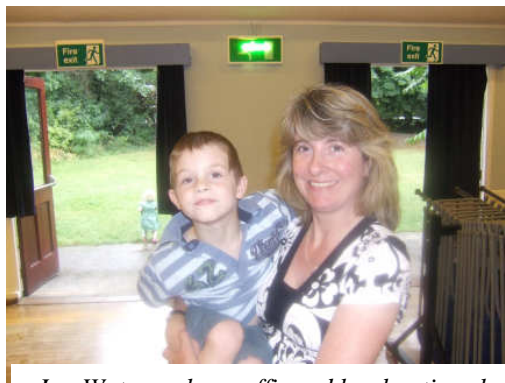


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Jan Watson who reaffirmed her baptismal vows at a special service in July.

“Bringing the great news of Jesus to Wanstead”

The Vision: “Our vision is to glorify God by being a Bible centred, welcoming church family seeking to reach out with the gospel of Jesus in the Wanstead area.” Wanstead is in East London. Although relatively affluent financially it is a spiritually needy area of 25,000 people where less than 1% go to Bible centred churches in the area. We are a group of Christians seeking to bring the good news of Jesus to Wanstead and the surrounding area.

What’s been happening: We had a great gospel day on 6th July when Jan Watson re-affirmed her baptismal vows. Despite being baptised as a child Jan had never really been to church. She first came to GCW at Easter 2007 having received one of our leaflets through her door and came to faith earlier this year. About 15 friends and family members came to ‘watch’ as Jan explained how she became a Christian and renewed the promises made on her behalf as a baby. The family fun day was a good social day with about half a dozen guests. Sadly there was no take up for the dig deeper session after the craft night. Paddy MacBain, and his wife Gabriela, will be joining us as an ‘apprentice’ next year. Paddy replaced David as curate at Christ Church Leyton, and now has a year to fill in while he looks for an ‘official’ Church of England curacy. We are delighted by this. Sadly we have said good-bye to the first of our departing families.

Praise Points

- For God’s grace and self sacrifice for us on the cross.
- For God’s saving work in Jan’s life!!
- For the good number of visitors who came to the service and the picnic and fun day.
- For Paddy and Gabriela MacBain coming to join us for next year.

For Prayer

Evangelism

- For boldness with our friendships and other relationships. To make the most of every opportunity.
- For planning the September leaflet drop, preparations for the Wanstead Fair, and our guest service on 21st September.
- Wisdom for David and Paddy as they work out how best to use Paddy to increase the outreach of the church.

Upbuilding

- * For plans for the preaching & teaching programme for the autumn.
- * Pray that some of the trickle of visitors might turn into permanent workers for Wanstead.
- * For Paddy and Gabriela as they settle in with us.

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