



# Chariton Manor

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We continue to provide light Christian Science nursing when you need it.

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## **Charton Manor continues to offer:**

- light Christian Science nursing care under the tender care of Journal-listed Christian Science nurses;
- Assisted Living residential care – live in a community of independent Christian Scientists with all your daily needs taken care of; and
- a time for retreat, prayer and renewal called Rest & Study.

## **The Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service, London Field, continues to provide:**

- light Christian Science nursing in the homes of Christian Scientists in and around London and under the tender care of Journal-listed Christian Science nurses.

## Liliana Härter CS

Welcome to this talk with the subject “The divine understanding reigns, is all, and there is no other consciousness.” Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy page 536. You can ask yourself: Where or what am I in this idea, in this language of the Christian Science textbook?

Dear Charton Manor: your demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice and your deep understanding of the practical wisdom in a sick room and your taking proper care of the sick is your very natural profession as Christ Science, as a Christian Scientist being alone ... all one ... with his own being and the reality of all things. Although you look like a house and a beautiful garden the reality of all these things is purely spiritual, is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation.

On page 559 of the textbook you read: “Take divine Science. Read this book from beginning to end. Study it, ponder it”. And by taking divine Science so close, that means by eating the divine body of this Principle, Love, you partake of the nature or primal elements of Truth and Love.

Mary Baker Eddy said of her early experience with the textbook: “After the publication of Science and Health a clergyman came to her one day and advised her to withdraw the book from publication because it would be a failure and nobody would read it. If it was true, (he said) it was much in advance of its time. Her answer was: “Get a bucket, and if he could dip the ocean dry, he could expect Christian Science to fail”.

Is it too much to say that this book is leavening the whole lump of human thought? And the beauty of the whole thing is that it has mounted thought on the swift and mighty chariot of divine Love, which today is circling the whole world.

Here is a saying of MBE in the book We Knew Mary Baker Eddy Volume II, page 549:

“Divinity seems always strange to humanity, until replaced by familiarity. Until its strangeness is taken away, it is not profitable.” The textbook – today I call it my teacher from within – says: “Reason, rightly directed, serves to correct the errors of corporeal sense; but sin, sickness, and death will seem real (even as the experiences of the sleeping dream seem real) until the Science of man’s eternal harmony breaks their illusion with the unbroken reality of scientific being” (S&H494). And that is how Love, the omnipresent Good, functions. Love by its nature is the great interpreter that reinterprets every concept or belief and restores it to infinite Mind. Therefore, when you are occupied with being the thinking that is Mind manifested, with no thought of yourself as a human person, then all substance,



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intelligence, energy is Love reigning as your understanding, as your love, translating all that seems to be into that what is. That means it resolves things into thoughts and exchanges the objects of sense for the ideas of Soul. All this happening happens very naturally, why? Because Love is Soul and Soul is Love. And that is “divine understanding reigns, is all and there is no other consciousness”.

When you say, “God is Mind”, you have changed your terms but perhaps not your attitude; perhaps you are still thinking of a distant God and a Mind that is not yours. There is but one Mind, and your thinking or capacity to think is that Mind, calm, secure, and always mindful of its own.

It is said that living is the best instructor. We agree. Selfconsciously living infinite Mind enlightens, instructs, educates in the things of Spirit, of reality. Therefore, I may chronologically be old, but in the coincidence of the human and the divine —divinity embracing humanity in Life and its demonstration — I enjoy my conscious infinite youth with its enthusiasm and courage and my conscious infinite old age with its rich experience. Joy, the perfect harmony and immortality of Life, possessing unlimited divine beauty and goodness constitutes my days.

No yesterday and no tomorrow that is not living the magic of the declaration of the Science of being “All is infinite Mind and its infinite manifestation, for God, (Love) is All-in-all”. That is my practice, my Charton Manor.

While I may experience alternate periods of sickness and health, happiness and unhappiness – in the human sense of things – my love in living, loving everything I see, hear and feel gives me the grace to walk on and the great natural enthusiasm. It is said that the term “enthusiasm” comes from a root word meaning “God with you.”

