

Norfolk Christian Football League

# FINAL

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CONNECTING CHURCH TO COMMUNITY THROUGH FOOTBALL

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - JIM GREEN

I recently watched a video in which Linvoy Primus, the ex- Premiership footballer who became a Christian, explained the difference that faith in Christ made to his football. He said, 'Whether we won, lost or drew, I was able to thank God for the opportunity to go out there and do the thing he created me to do.'

### **What are we thankful for this season?**

We are thankful for all the managers, secretaries, referees, kit washers, players and players families, drink makers, supporters and others who make the league happen week by week. We are thankful for the staff at Norfolk FA who give their advice and support.

### **But there are other things which we might miss.**

Recently a player new to the Christian League was explaining to me that he was glad that friends had persuaded him to overcome his reticence to join a team in the league: he appreciated the ethos generated by the team leadership and the fact that prayer before the game made clear that we were about something else as well as the football.

Recently I watched Thorpe play Lighthouse in the U12 league. What did I see? Apart from rain, two teams playing a skilful, close, committed and competitive game without a bad tackle or hint of dissent. I

heard lots of encouragement from coaches and a lot of support from families. I also heard people talk of a competitive season with lots of close games played in a good spirit, with a sense that opposing coaches were in this together, supporting each other. There were also two church members who had braved the foul weather to take drinks over to the pitch side.

Let's be clear: we are not perfect, and we do have issues to resolve from time to time, and many wonderful, committed people are involved in other leagues.

That should not stop us, however, being thankful for what we perceive that God is doing among us, for each game that brings people together to compete in healthy sport and acknowledge that this was God's idea in the first place, we are thankful.

I would like to finish on a personal note of thankfulness. I recently played 90 minutes for Gateway Vineyard in the adult league due to unexpected player shortage. I am thankful for the reminder of what it is like to be in the middle of a committed, passionate, skilful, friendly game of football. We had a calm, friendly ref, a player on each side who needed their colleagues to 'manage' them (they did), a church leader playing, and at the end, smiles all round.

**Thank you**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT - ALAN BARNES

There have been four competitive leagues this year, none more so than the Under 12s which had 12 teams competing. A wide range of abilities across the teams representing church groups and football clubs meant that the title wasn't decided until the final few weeks.

It was good to see very few totally one-sided games and teams at the top felt they had been in a competitive match even with those who had not picked up points.

Despite this competitive aspect, matches were played in a good spirit and there were very few issues to resolve between teams. Saturday mornings has become a time to enjoy football, fellowship and linking it in with church and community.

To illustrate some of the diverse nature of the teams, Stoke United were an established club that stuck together over 2 seasons and their perseverance and play warranted the Under 12s league. Input a group of friends representing Kings Church and a group of lads from George White School just playing in a small set up and it paints a picture of what is possible over the course of a season.

The Sprowston Youth Engagement Project (SYEP) has been a success in their first season in the league. Once again, a group of lads from the community, supported by the local church and picking up the Under 16s

league is a credit to those involved. We're never sure who will continue with us from season to season. But God always provides, even though some leagues are smaller than others. Some take the step to move off into other local league football and we wish them well.

We're always on the look out for new teams and churches who will support groups of players that need some direction, just like SYEP.

**To find out more about the league contact Jim on  
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# League Tables

## U12

POS	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Stoke United Youth	16	12	4	0	70	21	40
2 Thorpe Rovers Youth	16	11	3	2	57	26	36
3 Brooke Adventurers	16	10	2	4	55	31	32
4 Costessey Sports Jets Black	16	7	5	4	49	33	26
5 Silver Road	16	6	1	9	27	41	19
6 Lighthouse	15	5	2	8	40	40	17
7 Surlingham Tornadoes Panthers	15	7	3	5	42	26	24
8 Sprowston Magpies	16	6	3	7	24	36	21
9 King's Community Church	14	4	3	7	35	46	15
10 Old Catton Juniors Soul Church	13	3	3	7	20	41	12
11 Lowestoft United	13	2	2	9	33	66	8
12 Heigham Park Rangers	16	2	1	13	19	64	7

## U14

POS	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 Happisburgh Youth	15	13	1	1	117	26	40
2 Brooke Adventurers	14	10	1	3	88	33	31
3 Old Catton Soul	15	8	2	5	66	55	26
4 Lowestoft United	16	4	2	10	38	66	14
5 Lighthouse	16	0	0	16	23	152	0

