

Conference Team faces you will find helpful to know:



Christian Wienkamp Pastoral Support Lead for Birmingham & Assistant to The National Director for England. Christian was Chaplain to Gateshead F.C. and gained an MA in Sports Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care in 2016. Christian has a real passion to see sports chaplaincy develop across all sports and levels and was previously overseeing and developing the work of sports chaplaincy throughout the North East of England before taking up his new role in Birmingham in 2020.



David Chawner Chair of Trustees - Dave started as Club Chaplain for London Wasps in 2001 and soon developed within Sports Chaplaincy UK as Pastoral Director for Rugby Union. In 2011 Dave co-managed the chaplaincy programme at the Rugby World Cup in New Zealand. Since 2012 Dave has been both the Chaplain to Northamptonshire County Cricket Club and the Chair of Trustees of SCUUK.



Mark Fleming National Director for Scotland - Mark became Chaplain to Partick Thistle FC in 1998 and after nine years began gradually to source, train and appoint chaplains at other Scottish football clubs. Today over 110 Scottish football clubs have chaplains and Mark has now begun to develop chaplaincy in other sports such as rugby, shinty and in gyms. Mark gained an MA in Sports Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care in 2016 and is also senior director and trainer with Positive Mental Health Scotland.



Martin Lewis National Director for Wales - Martin has been Chaplain to the Cardiff Blues since 2010 starting with the academy but now also chaplain to the seniors and the whole club. He was selected for the 2011 Rugby World Cup in New Zealand where he was Chaplain to Namibia. He has also served as a chaplain at other major tournaments including the World Student 7's and the World Wheelchair Basketball Championships in Hamburg 2018. Martin is thrilled to be able to play a small part in leading and developing Sports Chaplaincy across Wales. Martin gained an MA in Sports Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care in 2015.



Matt Baker National Director for England & Pastoral Support Director in English Football - Matt has worked as the Pastoral Support Director in English Football since November 2009. He has also been Chaplain to Charlton Athletic since 2000. From 2020, Matt took on the role of National Director developing the work of Sports Chaplaincy UK across England. Matt is a gifted and excellent communicator and gained his MTH in Christian Doctrine at Spurgeon's College in 1998.



Phil Mason Conference Coordinator Lead - Phil is Chaplain to Bolton Wanderers F.C. and Head of Bolton Wanderers Community Trust, a gifted leader, communicator and always a helpful port of call. Phil has been instrumental over the past few years in the planning and delivery of professional standard annual conferences.



Phil Mitchell National Director for Northern Ireland - Philip is a former professional football player and coach. He has gained a wealth of experience in professional sport, management, development and consultancy across the globe. Philip has helped with the advancement of sports chaplaincy throughout Northern Ireland and Eire since 2016, he has a heart to serve and see chaplains trained, equipped and supported.



Warren Evans Chief Executive Officer - Warren became CEO early in 2015 and gained an MA in Sports Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care in 2016. He is a skilful and resourceful leader who values individuals and loves to see them succeed. Warren is not just passionate about what we do but how and why we do it. Warren was previously Chaplain for the Bradford Bulls and Pastoral Director to the Rugby Football League.

INTRODUCING A NEW MEMBER OF OUR SCUUK TEAM AS WE SEEK TO WIDEN OUR REACH IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY



Mark McGowan Pastoral Lead for Disability Sports in England - Mark was born with the fibula missing at birth in both legs so he had them amputated just below his knee at 18 months. As a child he was never given the opportunity to participate in sports and it was this disappointment that fuelled his strong passion to give every young person regardless of disability, race or class an opportunity to participate and fulfil their potential. Mark was the former chaplain to Farnborough FC and a Youth Pastor for 9 years before setting up Shoot Academy Farnborough in 2018 a Christian based charity which runs on a part time basis. He is now a part time LSA at a local college and a FA level 2 football coach and level 1 goalkeeper coach.

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Welcome

May I give you all a warm welcome to our 2020 Virtual Conference and this year's theme "Glocal – Building Hope". We have all been humbled and challenged by what has taken place across the globe and each of our sporting communities throughout this year which we are still currently facing. Yet at the same time we are inspired by the many acts of kindness and even in the challenges we are amazed to see what our Lord and

Saviour has done in and through sports chaplaincy in the last year and we look forward with hope to see what might happen in this coming year. We honour all those who have gone before us and reach out our hands to those who will join us on this exciting journey. We pray that you have a wonderful conference being inspired, stretched and challenged whilst making new friends and catching up with old ones.

Warren Evans

CEO Sports Chaplaincy UK

SESSIONS

1. **FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS** | Natalie Andrews
2. **Q & A** | Please email your questions to press@sportschaplaincy.org.uk
3. **LOCKDOWN STORIES** | From around the UK
4. **THE DREAM** | Warren Evans, CEO
5. **TEAM REFUEL** | Sport specific breakout groups

WORKSHOPS

1. **Diversity - Race & Disability: Challenging Prejudices & Building Hope** | Anne Wafula Strike MBE, John Williams & Dr Delroy Hall
2. **Adverse Childhood Experiences** | Dr Warren Larkin & Prof Andrew Parker
3. **The New Reality** | National Directors



Rev Natalie Andrews

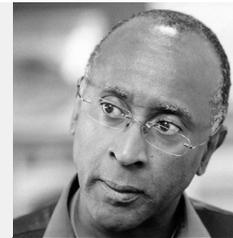
Rev Natalie Andrews is the National Sport and Wellbeing Project Lead for the Church of England. This project seeks to effect cultural change to enable a strategic and sustainable approach for the ministry of Sport and Wellbeing within the life and witness of the Church of England, of which Sports Chaplaincy UK is a partner.