In the letter to the Ephesians Paul wrote about the giving up the old man for the new and MBE said this to her people in the household: (page167 in WeKnewMBE, Volume II): “You must get rid of the “old man”, the old woman; you cannot make them better and keep them. You are not getting rid of the old man if you try to make him better. If you should succeed in making him better, he would stay with you. If you patch up the old and say it is good enough, you do not put it off, but keep it.

If you try to make the old satisfactory, you are preparing to keep it, not to put it off”. And MBE continues: “But we have but one Mind, and to abide in this perfect freedom of individuality is the resurrection, is to have risen above material or lower demands”.

Today in the News I read: “Who would have thought that a year ago! Within a short space of time in 2020, a virus has put the whole world in a state of excitement and a state of emergency.

Where everything just seemed controllable, fear suddenly spread, fear of death and thus of one's own finiteness, one's own end". Again, is it too much to say that our textbook or the Science of the one Mind is leavening the whole lump of human thought?

Because the apparent duality of God and man, Spirit and flesh – what you see with your eyes and what you see through what you are – is only theoretical, Truth revealed metaphysical science as a discipline, a practice. This discipline serves to recognize and demonstrate the divinity of humanity as pure Mind, as infinite consciousness. "Truth is revealed, it only needs to be practised." The now-time is "the time for thinkers" – for the one Mind – as the all-pervading substance, intelligence, energy that makes up existence. Therefore let us be Man as the conscious identity of Being, and that means to be consciously the spiritual reality of all that is or seems to be.

Mrs Eddy said: "The Christianly scientific real is the sensuous unreal" (S&H353 and 207: "The spiritual reality is the scientific fact in all things"). At least for today, please, let us not act or function as a good or not so good Christian Scientist but as the Science of man's eternal harmony, as the chariot of Love, the infinite All of good, as the unbroken reality of scientific being.

Let's read the Bible as well as all the news of today scientifically, spiritually.

Reading one day in the Chapter « Prayer » that the Lord's Prayer is the prayer of Soul (S&H14:22) was a big eye opener.

No pray-er Liliana involved, but just Soul in its infinite resources evolving all things which beautify and harmonize all human existence, which make life more enjoyable and pleasurable since ever. Soul constitutes all knowledge, with nothing left for a person to know or to make known. This Soul-knowing is the consciousness or the sensing that identifies conscious human individuality with and as Mind "the source and condition of all existence" (S&H181:1). Soul-knowledge is Love – the pure and immaculate awareness that



is free from all qualifying limitations, all notions and opinions, all attachments to or from, all duality. Isn't that "praying without ceasing"? And thus every asking for love or for being more loving is swallowed up in "take no thought" (Matth.6:31), let Mind be the thinking, the feeling, the being, the loving. Doesn't this mean to be grateful for Life, Truth and Love (S&H3:27)?

God and man are two words for one omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent Being. God's knowledge of Himself is the real and only man. Therefore in the chapter Atonement and Eucharist where Paul says "Jesus Christ crucified", Science says "Jesus Christ glorified" (S&H200:29). Isn't it like saying: the one Mind, Truth or Christ is infinitely glorified as mine/your individual consciousness, the only I or Us. In 1905 MBE wrote in the Boston Herald, a daily newspaper: "Look high enough, and you see the heart of humanity warming and winning. Look long enough, and you see male and female one – sex or gender eliminated; you see the designation man meaning woman as well, and you see the whole universe included in one infinite Mind and reflected in the intelligent compound idea, image or likeness, called man, showing forth the infinite divine Principle, Love, called God, – man wedded to the Lamb, pledged to innocence, purity, perfection" (Misc268).

We all have been told that "Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need." Too often Christian Scientists roll this statement under tongue as a sweet morsel or as a pill, giving themselves a false sense of comfort. If Love is to supply the human need, Love must be present in the understanding that embraces the All as the One, the indivisibility of the Infinite. When Love is lived self-consciously as infinite Mind, it is lived as All. In this living we shall find Love in all that we live, whether lived sensorily as friend or foe, as sickness or health, as right or wrong. Love is its own Reason for being Love. And It supplies the human need to be fearful, dissatisfied, cast down when, in ignorance, humanity takes the mortal for the Immortal. Discussing this point with a CS friend of mine he agreed that he exists, but definitely so far as a mortal. Reasoning carefully together we looked at the passage in the textbook on page 268: Mortals must gravitate Godward ....no choice. Why? Because the Divinity of humanity is fact otherwise there would be nothing (S&H522...). At least I got a smile from him.

