

July 2009 Newsletter



Dear Friends

This year's recent Masters tournament at Augusta had all the usual excitement and thrills and spills. Not least, the speedy, undulating greens served up the normal dose of trauma for many players. One particular occasion that struck me was when a good-looking putt seemed to be dropping into the hole, but lipped out and ran several feet past the cup. Sam Torrance, the commentator at the time, summed it up: "Only perfection will do!"

That of course could also sum up the Christian message. Only perfection is good enough to be right with God and enjoy Him and His heaven forever.

'For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.' (James 2:10)

Our rebellion, the stain of sin, missing the mark, all means we have not made the grade.

How wonderful then that all those who trust in Jesus Christ are credited with His perfection and seen as clean in God's sight. Only perfection will do for a holy and pure God, but clothed in Christ's holiness and purity we **have** made the grade. It has been accomplished for us!

'God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.' (2 Corinthians 5:21)

The difference between a holed putt and one that lips out can make a world of difference at the Masters, but how much more of a difference there is between the person who puts their confidence in Christ and the one who doesn't! Eternal safety is at stake and that is rather more important than a golf tournament!

Golfers of all calibres need to know that with God only perfection will do, but in Jesus it has been done!

Who are you going to tell?

With warm Christian greetings

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pinney".

Mark Pinney
Director

We have had a busy three months since our last newsletter; please find below a summary of some of the things that we have been doing in April, May and June:

Chaplaincy Team

We are delighted to announce that David Lewis has recently joined our tour chaplaincy team to serve on the PGA European Tour.

Chaplaincy work is a key area of the ministry; please pray for David Lewis, Bill and Isabel Ferguson and Mark Pinney who spend much time travelling to and from events at this time of year. Between them they have attended five events on the PGA European Tour, three events on the European Senior Tour, three events on the Challenge Tour and one event on the Ladies European Tour.

We still need to find and appoint suitable chaplains for the Ladies and Challenge Tours, please pray that the right people will feel called to this area of Christian ministry.



David Lewis

Club and Teaching Professionals

Christian club and teaching professionals around the United Kingdom are continuing to serve the Lord where He has placed them. Mark Pinney has visited many of these over the last three months, supporting and encouraging them to continue in their faith and serve Christ in their clubs.

Church Challenge Regional Golf Tournament

We have had three regional events of our Church Challenge Golf Tournament and look forward to welcoming the winners of each to the final at the Forest of Arden in September.

Would you like to join us at this weekend on the 20th/21st September? There will be Christian fellowship and great golf! If you are interested, please see the flyer attached or contact the office by phone or email – we would love you to join us!

Church Outreach Days

Many church outreach golf days have been held over the last few months. What a wonderful way these are to invite non Christians to hear the Gospel! Mark Pinney has attended and spoken at eight of these events. Please continue to pray for the effectiveness of these days and for all the planning that goes into them.