



# Charton 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 day-to-day 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.

## Embraced by Love, not isolated

by Jan Holden, C.S.

Redwood Shores, California, USA

Dear family of friends, I'm so happy and grateful to join you today. My topic for today, "Embraced by Love, not isolated" comes from the need for healing this feeling of being isolated. Mortal mind would suggest that we may feel isolated from family and friends especially over the last couple of years; from meaningful and rewarding activities; from Europe because of Brexit; from the right supply of nurses and staff to provide quality nursing care; and I'm sure the list could go on.

Someone else made quite a list of mortal mind's attempts to make us feel isolated from God's embracing love and provision. St Paul wrote: **Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listed in Scripture: I'm absolutely convinced that nothing - nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable - absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.**" (Romans 8:35, 38, 39 (from *The Message*))

I like that - absolutely nothing can isolate me from God's embracing love and care. Claim this! Turning away from the problems presented, to our Father-Mother God, gives us the light and truth that is needed for healing solutions. Even refusing to accept that nothing can be done, opens the mental doors to wonderful possibilities of good. **"All things are possible to God!"** (*Science and Health* 1:2) **"What cannot God do?"!** (S&H 135:20).

Nicholas Winton was an English stockbroker who helped save 669 Jewish Czechoslovakian children from being sent to Nazi concentration camps in 1939. In all, eight trainloads of Jewish children were brought from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia through Hitler's Germany and on to Britain. He was called the "British Schindler". As he confronted each seemingly insurmountable problem, he refused to accept defeat, and step by step he found answers.

He wrote in a letter: that there is **"a difference between passive goodness and active goodness ... The latter is, in my opinion, the giving of one's time and energy in the alleviation of pain and suffering... It entails going out, finding and helping those who are suffering and in danger, and not merely in leading an exemplary life, in a purely passive way of doing no wrong."**

This is also nursing! Winton embraced all those children with love, and didn't allow them to be isolated. Too often as Christian Scientists we



lead those exemplary lives, but it's often in the purely passive way that Winton describes. Mrs. Eddy was concerned about this passivity. She wrote in Miscellaneous Writings (177:5-15):

**“The powers of evil are leagued together in secret conspiracy against the Lord and against His Christ, as expressed and operative in Christian Science. Large numbers, in desperate malice, are engaged day and night in organizing action against us. Their feeling and purpose are deadly, and they have sworn enmity against the lives of our standard-bearers.**

**What will you do about it? Will you be equally in earnest for the truth? Will you doff your lavender-kid zeal, and become real and consecrated warriors?”**

Let her words motivate us to be **“in earnest for the truth”!** This is something that Christian Science nurses and practitioners do every day, and that we can all do.

I recently read a wonderful book entitled: “Paths of Pioneer Christian Scientists” by Christopher Tyner, (Longyear Museum Press, 2010). It says (page 20):

**“Christian Science teacher and practitioner Annie M. Knott [who was a student of Mrs. Eddy] had once offered ... an interesting metaphor to describe the formation of Christian Science churches. In the early years, many patients walked daily from practitioners’ offices completely healed and then went on their merry way, never to be heard from again. Mrs. Knott likened these people to polished beads that had rolled away. The church, Mrs. Knott [said] served as a piece of string that gathered the beads together, thus providing form and strength.”**

Each of us here is one of those polished and cherished beads, evidence of the healing work of Christian Science, and “providing form and strength” to our families and fellow Christian Scientists. Church reverses the trend of isolation, embraces us with love, and holds all of us together in harmony.

Christian Science nursing is a part of church. It is covered in The Manual of The Mother Church in Article VIII, Section 31:

**“Christian Science Nurse. ... A member of The Mother Church who represents himself or herself as a Christian Science nurse shall be one who has a demonstrable knowledge of Christian Science practice, who thoroughly understands the practical wisdom necessary in a sick room, and who can take proper care of the sick.”**

I encourage all of us to consider Christian Science nursing– it's so rewarding, and so needed. I'd like to point out that this by-law is not

in a separate Manual article of its own. It's included in Article VIII: Guidance of Members. That means ALL members. Don't let mortal mind suggest to us: "Oh, well, that can't be about me. I could never be a nurse." Nursing is mothering and embracing. We all express the Motherhood of God. It's being moved with compassion, just as Jesus was described in the Bible.