However difficult human existence may seem to be, whatever the problems of daily living, often essential to creativity, Love is present as our own Mind saying: "Everything is exactly right and functioning according to the law of perfection (infinity)."

Whether we are comfortable or uncomfortable is beside the point. Discomfort might be of greater value to us than comfort in the self-fulfilling of our now divinity. Let us not forget that what we have been conditioned to call a problem is a catalyst which Love provides for accelerating the awakening to our present divineness. The creative Life-Principle Love makes no mistakes. Nothing is present to oppose the All-Good.

Now let us finish our conversation with Gustavus A. Walther, a student in Mary Baker Eddy's September 1888 College class. It tells us how Love is at work:

At the end of our class, each one of us had to stand up when our name was called and answer the question she (MBE) would ask us for the benefit of the whole class. So when it came to my turn, she pointed her finger at me and said: "Can you ever be sick and were you ever sick and are you sick now?" The question stung me so that I could not speak, so she stomped her foot on the floor and said: "Answer me!" So I at last answered and said: "According to Christian Science, I can never be sick and never was sick and am not sick now, but according to mortal sense I could be sick and have been sick and am a little sick yet."

Then she stomped her foot on the floor again and said: "What did you come here for?" I said: "To learn more of Christian Science." Then she stomped her foot on the floor again and said: "Why don't you take it?" Then she pointed her finger at me again and said: "I want you to answer me!" And then she said again: "Can you ever be sick and were you ever sick and are you sick now?" Then a light opened in my mind and I said:

"According to the truth, I never can be sick and I never was sick and I am not sick now." She waited a moment, I think, to see if I would say anything else, but I did not. Then she said, 'Stick to it' and tears rolled down her cheeks for joy that she had accomplished her purpose. (Gustavus A. Walther, Reminiscence file, The Mary Baker Eddy Collection, The Mary Baker Eddy Library).





## Welcome dear Friends of Charton Manor!

From Margaret Chaplin, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hawthorne Trust Limited

On behalf of the Trustees and of all connected with Charton Manor, I want to give you a warm hug of Love. Since our last newsletter, Jim Weaver stepped back from his work as Board Chairman to take a well-earned rest. We all want to thank Jim for his many years of dedicated service to Hawthorne Trust, for his work on our website, our annual Newsletter, and the many ways in which his gentle influence blessed Charton Manor over the years.

The biggest change and challenge to our operation this year has been the loss of accreditation by The Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Organizations and Facilities. This came several months after an online inspection in December last year which found us falling short in many areas of our operation. The Christian Science Board of Directors and the Trustees of the Christian Science Publishing Society have asked us, as a consequence, not to accept **new** Christian Science nursing cases, other than those needing only light care, into either Charton Manor or our Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service. We have also been asked to stop any training of Christian Science nurses in our Training Centre – all this until we have regained the standards that will lead to re-accreditation.

We recognise the dismay at this news among the UK and worldwide Christian Science community, and our first and top priority must be to re-establish accredited status as soon as we can. This will entail bringing in outside and online training, updating processes and record keeping, rewriting policies – but **most of all** rededicating ourselves to our practice of pure Christian Science nursing as we move forward –honouring the vision that our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, saw for the Christian Science nurse. This involves a pure, selfless love as expressed in the second verse of hymn 4:

O God, unite us heart to heart,  
In sympathy divine,  
That we be never drawn apart,  
To love not Thee nor Thine;

and it has at its heart the injunction in Mrs Eddy's *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* "The nurse should be cheerful, orderly, punctual, patient, full of faith, — receptive to Truth and Love." (SH 395:18)

The request to curtail our activities (**not** cease them entirely) means that we shall have the time and space to dig deep – giving us more time for prayer and self-examination. And one person who has taken up this work with deep and humble prayer is our recently appointed Christian Science Nursing Manager, Florence Mutambara.

