

Celebrating 25 years of Healing Services at Greenford

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On 1st November 2009 we celebrated 25 years on Healing Services at Greenford, starting with an afternoon session, tea and then a Circuit Service at 6:30pm led by John Ryland from the Christian Healing Mission. We hope you will come! I have been asked, and I am happy to share with you my personal story which led to the beginning of the Healing Services.

I worked in our family glass business. Putty was used and one day I lifted a 1cwt keg awkwardly and slipped a disc. The pain made me immobile and I was lifted on to our van and taken to the nearest hospital. The only cure the doctor said was “to lie on a board in bed for 6 weeks”. I was desperate after six hours on the board! What could I do? My wife spoke to George Frewin, one of our members, and he recommended a Christian Healer in Ruislip. I knew nothing about healing, but was desperate to get rid of the pain.

The healer was Jim Akers. I was carried into his house and put on a chair. Jim knelt in front of me, held my hands and said a short prayer. Then he came behind me and laid his hands on my back from about seven minutes. I felt heat coming from his hands. He returned in front of me, held my hands, knelt down and said a prayer. Jim then said “Walk over and pick up that chair across the room!” I replied that I could not do it, so he repeated the request and I again refused. Once again he asked me and I felt that I had to have a go! I got up, walked over and lifted the chair and could not believe it – I was healed, indeed CURED! I was really grateful and thanked him and he said. “Don’t thank me, thank the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Subsequently, I took others in need to see him and on one occasion Jim mentioned that he felt I could be involved in healing. I did not take much notice, but things began to happen...I saw a couple of television programmes, books and conversations seemed to come my way. We visited Holy Trinity Hounslow and their Healing Service and I knew I just had to do something.

Our minister at the time was Revd Gerald Gardiner and with some trepidation I went to him and his reply was that something had to be done. After discussion in various meetings it was decided to have a Healing Service on the first Sunday of each month at 6:30pm, with the first in November 1984. Since then we have never missed a month and have held 600 Healing Services! I believe that it is heaven-sent that every minister who has followed Gerald has become enthusiastic and involved in the Healing Ministry. At present we have a team of six – three at each service, who lead the worship and offer the ministry of healing and prayer at the Communion rail. Long may our Healing Services continue at Greenford to help people in need!