with the club keen to see chaplaincy continue. For Jono, it's an ideal role as he and his family pioneer a Fresh Expression of church on a challenging estate near the club. Plans for this year include research into the different ways chaplains add value to lower league clubs and a dedicated day for lower league chaplains in summer 2017.

Ian Nicholson

Pastoral Director for Lower League



SCOTTISH FOOTBALL

Sports chaplaincy has continued to grow in Scottish football. Having placed chaplains at most of the SPFL, Highland League and Women's Premier League clubs, the target over the last year was to source, train and appoint chaplains for all of the 15 Lowland League clubs. So far we managed to provide 13 clubs with a chaplain and with an additional club promoted to the League we will seek to complete the set this season. This takes the present total amount of football chaplains within Scotland to 88. It has been encouraging to see chaplaincy developing within the national teams, particularly in the Scotland women's national football team where I have been developing good relationships with staff and players. One of the big challenges has been to replace chaplains who move on from the vicinity of their respective football clubs, eight chaplains are currently being replaced.

Mark Fleming

Director of Scottish Football



SCOTTISH WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Aileen supports the SWPL chaplains (17 in total now), none of whom are church pastors though they have tremendous pastoral giftings. At our national training day with them the only complaint we received from the ladies was that they didn't get to spend more time with each other! They are a great example of the church being equipped, empowered and released to serve the world of sport!



Aileen Fleming

Scottish Women's Football



IRISH FOOTBALL

Sports Chaplaincy in Northern Ireland has seen continued growth in football. We have continued to receive favour as we work with the NI football governing body and have seen new chaplains appointed at all levels which is so encouraging. Our most recent training event took place at the National Football Stadium for Northern Ireland, Windsor Park. We continue to build a firm partnership with the Danske Bank Premier Football League where we now have a chaplain at every football Premier League Club as well as having a chaplain to the Premier League Referees. Additionally, there was a very positive article earlier this year in the Belfast Telegraph concerning sports chaplaincy. We were also blessed to announce that Stuart Elliott former Irish International has thrown his weight behind sports chaplaincy by becoming an Ambassador for Sports Chaplaincy UK. As we look back we have much to give thanks for and yet the potential is enormous.

Phil Mitchel

Co-Chaplaincy Support Director for Northern Ireland Sport



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF SPORTS CHAPLAINCY



I deeply appreciate Warren Evan's invitation to reflect on the history of sports chaplaincy as we celebrate 25 years serving sport. Impossible as it is to mention all who have contributed, I must begin with Revs. Roy Freestone, David Coffey and The Baptist Union of Great Britain, whose vision led to the creation of SCORE as an interdenominational sports chaplaincy organisation. SCORE's early Trustees, not least Peter Clark and Martin Roach, laid significant foundations. The constant support of St James Road Baptist Church, Watford and other churches who prayed and gave from their mission budgets, helped to grow this strategic initiative. Sport itself began to recognise the worth of this new ministry and that it was a genuine caring Christian service to all, whether a person had faith or not. Chaplains were trained to be available to all staff and players at their clubs, to work to defined parameters, with total confidentiality, and in ways with which the clubs felt comfortable. Significant names in the football world – Graham Taylor, Rick Parry, Gordon Taylor, John Barnwell, Ken Merrett, Sir Alex Ferguson – affirmed and endorsed this contribution and soon doors opened into other sports and parts of the United Kingdom. We thank all our sports advocates for their highly significant support. Nor can we over-estimate the early ministry of our chaplains as sport became happy with the chaplaincy

delivered as promised. Care, compassion, sensitivity and consistency combined with time-commitment and servanthood to create a strong impact. Sports chaplaincy revealed its character: not about self-promotion, gaining status or connecting with the famous, but about serving the people of sport, through appropriate and consistent availability. Because of that, sport now values chaplaincy. Finally, some personal comments. My 20+ years in SCORE/SCUK were not about following my dreams but about God's call, obedience and steps of faith. In all of that, my wife Anne and our boys Andrew and Jonathan, joined in. This review gives me a chance to thank them for their sacrificial parts in that journey, and especially for Anne's constant support as we sought to hear God's voice and do what He was calling us to. So, 'Happy 25th Anniversary' to all chaplains, members and supporters of Sports Chaplaincy UK, and its leadership. In the years ahead, may God's purposes be your purposes, may your ministry be God's ministry, may you follow Him into the future He has for you.

John Boyers

Manchester United Chaplain & Founder of SCUK



READY TO MOVE FORWARD

The recent growth of SCUK both in size and reach has necessitated a rethink of its governance. This may not sound as exciting as scores of new chaplains in new sports, but it remains vital if the charity's infrastructure is to enable rather than limit continued growth. It is also important that we keep up to date with developments in charity law and best practice.

To this end the Trustees have been working over the past year to re-create the charity as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, a relatively new type of structure and the one recommended by the Charity Commission for a charity of our size and structure.

There have also been developments on finance management with the appointment of a new Finance Manager to work alongside the Treasurer, enabling us to keep up to date with the state of our finances, which are currently in a reasonably healthy state.

The result of all this behind the scenes work is that we now have a governance base equipped to build on the foundation created by numerous volunteer Trustees over the past 25 years and ready for our next leap forward.

David Chawner

Chair of Trustees



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