## Christian Science Nursing Manager's Report

By Florence Mutambara

*Fulfilling our mission and celebrating our Christian Science nursing ministry.*

"God gives you his spiritual ideas, and in turn they give you your daily supply. Never ask for tomorrow: it is enough that divine love is an ever-present help" (Mis 307:1-2, 3-4 it (to ;), Mary Baker Eddy). Here at Charton Manor, we experienced God's inexhaustible supplying of all our needs. The same text continues "If you wait, never doubting, you will have all you need every moment." (Mis 307:4-6).

2020 taught us great lessons including "to walk by faith and not by sight" (2Cor 5:7). Like everybody else we had our share of pandemic challenges, but we had to quickly find innovative and inspired ways to rightly fill the voids these challenges created, for example related to mandatory infection control, social distancing, and visitor restrictions. Despite the drawbacks we experienced, the worldwide situation exposed us to new growth and learning, especially relating to social media and digital technology. Christian Science nursing care patients and residents adapted to communicate with families and friends, and to continue participating in church activities in new ways. Group activities changed as volunteers were no longer allowed to visit, and much, including Bible Lesson reading and concerts, continued online using Zoom.

Like other care homes, we were required to isolate from the wider community, but our focus was to nurture our own community. We had to find new ways of delivering care that met and satisfied new guidelines which evolved and changed constantly, almost daily (this is no exaggeration): new ways of providing the lines of care (separating tasks to reduce risk of infection) and new procedure with training that established these consistent new working patterns. So, the work of everyone at Charton Manor is evolving, innovating as new needs are identified, to ensure our care and government-specified pandemic work is efficient and effective. Practical actions related to personal protective equipment (PPE, such as gloves and face masks), isolation, lockdown, disposal of clinical waste, necessary visitors, staff covid testing 3 times a week, and ensuring additional food and other supplies around Brexit to name but a few. Our focus was to look after everyone at Charton Manor: Christian Science nursing patients, residents, Christian Science nurses, and staff.

Even though the world health situation brought about an incredible pace and scale of transformation, the enormous contributions made by all staff was admirable and to be commended, both Christian Science nurses and others alike, promoting the well-being of our



patients and residents as our priority. Knowing that we were sheltered by the Father and hid in Christ kept us going. We had to learn to build on the Christ the rock. "Your father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him." (Matthew 6:8).

The Christian Science nurses worked tirelessly, supported by colleagues from housekeeping, administration, and maintenance, alongside the administrator and managers. Insights I will share from Christian Science nurses show how much they have grown spiritually. Some Christian Science nurses, who were away when a lockdown was announced could not readily come back to work on their return due to isolation guidelines. Yes, we did have staff shortages but, while isolating, staff gave prayerful support and made a loving effort to lessen the burden on the Christian Science nursing floor.

During the worldwide healthcare situation, we were additionally challenged by the loss of our accreditation by The Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Facilities/Organizations, which inspects the standards of Christian Science nursing facilities worldwide, at a time when understandably our focus was ensuring that proper care was given to our Christian Science nursing patients and residents. Our paperwork records and training, including ongoing on-the-job professional training, was not up to scratch and did not meet The Commission's requirements. The compassion and care given was commended. We are keen to be reaccredited as soon as possible and are taking many steps to achieve reaccreditation.

We are particularly grateful to our Board of Trustees, company members, families, and the wider Christian Science community, for the non-stop support which we have felt – the power of the Christ as each took a cue to utter precious healing words and thoughts.

Reviews from Christian Science nursing patients, residents and the community support the feeling that this is a truly worthwhile cause and mission. Healing testimonies and gratitude add further strength, love, and commitment to this ministry – to go out and meet our brother's need. Thank you for your support.