According to Webster's 1828 dictionary, to **nurse** means to: **"...to nourish...; to feed ...; to cherish; to foster; ... to promote growth in...; to manage with care and economy with a view to increase..."**

We *all* do these things. It's taking the mothering qualities and broadening them from our family members to our fellow Christian Scientists, and to our communities.

To share an example, there was a time in my experience when I was very busy. but I became ill, and grew weaker each day. I was praying diligently for myself as well as working with a Christian Science practitioner, but the situation wasn't yielding.

Then I received a phone call from a church member. He said he'd just heard that I wasn't at church because I was having a physical challenge. He said that he was famous for his wonderful soup and that he was gathering the ingredients to come and make it for me. Well, I wasn't sure I wanted any soup, but I had the good grace not to say that. A little while later, I was able to make it to the door to let him in. He cheerfully ignored my grumpy reluctance, went to the kitchen, and chatted away with me even though I was in the other room lying down. Pretty soon a wonderful aroma started flowing out of the kitchen.

He served me the soup with such cheerfulness, affection, patience, kindness, certainty, and faithfulness in God's goodness and healing. He imbued his soup, and the activity of making it, with all the qualities of thought that Christian Science nurses do with each of their activities. I felt quite embraced by this expression of divine Love at that moment. I no longer felt isolated. I started feeling better right away. By morning I was completely well with no return of any symptom.



While my fellow church member was preparing the soup, he was motivated by divine Love, and this freed me from the false claim of life in matter, and healed me. Mrs Eddy's poem, "Love", includes the idea: **"Fed by Thy love divine we live, for Love alone is Life"** (Hymn 30)

If we feel isolated, or left out, or that our needs are not being met, or that we have a chronic condition to heal, there's still always an answer. Jesus gave us the answer: have more faith in God, not less, but more! Mrs. Eddy expanded on Jesus' answer:

**"Let neither fear nor doubt overshadow your clear sense and calm trust, that the recognition of life harmonious — as Life eternally is — can destroy any painful sense of, or belief in, that which Life is not."** (SH 495:16–20)

Sometimes we've been praying about situations in the world, and yearn to do more. For example, a number of years ago, in California and elsewhere there were quite a number of child abductions. I was praying about this trend of mortal thought, and how it could be stopped. Then one evening, out of the blue, I felt impelled to turn on the TV. As I did, I saw a news alert telling of an eight-year-old girl who had been kidnapped by a man, off her bicycle right in front of her house in West Sacramento, California. At the time I lived in Sacramento.

I immediately turned off the TV and began to pray vehemently for the child's safety, and for the man's purity. I asked God how to pray, and His response was unusual, but I was obedient. The idea came very clearly that I was to address the girl's thought directly, as if she was in the room with me right then. So I reassured her, comforted her, and told her of the qualities she innately expressed as God's beloved daughter: purity, goodness, kindness, intelligence, alertness, strength, fearlessness, and courage. I told her that her Father-Mother Love was right with her keeping her safe. I embraced her with love because I knew she was not alone or isolated. I told her that God would lead her out of this situation, and that she needed to be ready to be obedient and leave the car as soon



as the man told her to, and to go to the nearest house, identify herself and ask for help.

Then it came to me to address the man's thought in a similar way. I told him of God's loving ever-presence of infinite good; that his Father-Mother God was the only Mind and was his Mind. And, that there was no other mind to influence or control him, confuse or harm him, tempt him, make him feel unhappy, bullied, unloved or isolated.

It then came to me to use the "Rule for Motives and Acts" as a prayer treatment. Here's what I told him: "Neither animosity nor mere personal attachment can impel your motives or acts. In Science, divine Love alone is governing you. You reflect only the sweet amenities of divine Love. You are able to firmly detect and rebuke error in yourself and others. You are able to express true brotherliness to yourself, to this child, to her family, and to your own family. You are able to forgive yourself and anyone else, just as God forgives you. You can pray to be delivered from all evil including self-justification, negativity, judging others that they're not doing what they should, condemning yourself, accepting unwise counseling, or being influenced by fear, envy, anger, hatred, or revenge."