## U16

POS	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 SYEP Bears	14	12	0	2	67	13	36
2 Lighthouse Purple	14	11	2	1	66	25	35
3 Brooke Adventurers	14	10	2	2	64	14	32
4 Lighthouse Blue	14	7	0	7	72	45	21
5 Heigham Park Rangers Hawks	13	5	0	8	30	34	15
6 Worstead Wolves Youth	13	3	2	8	28	77	11
7 St Johns	14	3	1	10	32	68	10
8 Old Catton Juniors Soul Church	14	0	1	13	11	94	1

## Under 10s Final Brooke Village Hall Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2.00pm Kick-off

<b>Old Catton Soul</b>	<b>Brooke Adventurers</b>
Theodore Tetteh Archie Bishop Samuel Younger Mark Galambos Mason White-Waters Sam Howlett Izaak Turner Oliver Powell Morgan Crispin Jack Hithersay Liam Newton	Ethan Tibbenham-Taramillo Tyler Blaza Josh Mccaalay Oliver Slater Jack Slater Oscar Spinks Reuben Fowler Jordan McAllister Malcolm Were Ben Kahler Sonny Smith Lewis Hankinson
<b>Manager:</b> Mark Hewitt	<b>Coaches:</b> Ben Dixon Lloyd Perfitt Oliver Sykes

## Under 12s Final Thorpe Recreation Ground Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am Kick-off

<b>Thorpe Rovers</b>	<b>Sprowston Magpies</b>
Stuart Mason Cameron Clarke Tayler Gooch Joshua Loveday Fred Rawlings Stanley Potts Charlie Dunham Finn Green Austin Crook Aston Culling James Cotes Navod Jayaratne	Charlie George Hayden Haylett Ronny Sonkoue Alfie Kay Cody Collins Rhy-Lee Dawson Oliver Moore Ryan Howes Logan Baxter Tommy Allen
<b>Managers/coaches</b> Steve Clarke Simon Rawlings	<b>Coaches:</b> Gary Howes Damien Moore

## Under 14s Final Thorpe Recreation Ground Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am Kick-off

<b>Happisburgh Hammers</b>	<b>Brooke Adventurers</b>
Mushy Cornell (c) Aaron Slater Thomas Nixon Sid Hodds William Jones Max Barron Kieran Moorhouse Callum Hutchinson Cameron Sillis	Jack Allcock Henry Barker Owen Browne Lewis Ellis Kieran Gallen Jacob Holland Daniel Jones Noah Muntendam Emile Tighe Joseph Tully Ethan Wright
<b>Manager:</b> Marie Cornell	<b>Manager:</b> Martin Browne <b>Secretary:</b> Joanna Longe

## Under 16s Final Sheringham High School Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2.00pm Kick-off

<b>Lighthouse Purple</b>	<b>Lighthouse Blue</b>
Luke Rumsby Tom Eltringham Matthew Mutton Eli Taylor Justin Taylor Max Sexton Alex Smith Riley Dyball Anakin Owen Harry Revell	Archie Barrell Morgan Buck Valentin De La Borda Ben Gasse-Coup Owen Lambert Daniel Lees Joseph Mercer Aidan Perry Aaron Sanchez Isaac Scales Iwan Wells
<b>Manager:</b> John Rumsby <b>Assistant:</b> Scott Eltringham	<b>Manager:</b> Paul Smith



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## Hall of Fame

LEAGUE	Under 10	Under 12	Under 14	Under 16
2017		Lowestoft	Lighthouse	Brooke Adventurers
2016		Stoke United	Heartsease White	Brooke Adventurers
2015		Lighthouse	ENYP	Heigham Park Rangers
2014		Brooke Adventurers	Bowthorpe St Michael's	Cringleford Kestrels
2013	Brooke Adventurers	ENYP	St John's Y9	Holy Trinity

CUP	Under 10	Under 12	Under 14	Under 16
2017	Brooke Adventurers	Lowestoft	Lighthouse	Brooke Adventurers
2016	Thorpe Rovers		Heartsease White	
2015	Brooke	Lighthouse	ENYP	St John's United
2014	Brooke	Heartsease	ENYP	Holy Trinity (Reds)
2013		Heartsease	Cringleford Ospreys	Holy Trinity



## Witard Road Baptist Church

NR7 9XD

You will find a warm welcome at any of the following:

**Sunday Morning Worship** at 10:30am for everyone with activities for children

**'The Link'** Coffee Club for over 55s Mondays 10:30-12:00 noon

**'Little Steps'** Wednesday morning toddler group meets during term time 9 - 11:30am

**Messy Church** usually monthly on a Saturday morning from 11am - 1pm with lots of activities for all the family (see website for dates)



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