I would like to conclude by sharing with you recent comment and gratitude from Christian Science nursing patients:

*I have stayed at Charton Manor on several occasions, both for rest and study and for [Christian Science] nursing care. Each time I have been lovingly welcomed. On the first occasion when I arrived needing care I had been living on porridge and soup for a week, feeling unable to eat anything else. A [Christian Science] nurse gave me food which was easily digested and encouraged me to eat normal meals, which I did with enjoyment.*

*I woke up at home in the early hours of one morning feeling ill. A Visiting Christian Science Nurse came to see me by arrangement that morning ... and realised that I needed care. I could only manage to have an occasional sip of water. She contacted Charton Manor who were able to take me. On arrival a [Christian Science] nurse helped me to settle in and gave me some soup which I retained. Later she put me to bed, and I fell asleep straight away. When the day [Christian Science] nurse came to see me in the morning she remarked how well I looked – I was bright eyed, pink cheeked, the picture of health. I had been healed in the night by the metaphysical work done for me by the Christian Science practitioner and the healing atmosphere at Charton Manor. I ate normal meals from then on.*

*In the early hours of another morning, I woke up in Charton Manor feeling ill. When the night nurse came in she saw that I was in some distress. She spoke to me metaphysically, brought me a glass of water and made me more comfortable in bed. I felt able to lie down and go back to sleep. I woke in the morning feeling completely well.*

*On page 395 of Science and Health the first stipulation which Mrs Eddy makes of a nurse is that she should be cheerful. However, challenging her visit to a previous patient has been, when a [Christian Science] nurse at Charton Manor goes to a different patient she puts the challenge behind her and arrives cheerful.*

*Staying at Charton Manor was exactly what I needed, and it gave me the opportunity to improve my health in a beautiful environment and surrounded by caring staff. I stayed there for three months from December 2020 to March 2021.*

*I was impressed by the sincerity and care of the [Christian Science] nurses. Even at night, if I happened to be awake, I would hear the door gently open and knew a [Christian Science] nurse was there checking to make sure I was alright. I felt safe and secure and fell asleep feeling very cared for.*

*I found that exploring the grounds was a great delight to me and after my initial ten-day Covid 19 quarantine, I was out there every day. A [Christian Science] nurse would hand me a walkie talkie and I would be on my way. Towards the end*



*of my stay the spring woodland flowers had made their appearance including thick carpets of Snowdrops, Hellebores and Winter Aconite. All in profusion and allowed to grow in freedom, without restraint, just as I felt my spiritual development had been during my stay at Charton Manor, for which I will always be grateful for.*

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*Another patient on departure expressed appreciation of the Father/Mother love at Charton Manor and the embracing family atmosphere.*

... and insight from the Christian Science nurses:

In a Nursing Care Home facility, to human sense or to material sense, we see patients or residents with seeming challenges. Christian Science has taught me to have a clear vision of a perfect image and likeness of God when mortal mind is imminent.

One time, a patient kept buzzing all the time asking the same question repeatedly. Likewise, needed to tell the patient the same answer over and over as well. As a Christian Science nurse, one of my roles is to have a clear vision of reality until false material evidence is transformed and God's control is unfolded. The patient buzzed again and asked the same question. I must admit I was nearly annoyed, so I said to the patient in a gentle manner, "You've asked me this question 100 times already". The patient smiled and said, "Well, I'll ask you 101 times." I nearly burst into laughter, and I told them my answer for a 101<sup>st</sup> time. When I left the room, I alerted myself that man is ever one with Divine Mind and put my trust that there is only one perfect Mind as the source of all in which there is no deflection from perfection. After half an hour the patient buzzed again. When I went to answer they didn't ask me the same question but asked for a drink and biscuit.

Mrs. Eddy says "The more difficult seems the material condition to be overcome by Spirit, the stronger should be our faith and the purer our love." (410:15-17)

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"When I was a student [Christian Science] nurse, I trained in a facility that was known as a place for making friends. I remember being asked to dinner by a friend who asked a friend, who asked a friend, etc. That dinner was the beginning of a common event, a small gathering of Christian Science nurses from all types of background, who happened to work together and get together to break bread and share laughs and get to know each other – a mini united nation.

Since I came to Charton Manor, I have found one way to work better, is to get to know each other, even a little. This brings a sense of fellowship – sharing the same aspirations and values, in pursuit of our ministry."

As You learn to trust God to care for you, your prayer will be answered, for as Christ Jesus said, "Your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before you ask him." The environment evidenced God's tender loving care: the protection, freedom from fear and anxiety, the teamwork of our staff, residents and all the teams all over the world and all those prayers that kept coming in. We continue to witness healings.