I told him he already had everything he needed because the presence of divine Principle, Love, was right with him, embracing him, and abundantly providing him with overflowing goodness and love; that God had ordained him to be forever in right relationship with God, with his parents and family, and with all of God's creation; and that he was completely peaceful and satisfied being embraced with Father-Mother God's goodness, love, and harmony.

Then I told him he must at the very next opportunity pull over and let the girl go without any harm; and then I thanked him for his responsiveness and obedience. I closed by affirming that this was the spiritual truth of their being, and there was nothing that could reverse or delay this truth and its manifestation.

About an hour and a half later, I was impelled to turn on the TV again. It said the girl had just been released by



the man, unharmed, by the side of the freeway. She had made her way to a nearby house, identified herself, and asked for help in getting home again. She was completely safe and well. The man was never identified or found.

God brought this healing to a full closure when I met a Christian Scientist who had worked his entire career as an agent for the FBI, specializing in child abduction cases. He said that each of the issues that God told me to address were the exact issues that he trained others to deal with. He was very excited and pleased to know that his training was exactly what Mind directed me to do.

Truth, Mind, is precise in uncovering and destroying false claims of evil. We need to have more faith in God, and to be unquestioningly prompt and obedient in obeying Mind's directions. Let's all work at giving more credit not less, to prayer and to the all-power and presence of God. This enables us to feel more embraced by, and never isolated from, God's loving power.

**To conclude:**

As Christian Scientists, and experts in the area of what thought and prayer can do, we can detect, reverse, and heal aggressive mental suggestions of isolation, whether it's isolation from family and friends; from meaningful and rewarding activities; from Europe; or from the right supply of nurses and staff to provide quality nursing care. The reality is that we're all embraced by divine Love every moment of every day, and never isolated. And, we can prove it!

Thank you all for advancing the Cause of Christian Science!





## Chairman's Welcome 2022

*By Margaret Chaplin*

A warm welcome to our 2022 Newsletter – a welcome that I bring from the Trustees of Hawthorne Trust Limited, which is the umbrella body for Charton Manor and the Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service, London Field. My co-Trustees are Brian Blandford; Gillian Smith; Guy Ekins and Alan Holland – a wonderful, hardworking team. Sincere thanks to them all!

In this newsletter we'll try to give you a flavour of the good going on here, of the healing work that can't be held back by a virus, of the wonderful commitment to our patients and residents shown by all our staff – and by the end we hope you'll have felt the sense of warmth and fellowship that is lifting up our banner for Christian Science nursing care and its healing results.

Let me start with a heartfelt thank you to all the staff here at Charton Manor

- our maintenance and grounds team who are constantly at work keeping our beautiful grounds looking their best so that they're a place of refreshment and tranquillity that everyone can enjoy; to you all, many thanks!
- our housekeeping and our kitchen teams, keeping the House spick and span, with touches of love shown in the flowers in the rooms and on the dining tables; and providing wholesome and delicious food to everyone staying or working here. Food that is varied to meet each individual's need and that is served with great warmth and generosity of spirit; thank you so much to you all!
- our Christian Science nurses, at the heart of what we offer to those relying on God for healing, they are people for whom Christian Science nursing isn't just a profession, but a healing ministry devoted to lifting up their fellow man. The teamwork and sense of love for each other that they display is palpable, and the demand on Charton Manor to take in only "light nursing" cases has not lessened in any way their commitment and devotion; to you all a heartfelt thank you.

Finally (but very importantly), a big thank you to our team of managers and their assistants – they bring so much to the feast of care that is Charton.

The manager of our Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service, Valerie, has been exceptionally busy throughout the year, bringing a great sense of care and love as she enters each home. This care in the home is something we see growing, as people decide that, if it's practical,



they prefer to be at home in familiar surroundings while they're praying their way through to see healing. Outside support for our manager in the form of zoom calls with other Journal-listed Christian Science nurses has been generously given and gratefully received. The Board wishes to thank Valerie most warmly for her commitment to Christian Science nursing and her love for her patients.

