

Grace Church Wanstead

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Church family picnic in Wanstead Park

“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 are now in the home straight as far the summer tour of different venues is concerned. Just four more Sundays to go. It has been encouraging that we have had 2 or 3 visitors in July. Some non Christians thinking about the gospel, some Christians thinking about whether to join us. The Christianity Explored Course continues despite cancelled weeks and hiccups. We have two punters coming reasonably regularly. We had a good meeting with the staff at the Youth Centre (now trendily being re-named “T Junction”) in preparation for our return. The issue of care taking at the Youth Centre remains with only one of the caretakers willing to work on Sundays. This means he may well become over stretched. We have had some discussion within the church family about whether it might be better to see if we could use Wanstead House as a more permanent base.

Praise Points

- For God’s glorious gospel that saves us and transforms our world.
- For visitors in July, and non Christians on going engagement with the gospel.
- For a good meeting with staff at the Youth Centre.

For Prayer

Evangelism

- We need to persevere in the hard work of befriending non Christians and seeking to share the gospel with them. Pray that God would keep us at the task and might give us open doors for the gospel.
- For planning two opportunities in September. There is a “Family Fun Day”, an open day at T Junction on Saturday September 2nd, and we have a stall at the Wanstead Fayre on 17th September.
- We are also planning a Guest service to celebrate our first birthday on September 23rd.
- For plans to do some Jesus DVD visiting in October.

Upbuilding

- We are currently looking at a number of Psalms from Book One of the Psalms on Sunday mornings
- We are starting to do some Bible Study leadership training over the summer.
- Pray for David as he plans the Teaching programme for next term
- Pray for a good break and rest for our Sunday School teachers.

Everything else.

- Give thanks for the provision of venues over the summer. And continue to pray for wisdom for the future. Whether it is better to seek to use Wanstead House, or stay at the Youth Centre.