



# Angel Williams in her own words...

I was glad to share with you at your anniversary service and glad to find St. Mary's still going strong after all these years.

My name is Angela Williams and my husband and I moved to Bosworth Rd in 1970. I was brought up in the Church of Scotland and I believed in God, in what Jesus had done on the cross and in the Bible as the Word of God but what I found in a house group in the curates house next door was a group of people from St Mary's who actually knew Jesus in a personal way and that is what opened a door for me to enter into a new life with Jesus at the centre. Jesus changed my life. He took away my burden of shame and guilt and made me a new creation. I had so much to learn but my faithful friends like Frank and Ivy Deeks, Bob and Betty Butcher, Ron and Daphne Kiddier, John and Nesta Harding to name a few were so patient and loving towards me and helped me in my faith journey.

We brought up three children, Louise, Sandra and Graham, during our 13 years in Dagenham and enjoyed many happy family times with our church family.

Rev. Alan and Sandra Kemp were also a great encouragement and it was at a house party at Ashburnham that my husband Chris gave his life to Jesus which was an amazing time. Little did we know that by the time we moved to Gidea Park in 1983 that Chris was going to be diagnosed with MS and our lives would change dramatically. Through all the trials we went through the one thing that held us steady was our faith that what God has promised He will not fail to deliver. Chris died last July in faith that Jesus had promised to prepare a place for him and come and take him to be with Him forever.

When we moved to Gidea Park we joined the Methodist Church here and much to my surprise I felt that God was calling me to be a preacher. I completed a two years course and was accredited in 1994. Nowadays I am part of Regeneration Church which I felt called to three years ago. It is a youth culture church in Gidea Park and God is doing amazing things with our young folks, as a result it is growing so fast. Through Regen God is taking me into new depths in my prayer life and in my relationship with Him through the power of His Spirit.

I close with the words of Eph 3:17 -19 "I pray that you being rooted and established in love, may have the power together with all the saints to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God"

Yours in Christ,  
Angela Williams