And in parallel, our Christian Science Nursing Manager, Florence, has been working tirelessly to build her team and to help systematise the recording that is demanded by both the UK Care Quality Commission and our Christian Science regulators. She has been receiving help and advice from fellow Journal-listed Christian Science nurses. Just as with the VCSNS, this help has been so freely given, with great love and deep insight of the need. Thank you Florence for your tireless work and dedication to creating a team that lives and breathes love!

And our Administrator, Ednah, has overseen all the progress with such commitment, an indefatigable work ethic and a great sense of joy. As Chairman of the Board of Trustees I work very closely with Ednah and am so grateful for her reliance on deep prayer in the face of the challenges that arise. She demands a lot of herself and through walking closely with her Father-Mother God she is moving forward and bringing everyone with her. Our deep thanks to Ednah.

The Board has felt so grateful for the work done by all the staff, together with the qualities they consistently express, that we decided to send a weekly message to our staff members, thanking them in many different ways for what they contribute to the healing that goes on here, and sharing words of encouragement. Our weekly messages have been arriving for about a year now, varying from simple expressions of gratitude to verses from the Bible, from poems to hymns, from uplifting passages from Mary Baker Eddy's writings to words of wisdom from Harry Potter's Dumbledore – all are sincere expressions of gratitude for our wonderful team here at Charton Manor.

Thank you for reading our Summer 2022 Newsletter; do enjoy getting to know more about our staff and activities.



## LOVING to heal

By Gillian Smith

*Loving to heal is our reason for being here  
For Love is the core of the work of the Team  
We toast each success as a proof of Love's presence  
Lifting one and all out of the Adamic dream.  
The atmosphere round us is Love's gentle guiding  
We study and pray, we sing and we praise  
For Love's sweet control gives each one dominion  
Small wonder our voices in gratitude we raise.  
We each bring our talents to the Organisation  
We celebrate diversity in each rainbow hue  
For Love knows the worth of each precious expression  
Together we reflect the Love that ever shines through.  
No matter the picture that fear sets before us  
Our strength is in Love's total power and care  
We are loving to heal as Christ Jesus came to teach us  
And Christly love informs us and answers each prayer.*





## Christian Science Nursing Manager's Report 2022

*By Florence Mutambara*

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills – From whence comes my help?  
My help comes from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.  
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; He shall preserve thy soul.  
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time  
forth, and even forevermore." (NKJV Ps 121:1,2,7,8)

"Thou art the LORD the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest  
him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name  
of Abraham; And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that  
they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their  
persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty  
waters. Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and  
in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein  
they should go." (KJV Neh 9:7,11,12)

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not into thine  
own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."  
(KJV Prov 3:5,6)

"Remember, thou canst be brought into no condition, be it ever so  
severe, where Love has not been before thee and where its tender  
lesson is not awaiting thee. Therefore, despair not nor murmur, for  
that which seeketh to save, to heal, and to deliver, will guide thee,  
if thou seekest this guidance" (My 149:31-4)

"BELOVED brethren, to-day I extend my heart-and-hand-fellowship  
to the faithful, to those whose hearts have been beating through the  
mental avenues of mankind for God and humanity; and rest assured  
you can never lack God's outstretched arm so long as you are in His  
service." ('01 1:1-6)

"Again, God being infinite Mind, He is the all-wise, all-knowing, all-loving  
Father Mother, for God made man in his own image and likeness,  
and made them male and female as the scriptures declare; then does  
not our heavenly Parent – the divine Mind – include within this Mind  
the thoughts that express different mentalities of man and woman,  
whereby we may consistently say, "Our Father-Mother God"? And does  
not this heavenly Parent know and supply the differing needs of the  
individual mind even as the Scripture declares He will?" ('01 7:8-17)

