

Linvoy Primus



Born in London, Linvoy joined Charlton Athletic from school as a trainee footballer in 1990 and transferred to Barnet in 1994. Three years later he moved to Reading before joining his present club, Portsmouth, in July 2000.

Portsmouth won promotion to the Premier League in 2003, and Linvoy has been one of the club's most consistent and dependable performers gaining rave reviews for his performances at the highest level against such eminent strikers as Michael Owen, Ryan Giggs and Thierry Henry.

Linvoy won a national award as the Professional Footballers Association Fans' Player of the Year in 2003 as well as countless Player of the Year awards from the several Portsmouth supporters groups.

31-year old Linvoy is a devout Christian and went on an Alpha course in the spring of 2002. He co-founded the charitable movement 'Faith & Football' which has set up community football leagues in both Portsmouth and Birmingham for under-privileged children.

Linvoy said:

'The Alpha course was great. There were about 15 of us and we met in a home. It covered a lot of things – the whole range. We were all at different stages but we all grew. We have continued as a house group ever since.'

'Since then, I have spoken at a couple of Alpha dinners, including one at the football club at Portsmouth. The churches invited groups who were thinking of doing Alpha courses to the ground and we had a big dinner.'

'I just let them know that I had done Alpha and what I got from it. God is everything. He's the pinnacle. Obviously you do worry because things pop up every single day but I hand it over to God.'

On the cinema advert he said 'I was more than happy to help. This is outreach and God wants outreach'. I just hope that it catches people's attention and even if they don't come along [to Alpha], they know that there is an opportunity to know God – not in a church building but in another environment. As long as it makes an impact in some way, that's the main thing. We can't do anything. It is God that does it all. We can only do the pointers and pray that God does the rest.'