**Programme notes for Chelsea**

**Making amends**

An overdue declaration - “...clearly, over the years, the FA has let down women’s football.” They are referring, of course, to the 50 year ban on women playing football at affiliated club grounds. Whether the reasons for the embargo were justified or not at least the FA are now trying to make amends through their new strategy - to establish football as the number one choice of team game for every girl and woman in England. They have at last recognised that they must provide increased opportunities for participation at all levels if we are to compete with the likes of USA and Germany at international level.

God despises oppression and injustice of any kind. In the time when Jesus lived his high regard for women was radical in that male dominated society. None of us like to see injustice in any form but how many of us are prepared to go against the grain of society and stand up for what we believe to be right? Thank you, Baroness Sue Campbell, for leading the way in this campaign.

And so to today – the start of a new season is always exciting and the Spring Series will bring a different dimension to the competition. Let’s get behind our team and support our women as they showcase the skills and attributes of women’s football. C’mon urzzz!