

SPEAKERS



The Rt Hon Stephen Timms - Reception host

Stephen is currently the Member of Parliament for East Ham and also the Labour Party's Faith Envoy. He was the Shadow Minister for Employment from 2010 until September 2015 and currently sits on the Exiting the European Union Select Committee.

Stephen entered Parliament in 1994 and held a number of ministerial posts under the previous Labour Government including Chief Secretary to the Treasury and Financial Secretary to the Treasury. Before entering Parliament, Stephen worked in the telecommunications industry for fifteen years, first for Logica and then for Ovum. He managed Ovum's telecommunications reports business until his election in 1994. Stephen is also a member of the Ramblers Association and the former Chair of Christians on the Left.



Warren Evans, MA - CEO Sports Chaplaincy UK

In 2015, Warren was appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Sports Chaplaincy UK. He is also a board member of a number of charities including being Chair of the Bradford Bulls Foundation. A skilful and resourceful leader who loves to help people, churches and organisations succeed, and who's not just passionate about what we do but how and why we do it. A value-driven professional with over 25 years of leadership experience crossing a wide variety of sectors. Warren has been blessed with a deep spiritual heritage and has a real desire for the Church to be healthy, whole and effective in its local communities.

"We serve a gracious and righteous God who has a unique calling for each individual, it's not just about what we achieve now but what we set in motion. I have the privilege of working with some talented and gifted individuals who have a heart to see the community of sport impacted by the love of Jesus and a desire to equip the saints to do good works in their communities of which sport is a significant part".



Paul M Elliott CBE, MBE - Sports Chaplaincy UK Ambassador

In 2003, Paul was appointed, Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for his work with young players and his involvement with anti-racism initiatives in football. In 2012 he received the CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours' List for his services to equality and diversity in football. Paul is the first player in 25 years of Premier League history to receive such a prominent recognition. Paul has also recently been nominated to the Board of UEFA representing the FA and English Football on anti-discrimination and corporate social responsibility.



Linvoy Primus, MBE - Sports Chaplaincy UK Trustee

A former professional footballer who has had over 20yrs experience with Chaplaincy. Linvoy was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the New Year's Honours list of 2014. He was recognised for setting up the charity Faith and Football which provides a range of community, educational and overseas programmes using football as a platform for relationship-building. He is keen to mobilise the Church to meet and serve people where they are on life's journey, and in taking Jesus' message of hope and love to all.



Rev Matt Baker, MTh - Pastoral Support Director in English Football

Matt has been chaplain at Charlton Athletic since the year 2000, a former trustee of Sports Chaplaincy UK, he is now the Pastoral Support Director in English Football a post he took up in November 2009, a role supported by the Premier League, Professional Footballers' Association and the English Football League.