When I thought through the focus of the message I would share this  
Open Day, I suddenly felt a sense of gratitude for the support and  
inspiration evidenced by the goodwill, love, supply, and healings that  
we have experienced in the middle of the complex last year. I was also

inspired by the weekly Christian Science Bible Lesson which that week included “As the children of Israel were guided triumphantly through the Red Sea, the dark ebbing, and flowing tides of human fear, - as they were led through the wilderness, walking wearily through the great desert of human hopes, and anticipating the promised joy, - so shall the spiritual idea guide all right desires in their passage from sense to soul, from a material sense of existence to the spiritual, up to the glory prepared for them who love God. Stately Science pauses not, but moves before them, a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night, leading to divine heights.” (566:1)

Mary Baker Eddy urges us to pray daily and to seek inspiration and strength to fulfil the tasks set before us. I see this reflected by the Christian Science nurses and by their counterpart, the housekeeping staff, supporting the activity of the Christ on the Christian Science nursing floor. Like any other Christian Science nursing facility or care home we were experiencing shortage of staff but day by day the manna falls, and our daily needs are met in every way. I would like to especially acknowledge colleagues from outside Charton Manor who have played a crucial role in helping us to keep running: Linda Ashton, Selina Cheshire, Lily Gwyllt-Evans, and Suzanne Hope-Wynne, Valerie McIntyre and Mary Osir.

My report would not be complete without giving tribute to the Christian Science nurses, our Administrator, Executive Secretary, and Services Manager for going the extra mile. Thank you, Board of Trustees, Company Members and the wider Christian Science community enfolding us in their embrace.

A key focus this year has been to bring renewal to the equipment used on the Christian Science nursing floor including the beds, equipment, technology, and also the refurbishment of some working spaces such as the room where we prepare ‘cleansing and coverings’ [formerly known as dressings] and to some of our storage spaces. We have been blessed by the long-term loan of a special turning bed by our sister UK Christian Science nursing organisation, Whitehaven Trust.

At each Open Day, Charton Manor opens its doors to the community to develop friendships, make connections, engage with patient and residents’ families, and to celebrate God’s loving care for his creation man, with the key values of Christian Science nursing at its heart. This year we decided to showcase in new videos our facilities and those that live in it and some snippets of their activities.

Our focus is to respond to the needs of those who are under our care. This means that we provide 24-hour care of the highest standard, covering all aspects of Christian Science nursing care. A supportive environment, and an opportunity to actively support the wider cause of Christian Science.

**The key aspects of our caring environment and focus:**

As Christian Science nurses we constantly look for ways to improve the quality of the service our patients and residents receive. We regularly ask our patients, their families and friends about their views, for example about the quality and choice of food and other aspects of the home and this feedback is consistently good.

Our Staff have the right knowledge and skills and qualifications to carry out their role. The home and equipment are well maintained, and managers look for ways to improve safety.

Our role as Christian Science nurses is to uphold the ethos of the Manual By-law for the Christian Science nurse and the qualities of a nurse as expounded by our Leader. We achieve this when we treat our patients with dignity, compassion, respect and kindness, supported by their own Christian Science faith.

It is our duty of love to our staff and patients to upskill. Charton Manor Christian Science nurses continuously receive ongoing professional training from other Christian Science nursing facilities, as well as mandatory courses required by our UK regulator, the Care Quality Commission.



Knowing that we have the support of our local community across the UK, who we exist to serve, makes it so much easier to centre our thought on our main purpose – Christian Science healing. We have witnessed much healing in the last year and are so grateful to all the Christian Science Practitioners that we work with, supporting our patients in so many ways.

We had a patient who, on admission had mobility challenges, within a week was walking independently.

Two patients had who hearing challenges, one of whom such that staff needed to write things down for her to read and reply, both had their hearing restored that they could communicate freely. Two patients had their appetite restored.

We have also been blessed in many ways and are truly grateful for bountiful supply which fully cared for us at a challenging time. We are grateful for clear protection during the pandemic.

This is a small portion of the healings and fruitage we have had but it gives an idea of the Christ at work at Charton Manor and the wonderful work of Christian Science nurses and the Christian Science Practitioners worldwide. We are so grateful for this fruitage.

