

HEALING

Winchester Churches Healing On The Streets Team

“Where to from here, after prayer for healing....?”

Dear Friend,

Thank you for allowing us, the team from across some of the churches of Winchester, to pray for you today and demonstrate to you that God is alive, powerful and that he longs to have a loving relationship with you. We have put this letter together to further assist you in responding to what has happened.

If you were Healed

If you have been healed since we prayed then we want to give God all the honour because He is the one who has the power to do this, not any of us. This is why we **do not accept any money or donations** for what we do. There are a number of things you should do now.

- If you are on medication **STAY** on it. Under **NO** circumstances should you stop doing anything a medical professional or counsellor has advised. We are not medically trained- so please verify what has happened through them, and then **TAKE THEIR** advice. If you have been healed, their verification is a great endorsement to others of what God has done.*
- If you are in a church already, please go and tell the leaders of the church the great news.*
- Tell people what God has done and bring any friends or family along with you again. We will happily pray for them too, no matter what their condition or sickness, because nothing is impossible for God!*
- Also please let us know you have been healed. It would be a great encouragement to us if you could either come back to us, or phone 868 770 or email healings@winhealing.org.uk to let us know you have been healed.*

If you were not aware of any change in your condition

Sometimes it is clear you have not been healed. If that is your situation- don't worry... God still loves you! We do get many people who are not healed instantly, but recover over time: many people come back to us the following week to tell us they have been healed. We believe that whenever we pray to God, He always responds to our prayer. He is the one in control, so we wait patiently.

If you have not yet been healed:

- Keep Seeking after God, and if you know how to, pray.*
- If there is some improvement, but not a total improvement (which even happened occasionally in the bible stories on healing) we would love to pray for you **AGAIN**: you can come as many times as you like. We won't give up if you don't.*
- If there is no improvement **AT ALL** after a week or two, then we will pray again (and again) if you like. We do not have all the answers, but sometimes we need to persist and try again.*

Why did we do this?

We prayed for you today because God loves you, and he wants **you** to reorder your life around a new reality: that Jesus Christ came to Earth and through his death on the cross, showed his love for you. He also rose from the dead, proving He was God and has sent His power here to give you a chance to start again (Healing is one way He verifies this fact), fulfilling your deepest needs, forgiving any wrong doing, healing your hurts and giving you a new and eternal purpose driven life. This new life is through following Him in lifelong discipleship.

How do I find out more about God?

Our hope is that, after this encounter with God, you respond by pursuing after him to learn and discover more of his great love for you. We have enclosed a booklet called “Why Jesus?” as a small gift to help you on your journey of discovery. Being a Christian is about having a living relationship with a living God, There are a number of practical ways you can begin to do this.

- **Join a Church:** *If you are already in a church, tell the leaders what has happened and inspire others. If you are not in a church, you really should visit one. The church is the mechanism God has chosen as a way of people moving on with him. A list of the churches participating in Healing On The Streets is at the bottom of this letter and you could pay a visit to one of them. There are also many other fabulous, alive, churches of every denomination in Winchester that would welcome you and help you grow as a Christian. The churches of this city all know one another and work closely together as part of the one church of Winchester.*
- **Read a Bible:** *Any of the churches below will give you a bible if you visit them or you could get one from the Christian bookshop in The Square opposite the museum. Or try the Internet, where you could buy a bible. Translations we would recommend are "NIV" or "The Message", as these are easy to read. Start with the New Testament, which will tell you about how Jesus heals people. We also have some free bibles to give away from time to time, so please ask us.*
- **Pray:** *Prayer is talking with God. If you have come to a place where you would like to know God better, there is a prayer on page 18 of the booklet "Why Jesus?" that will help you on your way of coming into relationship with God.*
- **Talk to Christians:** *Come back and ask us any questions you have, join a church, or start talking to some Christian friends you have.*

It is very important that you seek God and try to do these things IF you want to find out more. Knowing God is a journey, not a philosophy or idea. *It **does** require effort on your part, now that God has taken the initiative to meet with you today.*

Who are the people who prayed with me today?

They are just a group of ordinary people who follow Jesus. They are people just like you are... or can be if you follow Him, too. They are just like the people you will find across the churches of our city this Sunday as they meet with each other to worship God and live lives aspiring to follow him with increasing effectiveness. More details below.

Thank you and God bless you.

The Winchester Healing On The Streets team

More information:

www.winhealing.org.uk

Churches currently participating in Healing On The Streets:

Harvest Church, Winchester: www.harvest-uk.org, 849584, meeting Sundays 10am Osborne School, Andover Rd

North Winchester Community Church:

www.north-winchester-community-church.org.uk , 884769, Meeting Suns 10.30am at Weeke Community Centre, Taplins Rd

Winchester Baptist Church: www.winbap.org.uk, 868770, Meeting Suns 10am & 6.30pm, City Road

Winchester Family Church: www.winfam.org, 840800, Meeting Suns 10am Middle Brook Centre, Middle Brook Street

Winchester Vineyard: www.winvin.org.uk, 863217, Meeting Suns 10.30am, Bar End Industrial Estate

Healing On The Streets Venue:

Teams from across these churches will be available to pray for healing every Saturday 2.30-4pm in Winchester whatever the weather. At this stage (14th June) we are not sure whether the weekly venue will be the Buttercross or outside the Middle Brook Centre (just near the zebra crossing at the intersection of Middle Brook Street and Friarsgate, across the road from the Market). Try both venues or look at our website www.winhealing.org.uk for the latest information