As a Christian science nurse, it has been a joy to practise my nursing ministry at Charton manor. The atmosphere is welcoming and loving ... there have been a few challenges along the way [during the pandemic] ... God has been guarding and guiding us all through.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the management staff for their tireless work during the pandemic period. It wasn't easy for us to meet the government requirements in connection with the covid'19 issue. But this was met and am happy to say that God protected all our patients.

I would like to share a healing that I experienced with one of our patients recently.

One morning when I went for my morning shift, a patient had a nourishment [food] challenge. I offered breakfast that the patient declined then offered just a glass of orange juice which the patient declined. I went back to the [Christian Science] nurse's station and prayed and the answer came to me so clearly. I went to the kitchen, set-up a breakfast tray, made toast, cereal and all that the patient had ordered for breakfast. I made sure the tray was arranged in a way that the patient would find attractive. I serving the tray and the patient said that they don't want breakfast but only a milky coffee. I said ok and that I would leave the tray there while I made the milky coffee. When I went back to the room I found the toast and cereal had been eaten and I heard lovely words from the patient: "you are an angel". Christian Science nursing needs a lot of prayerful work, thoughtfulness, patience, cheerfulness, kindness, and love.





## Visiting Christian Science Nursing Manager's Report

By Valerie McIntyre

"The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore." (Psalms 121:8)

"For he performeth *the thing that is* appointed for me: and many such *things are* with him." (Job 23:14)

"Blessed *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." (II Corinthians 1: 3, 4)

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:35,37-39)

Someone told me recently that I had travelled the distance to the moon in the past 8 years. Well, counting all my travels as a Visiting Christian Science nurse in the UK I have driven as far as the moon and back. Along the way I have been privileged to meet and get to know many wonderful characters and to travel through beautiful countryside. When encountering any hiccups in my journey, the words from the hymn "He sends us the angels that we need" have been proved true.

I recently celebrated 40 years of being a Journal-listed Christian Science nurse with my colleagues at Charton Manor. After abiding by all the protocols of Covid, it was lovely to see them after so long. Years ago when I was newly qualified and in Johannesburg, I taught a Home Aid course, and a friend in the class commented on how lucky I was to be doing something I loved doing, and I continue to feel blessed. Mrs. Eddy writes: "'Let there be light,' is the perpetual demand of Truth and Love, changing chaos into order and discord into the music of the spheres." (S+H 255.)

Part of “the music of the spheres” must be gratitude, which is expressed daily for the Visiting Christian Science Nursing Service, London Field. Letting dear ones feel comfortable, an increased sense of self-worth with the expression of order and care in their environment, helping to keep individuals in their own homes with proper care, being ready to help in difficult situations – expressing in some measure “the light of Truth and Love.”

It seems to me that Christian Science nursing is an expression of our Father-Mother God’s love for the church community, as is the provision for Christian Science Practitioners. I certainly feel very blessed in having these people to call.

I started as a primary school teacher. Although loving the children, I did not feel that it was what I wanted to do. A lot of prayer and the prayers of a Christian Science Practitioner resulted in me unexpectedly coming to the realisation that I wanted to be a Christian Science nurse. I had done a very comprehensive Home Aid course, but I had never experienced Christian Science nursing. My first step on this journey was coming to the UK to apply for training. While applying, I volunteered at Hawthorne House [Charton Manor’s former location] working on the housekeeping staff. One day I felt unwell and decided not to go to supper. I just lay on the bed. Someone told the Christian Science nursing staff and one of the trainee Christian Science nurses visited, encouraging me to have a shower and wash my hair, brought me supper, and I experienced first-hand what the office of the Christian Science nurse does. I felt the love and care and was healed. The Bible promise was fulfilled that “all things work together for good to them that love God.”

There has been some turbulence these past few months which could hide the fact that the Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service, London Field, has been active and useful to the Christian Science Field this past year. Instead of me talking about the activity I will read excerpts from letters from those helped:



1. "The Christian Science Nursing Service has enabled me to stay securely in my own home. The Christian Science nurses come three times a week. They help me take a shower each time they come; they help me with my laundry, and they make my bed for me. All these things I could not manage on my own. They are always courteous and cheerful and help me keep up a standard in my home.