Natalie lives in Ely with her husband and family and prior to this role she was Vicar in the Ely Team of Churches and is specifically interested in missional communities, new forms of Monasticism and a holistic view of body and wellbeing. Natalie is a keen runner and enjoys opportunities to share her faith in everyday life.



Prof Andrew Parker

Prof Andrew Parker is a leadership consultant with specific expertise in the 1-1 coaching of aspiring and in situ high-level leaders. His work extends across a range of organisations (e.g., corporate/private, charitable, faith-based) and sectors including education, healthcare, law, financial services and elite sport. Between 2008-2018 he was Professor of Sport and Christian Outreach in the School of Sport and Exercise at the University of Gloucestershire, UK. Previous to that he was Associate Professor in the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Warwick, UK (1999-2008). In addition, he has an interest in law and was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 2009. Alongside his consultancy work, Andrew holds visiting professorial positions at a number of universities and convenes the MTh in Chaplaincy Studies (with specialism in Sports Chaplaincy) at St Padarn's Institute, Cardiff. In addition, Andrew also works with Ridley Hall Theological College (Cambridge, UK) on their Certificate in Higher Education (first year undergraduate) in Theology, Ministry and Mission. With over 100 published articles, working papers and commissioned reports to his name, including 10 co-edited books, he is an established international scholar who has a reputation as a highly effective leader and communicator.



Dr Delroy Hall

Dr Delroy Hall is Chaplain to Sheffield United, a former bishop in the Church of God of Prophecy, UK, and sat on the Bible Doctrine and Polity Committee at the church's international offices in Cleveland, Tennessee, USA. He is a counsellor and wellbeing practitioner at Sheffield Hallam University, an academic and a trained counsellor with over 20 years' experience in various institutions including Harvard University. Delroy enjoys teaching, training, and is a published author, which he says energises him. In 2015 he completed his first sprint triathlon, and he completed an Olympic triathlon in 2016. He is married to Paulette and is the proud father of twin young women. Delroy has recently established a consultancy practice called "Living2thrive".



John Williams

John Williams was born eight weeks premature with cerebral palsy, it was assumed John would not be able to walk, talk, or be independent. By the grace and power of God, John has been able to get married and have two wonderful children and is able to be independent and drive. Until recently John worked for Enable under the Message Trust in Manchester, and he now works as a school's chaplain and serves in his local church. He has a massive passion to challenge, encourage and inspire people to know God's love for them and that they realise that he has a plan and purpose for their own life.

He also loves sport and especially loves Man Utd! we won't hold that against him.



Dr Warren Larkin

Prior to founding Warren Larkin Associates in 2017, Dr Warren Larkin spent 24 years in the NHS working predominantly with individuals and families experiencing serious mental health difficulties. He led one of the two national IAPT SMI demonstration sites for psychosis and then spent 5 years as Clinical Network Director, responsible for Children and Families Services across Lancashire. Warren is a Consultant Clinical Psychologist and is also Visiting Professor at Sunderland University where he is working with the Faculty of Health Sciences and Wellbeing to develop their research programme and training curricula for a broad range of health care professionals. Warren completed a 2-year tenure as the Clinical Lead for the Department of Health Adverse Childhood Experiences programme and is now working with NHS Health Scotland to implement routine ACE enquiry in GP practices in some of the most deprived areas in Scotland. He has a long-standing interest in the relationships between childhood adversity and outcomes later in life and has published numerous research articles on the topic of adverse childhood experiences, trauma and psychosis and published an edited book in 2006 (now commissioned for a second edition) exploring this theme. He is currently supporting UNICEF in the Western Balkans to develop trauma-informed policy and practice.



Anne Wafula Strike

Anne Wafula Strike, MBE was born in Mihu, Kenya, and was a fit and healthy child before polio struck when she was two years old. She was given the middle name of Olympia at birth, a title of prophetic significance for the future and prescient of hurdles she would face in forthcoming years. Superstitious villages believed the family were cursed following Anne's partial recovery from illness, which forced her family into decisions and acts that would change her life forever. After completing A-levels and graduating from Moi University with a Bachelor of Education degree, Anne taught at Machakos Technical College in Kenya before meeting the man she would marry - which led her to Britain, motherhood, wheelchair racing, disability advocacy and charity work. 2004 marked the beginning of an Olympic career when Anne became the first wheelchair racer from Sub-Sahara Africa to compete at the Paralympics in Athens. In 2006 Anne became a British citizen and joined Team GB and in 2007 she was officially recognised by the Queen at a Buckingham Palace reception for her work as a disabled athlete and for involvement in charity work for people with disabilities. Anne received an MBE in 2014 and is a Non-Executive Director of British Athletics, and a trustee and Ambassador for Sports Chaplaincy UK.