Certainly, the past year has served as a reminder of our faith Mrs Eddy's injunction: "Every trial of our faith in God makes us stronger. The more difficult seems the material condition to be overcome by Spirit, the stronger should be our faith and the purer our love." (410:14-17)

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Thank you all for the care ... and kindness ... it has been outstanding”

“You feel the love”

“So helpful ... many thanks for help and encouragement”

“loving care ... I will always be grateful

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## Visiting Christian Science Nursing Manager's Report 2022

By Valerie McIntyre

The Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service, London Field, has had an active and fruitful year and I usually work long days and make over 50 visits a month. As well as providing Christian Science nursing of the highest standard, we have been working to improve our paperwork for both The [Christian Science nursing accreditation] Commission and for the Care Quality Commission who are the UK regulator for our Service. I am grateful that our Administrator, Ednah Lawal, has helped me organise consultants for both these very different regulators. Although our visits are meticulously recorded, the consultants are helping to ensure that the format satisfies the needs of both the Christian Science nursing and UK CQC regulators – which is no easy task!

For example, each patient, who is called a Service User in CQC language, has their precise instructions and preferences recorded and their wishes regarding non-medical treatment clearly stated in a way that satisfies everyone including outside agencies. If it isn't noted in online or paper records, then it didn't happen or hasn't been agreed!

Continuing professional education is another requirement of both our Christian Science nursing and UK regulators. For example, in the last year I have taken part in a webinar dealing with Mental Challenges and another on Safeguarding sacred confidence. I also attended a Christian Science nurses Conference online on zoom. In addition, I attended an in-person Moving and Handling course at Charton Manor. There are also several courses required by the CQC which Malcolm helps us to keep up to date with. There are always more courses to take!

Regular peer evaluations by fellow Journal-listed Christian Science nurses are also required by the CQC and Lily Gwyllt-Evans of Whitehaven VCSNS helped and evaluated our work while she was still with them. She wrote "Valerie can certainly be commended for the personalized care she gives to the Service Users." I am grateful that Lily also kindly stood in for me when I took holiday.

I am grateful for many proofs of God's care and love for both the VCSNS' Christian Science nursing patients and also for me (including protection while driving).

Earlier this year I cared for a Service User who was confined to bed. The Biblical promise "that all things work together for good to them that love God," [Rom8:28]



was demonstrated daily. The bed was exceptionally low and had been lovingly propped up by the family to help Carer givers to move and care for the Service User. One morning I sat on the bed and it broke in half!

I was grateful the Service User was not on the bed at the time!

There was building going on next door and the builders kindly removed the broken bed and moved the spare bed into the main bedroom with the added bonus that the Service User could now see outside. All needs were speedily met.

Then to witness the joy when the Service User could stand and be transferred to a wheelchair and have breakfast in the sun sitting in her front room.

And some feedback from recent visiting Christian Science nursing care patients:

“[the Visiting Christian Science nurse] is so dedicated, metaphysical and practical”

“[the Visiting Christian Science nurse] is always encouraging and cheerful. Very loving. So grateful for the help.”

We are blessed with the help and support of other organisations. Charton Manor assists with patient transport and sometimes we call upon private ambulances. Once when a private ambulance didn't arrive, Rex Mendis from Charton Manor came at very short notice with a Christian Science nurse who was on duty that morning at Charton Manor and the three of us moved a Service User down a short flight of stairs and into a vehicle. I was so grateful for the way it worked out in comfort for the Service User. Sincere inspired love – the true impetus of Christian Science nursing – opened up the way.

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I cannot speak for the Christian Science healing, not being Christian Scientist. I can say that I have the highest regard for the care [my relative receives]. It is both loving and efficient”

“Dedicated, both metaphysically and practically”

“Always encouraging and cheerful. Very loving. So grateful

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## Administrator's Report 2022

By Ednah Lawal

"Thine, O Lord is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all." (1Chron 29:11,12)

We all at Charton Manor and the Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service, London Field, extend our warmest love to you and gratitude for your support over the past year.