Their willingness and care for my needs is transparent and they make a great contribution towards my healing as I rely daily on the Christ, Truth, shown to us in the teachings of our Master Christian, Christ Jesus, and his faithful follower, Mary Baker Eddy. I am so grateful for the ministry of these dear ones and for their dedication to Christian Science which they practice daily in their lives."

2. "The high standard of [Christian Science] nursing care provided by the Visiting Christian Science nurse have been invaluable to my mother and myself over the past 10 months. After each visit of the Visiting Christian Science nurse, my mother's sense of well-being is visibly enhanced and she always has a relaxed and calm sense about her at these times. There has been the healing of a belief of back pain and the patient feels she is able to move more freely."
3. "Last November I had a funny turn my son found me in bed. He spoke to a member of my church who encouraged him to call the Visiting Christian Science nurse. Despite it being a Sunday and the fact that I live 60 miles away, the Visiting Christian Science nurse came as soon as she could, with various coverings and supplies. She was calm and reassuring and instructed my son on what and how to do everything ... The Visiting Christian Science nurse remained in touch and supportive at all times."
4. "It is no exaggeration to say I could not have coped with my physical challenge this last year without the help of the Visiting Christian Science nurse. Whatever the circumstances she is always patient, calm, attentive to detail and skilful in her application of whatever dressings are needed. She always brings with her a sense of the Christ and always leaves me feeling comfortable and comforted.

Despite a very busy schedule there is a willingness to go the extra mile to ensure that essential needs are met."

5. "I must write to thank you for the wonderful work you do, it makes life so much simpler to just phone when you find yourself in need of help and know you will be here very shortly.

I am thinking of when I wanted to have my face cleaned up after the dressing was off by my eye, you were so quick to clean it up, and I just couldn't believe it was done so fast. My next-door Neighbour came out of her door, and stood looking at me in amazement and said "Who did that?" She had been under NHS nurses for months after falling down, and she couldn't believe my face looked so clean and tidy so quickly.

Her thoughts about Christian Science changed immediately, and she is now a lot friendlier to me, and we get lots of good chats and she is happy to stand and talk with me.

Thank you so very much for all your kindness in doing these difficult things and bringing so much joy to your patients here."

It is a privilege to serve.





## Administrator's Report

By Ednah Lawal

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." (Jeremiah 29:11)

This wonderful passage reassures us that God's thoughts towards us are thoughts of peace and not of evil.

Recently with all that has been going on, it could be quite easy to wonder what God's thoughts towards Charton Manor and our visiting Christian Science nurse service are. How reassuring that we can go to our pastor, the Bible and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, for answers. There, we receive that reassurance that will help us to go beyond whatever we are going through.

I am so grateful for the many ways that we have seen God's thoughts towards us. Throughout the pandemic we have seen so many wonderful instances of God's protection and guidance as we have been able to deal with issues that arose. We have been so protected throughout the pandemic – perfectly protected patients, residents and staff. We have been very grateful for divine Mind's direction that has enabled us to take practical steps in meeting the needs of the day throughout this period: keeping our doors open to accept new patients as needs arose, with uninterrupted staffing, guided by practical wisdom. How grateful we are for the support of so many people, from the local authorities who provided different support both financial and practical such as the provision of personal protective equipment, and from our Christian Science community who have been so generous with their support both financial and inspired through prayer. We are indeed very grateful.

In the various translations of the Bible and in Mary Barker Eddy's writings, references are found to cooks, cleaners, gardeners, volunteers, management, secretaries, trustees, practitioners and nurses or their equivalents. We have all of these at work here at Charton Manor – practical wisdom in action. Our gratitude extends to them all as we see the healing results on the Christian Science nursing floor, in our visiting Christian Science nurse service, in the grounds, kitchen, dining room, lounge and throughout the house. Each expresses the qualities of cheerfulness, orderliness, punctuality, and patience. All operate like Christian Science nurses tending the areas requiring refreshment and uplift. The Christ-like thought of our Christian Science nurses is evident and much appreciated.

