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## Barnwell Sports Programme

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. (Hebrews 12:1-2)*

The end of project evaluation report that has been carried out by the National Church contains a 'good news' narrative. Good news for the diocese, good news for the parish of Christ the Redeemer in Barnwell and good news for the individuals that have encountered the love of Christ for themselves.

The report serves to remind us that the work of the church is to be carriers of the Good News and to find ways of communicating that news in ways that are relevant to the context.

This innovative project that used sports as a vehicle for mission has not only seen the lives of individuals changed and transformed but also has provided some rich learning for us as a diocese which we will now be able to take on board as we seek to develop other missional projects around the diocese in the coming months.

Of course, projects do not run themselves and it has been the visionary, wise and hard-working leadership of Rev Danny Driver, the effective oversight of those who have served on the project board and the commitment and creativity of the sports team that have helped the Barnwell Sports and Wellbeing Project to be so impactful.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed to this project for their commitment which has been such a blessing.

*Dagmar Winter*