We are especially grateful for Mrs Eddy's provision and inclusion of this wonderful By-law for all members. Please allow me to share it again here:

"Christian Science Nurse. Section 31. A member of The Mother Church who represents himself or herself as a Christian Science nurse shall be one who has a demonstrable of Christian Science practice, who thoroughly understands the practical wisdom necessary in a sick room, and who can take proper care of the sick. The cards of such persons may be inserted in The Christian Science Journal under rules established by the publishers." (Man 49:7-16)

Since 1937 Hawthorne Trust Limited has been providing Christian Science nursing care for those who choose to rely entirely on God for healing, and our Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service has been serving London and the home counties since 1951 (and Hawthorne Trust was asked to run it since 2006).

In addition to the Christian Science nursing which is our *raison d'être*, we also provide Assisted Living residential care that is available to those in "the advancing stages of their careers [who] need the watchful and tender care of those who want to help them." ('01:29:5-7) To live in a community of active Christian Scientists with all your day-to-day needs met. We currently have Assisted Living vacancies.

We recently updated our Mission Statement which is now "Loving to heal the Christ way" – please see Gillian Smith's inspiring poem in this newsletter.

I would also like to send special gratitude to our Board of Directors for their tireless work and love shown to all – on behalf of all my colleagues here at Charton Manor and our VCSNS, we say a heartfelt thank you. I would also like to extend special thanks and acknowledgment to my colleagues in the office, Malcom Millington our Executive Secretary, and Rex Mendis, our Service Manager. You both make the work much easier and joyful for the rest of us. A big thank you.

This year when we had a local authority hygiene inspection of our kitchen, food and food service areas, we were again awarded the highest 5 star rating. How grateful I am for the hard work of the kitchen and housekeeping staff.

“Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.” (Mal 3:10)

Our Christian Science nursing facility is so blessed in so many ways among which is a lovely Woodland Walk through our grounds and orchards. This Woodland Walk is so frequently used by our service users, visitors and staff that it is rather worn out. The current twenty-year-old tarmac is being replaced and widened at a cost of £50,000. If you can, please support us by donating towards this specific project. The Woodland Walk gets much use and is greatly appreciated with benches and stops along its winding route.

Our current Christian Science nursing beds were among the best in the market when they were bought nearly thirty years ago. After faithful service they now need replacing. The estimated total cost of replacing these beds is around £35,000. This is also something that we also seek your financial support for and plays a key part in how we express loving support to our Christian Science nursing care patients at their time of need.

Over the past year, The Aid Fund for Christian Scientists in Need of Nursing Care ceased to financially support our Christian Science nursing care patients as we lost our accreditation by The Commission. I'm so grateful that the Board of Hawthorne Trust have agreed for the benevolent funds of both Charton Manor, and the Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service to meet this shortfall to ensure uninterrupted financial support to those who may need it, meaning no financial distraction from the Christian Science healing that they seek. We continue to admit new Christian Science nursing care patients, vacancies and staffing permitting.

We are being guided by The Manual directive of “wisdom, economy, and brotherly love” (Man 77:19) in our affairs. Once again, I'm grateful to report that both Charton and our Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service, London Field, are in a good financial position.

May I take this opportunity to thank individuals, churches, organisations, and our local authority, who have all supported us with generous prayers, donations, gifts and financial support. You have all helped us to continue to support those in need of Christian Science nursing support and care – thank you one and all for your part in fulfilling the Manual By-law for the Christian Science nurse.

## IMAGINE!

*By Brian Blandford*

Imagine how that widow felt – surprise  
At his arrival at the gates of Nain,  
And him instructing her to dry her eyes –  
His touch which raised her son to life again.  
Imagine Jairus' feelings on the day  
When, urging him to come, but as he came  
They brought the news the child had passed away.  
“Fear not,” he said, “I’m coming just the same.”  
Imagine! What did Martha, grieving, think  
When he told her to roll away the stone  
That sealed her brother’s tomb? “By now he’ll stink!”  
“Now you and Mary, take your brother home.”  
We’ll know those feelings, as we witness, too,  
The resurrected Christ embracing you.

[See Luke chapter 7; Luke chapter 8; John chapter 11]



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