**Finance:** I am grateful for our strong financial security which has been achieved through prayerful demonstration and wise use of resources. As we operate without the financial support of The Aid Fund for Christian Scientists in Need of Nursing Care until we are reaccredited, we can trust like the Shunamite woman in the Bible that what we have in our house will meet our needs. Through prayer, we have looked at what we have in our house and our love for our fellow man has led us to open a Benevolent Fund for our Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service, London Field, so that financial support of those receiving visiting Christian Science nursing care has continued uninterrupted regardless of patients' financial circumstances. The house already has her own Benevolent Fund for those receiving Christian Science nursing care at Charton Manor who are not able to cover the cost of care received.

We are so grateful for Love's provisions in so many ways. We also have the Brenda Woodcock Memorial Fund which provides financial assistance to those needing residential care, both at Charton Manor and elsewhere.

**Staff Accommodation:** Two years ago, we began further updating our resident staff accommodation for those who did not yet have en-suite bathrooms and to provide for additional new staff. Due to the pandemic, this works was delayed, however after a lot of prayer and meetings with our project manager and other stakeholders, we amended our plans. I'm grateful to report that we expect to complete two additional en-suite rooms this August from an underutilised part of our Training Centre.

Our Leader wrote in Science and Health on page 494: "Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need." Following our recent inspection by The [Accrediting] Commission, we have been so grateful for the outpouring of love and support. We are taking practical steps to correct areas where we were found to have shortcomings and are grateful for the individuals and organisations that are helping us to rise to this challenge.



Charton Manor has been a healing refuge for over 50 years, and this newsletter has shared a few examples of these healings from patients themselves and our Christian Science nurses. We are so grateful to witness these healings and look forward to continuing to provide this refuge for generations to come.

Looking ahead, we work to improve and grow that we can continue to provide the services that have supported countless healings at both Charton Manor and the Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service, London Field.

It makes our day to serve, that's why we all are here – housekeeping, maintenance, administrative staff and Christian Science nurses.

We continue to ask the Shepherd to show us how to proceed, as our beloved Leader wrote:

“Shepherd show me how to go  
O’ver the hillside steep,  
How to gather, how to sow,  
How to feed Thy sheep;  
I will listen for Thy voice,  
Lest my footsteps stray;  
I will follow and rejoice  
All the rugged way”







## Charton Manor

Very grateful for a generous, loving, caring atmosphere

I think of you all and remember the happy, peaceful, fruitful time I had last year in your house of Love Charton Manor

Staff were so kind and thoughtful, helping with my legs – I leave all right now

I felt cared for in every way

Heartfelt gratitude to all the dedicated staff at beloved Charton Manor

Many thanks for your dedicated work

Such reassurance and patience – thank you

Staff working ... to give a calm and supporting atmosphere. Thanks!

The expression of love and the conviction of the effectiveness of prayer healed me during my first night I was completely cared for, my every need met from the moment I arrived

I was able to be free of needing assistance – very grateful

First class care, excellent food, excellent atmosphere, attentive and courteous staff

It has been so lovely to be here. I have so felt the uplifting sense of heavenly home and the cherishing atmosphere. This is a very special place. Such selfless unconditional love

“In beauty, grandeur, order His handiwork is shown” – a perfect sanctuary for the week. Most uplifting – most uplifting

Thank you for such a loving and supportive stay!

... so well supported. The smiles meant a great deal to me and my family

A team of angels. Excellent. A very blest stay. I am returning home feeling refreshed.

Thank you so very much. Words can't express the gratitude I feel for the loving care and wonderful support I've experienced over the past months. Charton Manor is a 'sacred haven' with the nursing staff of the highest calibre – every need taken care of. Thank you again

## Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service, London Field

[the Visiting Christian Science nurse] goes above and beyond –  
so grateful

Feeling cherished

Excellent care always

I have put the Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service at the top of  
my 'thanksgiving' list! The [Christian Science] nurses' support and care  
have meant that I could stay in my home over these difficult months –  
I am so grateful!

... everything done with such loving care!

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Thank you!

CHARTON MANOR

We would like to thank our incredible staff for their hard work and dedication during these challenging times.

“The divinity of the Christ was made manifest in the humanity of Jesus.”

*(Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Mary Baker Eddy, p. 25:31)*

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