



Carolyn Gower – Profile (13/08/2019)

I became a Christian in my teens and began a lengthy journey into a deepening relationship with Jesus Christ. I learnt about the Holy Spirit when I was at University and embraced him as Father's gift to his children in 1978 when I was volunteering with the Church Missionary Society in Iran. When I came home, I pursued baptism by immersion.

When our boys were growing up, we regularly attended New Wine summer camps. The ministries they offered helped me resolve my emotional insecurities arising from adoption and an unsettled childhood. This has resulted in me finding a profound security in God as my loving Father – I know that I am his chosen, adopted daughter.

I love watching and cooperating with Father God as he draws people into intimacy with him where they absolutely know him as 'Daddy' and are secure in his love and acceptance.

For twenty years as a Baptist Pastor's wife I have had the privilege of watching Father God at work both in and beyond the local church. The multi-layered friendship-based outreach we developed enabled folk to meet Jesus wherever they were. I love to see leaders emerge as the Holy Spirit transforms them and they grow in confidence. I have spoken at Women's Conferences in India and the UK on 'Identity'; 'Abiding in Christ' and 'Witnessing'.

For many years I taught Maths, Science, R.E. and Games to upper primary age children before retiring to do a Diploma in Kingdom Theology with Westminster Theological Centre (accredited by Chester University). Since 2013 I have been establishing a work in India with my husband which enables churches to reach and disciple men and helps them to establish small group discipleship culture in the church. I have written two Toolkits (small group resources) for this work, *Connecting Women with Jesus* and *Foundations for Christian Marriage – A study in Ephesians*.

My interest in Treeton and the surrounding small settlements was initiated by joining Ulley Sailing Club and recognising the rich cultural heritage of this area.

I am concerned about the environment and the climate crisis, and garden an allotment organically. I enjoy long distance walking and when I have time, love to draw. I love to spend time with my growing family of three married sons and four grandchildren.