Programme notes for Reading v Chelsea

Remembrance Sunday is traditionally a time to remember those who have given their lives to enable us to live in peace and freedom from oppression. Many also use it as an opportunity to reflect on those who have played a significant part in their lives but who are no longer with us. These may be family members, colleagues, friends or teammates. Many football clubs have a memorial garden while others have books or stones containing the names of those loved ones who have passed away.

The book of Psalms in the Bible talks about the importance of remembering the goodness of God, his many blessings and his guidance and care for his people in the past. I think the reason we are encouraged to look back over these events is to give us confidence that God is capable of doing the same in the future. When you look back over the events in your lives are you able to consider that there may just be ‘someone up there’ who has your best interests at heart?

Whether we are playing coaching, supporting or officiating today the great game will have given us many memories. Shared experiences and the people we met will inevitably have enriched our lives. Today’s game against Chelsea will, I hope, provide yet another good memory for the home supporters and players. C’mon Urzzz!