

Healing Services at Greenford – How They Began

Graham Preedy, a long-standing member of Greenford Methodist Church describes how an injury at work led to the start of Healing Services at Greenford.

I worked in our family glass business. Putty was used and one day I lifted a 1 cwt 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 for 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 Rev Gerald Gardiner and in 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 on the first Sunday of November 1984. Since then we have never missed a month and I believe that it is heaven-sent that every minister who has followed Gerald has become enthusiastic and involved in the Healing Ministry. Long may our Healing Services continue at Greenford to help people in need!