

Lionesses

They have captured the hearts of the British and inspired girls to action. We are proud to have Lucy Bronze as a local hero.



What is it that makes this team worthy of our admiration? Is it practised skills, natural talent, the desire to win, drive and determination, a gifted manager? They all play a part, but the key element is that they are a **team**. No matter who is interviewed, they speak as one – the team is what inspires them, keeps them going against the odds, supports each player both on and off the pitch, through personal challenges and into hopeful territory. Serena Wiegman is a mother figure as well as a manager and, together with her, they live and work as a team in tough times as well as in triumph.

This is what WWP Kathleen Snow recognises in Mothers' Union – a world-wide team of members supporting one another through tough times as well as in successful times – sustaining hope and the vision to transform lives for good. We are 'Stronger Together' – making a difference, not just because of our individual giftedness, but because we all have a vital part to play in the MU team with Christ as our manager.

The Lionesses may have inspired a nation of girls to try football, even when they are advised not to; they may have inspired a nation of all ages to aspire to their full potential, even when they are knocked back by circumstances or abuse; their timely goal kick may have demonstrated that challenges can be overcome: but the real test of resilience comes as the excitement dies down, and the bunting blows away, and daily life resumes. Remembering the triumphs of the past helps to sustain the hopes for the future.

So it is with the Family of Christ – in the life-long team we joined at baptism, and as members of MU. So, let's join in the coming celebrations with commitment and hope – with 150 years of team spirit behind us.

"I am with you always, until the end of time." Matthew 28.20