



CHAPLAINCY

Working in partnership in Chaplaincy



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ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER



This is a truly amazing year for us as a nation as we celebrate the ninetieth birthday of our Queen. It has been my honour to write to The Queen on behalf of Free Church Chaplains, working within Her Majesty's Prison Service to offer congratulations on her birthday celebrations.

As part of the letter I said that 'We count it a great privilege to be able to provide pastoral care and support to staff and prisoners and to work alongside colleagues from other traditions and faiths. Your Majesty is an inspiring example of faithful service to our Lord. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our Country and to the Christian faith.'

I am grateful for the opportunities that exist for Pentecostal Ministers to serve as Chaplains in various organisations and settings. One thing that we all need in

ministry is encouragement. Personally, I am always encouraged to spend time with other Chaplains as we share the journey of our different and share experiences. If you are a Chaplain or interested in finding out more I encourage you to invest your time and money in joining us at the Chaplains Conference in September. Come along to be blessed and to be a blessing.

Let us continue to serve faithfully, not becoming weary in doing good, but being refreshed by staying close to Him who is the source of life, and by encouraging one another. Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.



David Spademan is the national chaplaincy representative for AoG and serves as Lead Chaplain at HMP Onley.

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IN THE FIELD:

WARREN EVANS SPEAKS ABOUT CHAPLAINCY IN SPORT

I had been involved in textiles for a number of years. In 2004, as a family, we travelled south to allow my wife the opportunity to go to Bible College. In 2008, we returned to the Bradford area to help an AoG church out for a short season, after which we were approached by another local church to lead them. Whilst there I was asked to become the chaplain to the Bradford Bulls. At that time I had *no real idea* what this would look like, but God knew - and he gave us a peace.

A couple of years later I stepped down from my role at that church and I was approached to become Pastoral Director for Rugby League by Sports Chaplaincy UK. This was answer to prayer - even before the prayer was ever spoken; a real privilege and blessing to be able to serve both the local and wider rugby league community. In chaplaincy, we are there for everyone all of the time - but it is usually crisis that opens the door wider.

Bradford went through a turbulent time and end up going into administration. This was a challenging time but also an opportunity to show God's love by being consistent, pastorally proactive, and spiritually reactive as questions we were

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asked. We have seen significant growth and acceptance by the sporting community due to the selfless work and input of many chaplains.

Early this year I was asked to become CEO and National Director of Sports Chaplaincy UK, as an organisation our main purpose has been to initiate, nurture, support and resource high quality Christian chaplaincy to the world of sport by providing and supporting chaplains in every professional and amateur sport in the UK & Ireland.

The second part of our vision is vitally important as we aim to equip, challenge, and enable the Church to engage with their own sports communities.

As a charity, we have seen tremendous growth over the recent year. We now have over 350+ sports chaplains engaged across a wide variety of sports including football, rugby, horse racing, cricket, motor sports, 'all ability' and many more.



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www.elim.org.uk www.aog.org.uk www.apostolic-church.org

Our aim over this next period is to see this 1,000 sports chaplains to elite, professional and semi-professional sports and to seek the intentional engagement of 300,000 people from local church to engage with their local community called 'sport'.

This community of sport is six times bigger than the Church and we can't afford to ignore this mission field purely because they may meet at similar time to when we meet. We - the Church - have this great responsibility to engage and make a positive difference in our communities. We have a big heart and a big vision to embrace the world of sport knowing that we make a positive difference.

Warren is happily married to Juliet and they have three great boys. Warren is based on the outskirts of Bradford/Leeds and has been the Pastor and Chaplain for the Bradford Bulls since the beginning of 2010. A skilful and resourceful leader who values individuals and loves to see them and their organisations succeed. Warren is not just passionate about what we do but how and why we do it, he has over 20 years of leadership experience crossing a wide variety of sectors including church, private industry and the third sector.



Enabling us to continue the great support that sports chaplains provide quietly and consistently to their community of sport, will mean an increase in training, pastoral support, resources, web support and social media engagement.

Our aim is to take the lead by raising the profile of sports chaplaincy and the great need for sport chaplaincy in a number of key areas such as support for all ability/disability athletes, and women's sports.

For more information about Sports Chaplaincy UK, visit:
<http://www.sportschaplaincy.org.uk/>

IMPORTANT 2016 DATES

Already we are looking forward to our 2016 joint AoG, Elim and Apostolic Church UK Chaplaincy Conference. This year's conference was an amazing time of sharing, fellowship and teaching. The 2016 conference will be hosted again by Elim Conference Centre in West Malvern and will be held from Tuesday 6th - Wednesday 7th September!

To book in for this year's conference - visit

http://www.elim.org.uk/Articles/449496/Elim_Chaplains.aspx#conference



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