



NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2022

Dear Friends

We at The Aid Fund continue to be grateful to be able to administer the support this fund provides to those in need of Christian Science nursing care. Over the last two years The Aid Fund is pleased to report it has paid out approximately £722,600 in grants - to cover the costs of Christian Science nursing provided through Christian Science Nursing facilities,

Visiting Christian Science Nurse Services and by Christian Science nurses working in the field.

During this time, we have worked to be flexible and responsive, adjusting how we can support individuals in sometimes greatly changing circumstances. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that work for and support our Christian Science Nursing facilities and who have been working as Christian Science nurses throughout this time.

We have also been deeply grateful for those who have given to The Aid Fund. Our funds on hand continue to be healthy and the trustees are looking at ways we can provide more help - whilst of course still remaining within the framework of our Trust Deed. Please read on to see the changes we are making.

*We thank thee for work in the wide harvest field
For gladness that ripens when sorrow is healed;
Made strong with Thy goodness that meets every need,
We gather the fruit of the Sower's good seed.*

(The Christian Science Hymnal, No. 150)

Change of Secretary

For those who have not already become aware, The Aid Fund now has a new Secretary, as of October 2021.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Kylie Sisson for all her work, commitment and prayerful caretaking of The Aid Fund for over 6 years. She took on the reins from her predecessor with all the qualities we needed and went on to keep The Aid Fund abreast of the times, adjusting to present needs and lovingly supporting those in need of Christian Science nursing care.

Stepping into the role we would like to introduce Annabel Bound. In addition to previous secretarial experience she also brings with her experience as a Christian Science Nurse.

*Stand in his
presence, unafraid,
In praise lift up
your voice.*

(The Christian Science Hymnal,
No. 342)

She was at Charton Manor for two years before continuing to train in the field, working for more than two more years as a Christian Science nurse, responding to the needs of patients in their homes. She is so grateful for this time and for all she learnt - and continues to use these lessons and skills every day in her work for The Aid Fund.

*All perfect gifts are from above,
And all our blessings show
The amplitude of God's dear love
which every heart may know...*

(The Christian Science Hymnal, No. 342)

Removal of the 'means test' assessment - Please apply where there is a need

Inspired by the 'free at the point of need' principle, the Trustees have decided to make funding more available to all those in need of Christian Science nursing care by removing the means test in the grant applications. This is very much in the spirit of what inspired the inception of The Aid Fund and the funds that came together to create it.

We will work with Christian Science nursing facilities, Visiting Christian Science Nurse Services and Christian Science nurses to support them in sharing this information with those they are caring for. We also warmly encourage all those that feel a need for Christian Science nursing and would like support in meeting the cost, to be in touch with the Secretary of The Aid Fund, by email or phone. We would love to help.

Please don't let concern about meeting the cost cause hesitation in reaching out for support.

The updated Aid Fund application forms will soon be on our new website which is in process of being updated - see below.

In due course you will also be able to see a revised schedule of maximum assistance that outlines the Christian Science nursing costs which The Aid Fund will cover. We encourage everyone to look at the Christian Science Nursing Scope of Services to understand what Christian Science nursing care includes and what it does not.

As stated in the Christian Science Nursing Scope of Services and Aid Fund requirements, those individuals working with a Christian Science nurse will also be working with a Journal-listed Christian Science practitioner.

*The Lord will hear before we call,
And every need supply;
Good things are freely given to all
Who on His word rely.*

(The Christian Science Hymnal, No. 342)

New website - csaidfund.org.uk

We are happy to announce that our new website, with a refreshed design and layout, is now live at csaidfund.org.uk. We hope you find it helpful and an easy way to learn how The Aid Fund can provide support. Some Aid Fund forms are still in the process of being updated, but we hope you find the new website user-friendly, and look forward to hearing from you about any ways we can help.

Our thanks to Trevor Marr for all his work and website support over the years and to the Joint Christian Science Reading Room UK for developing this new website design.

New contact details

Please note our new contact details:

The Secretary of The Aid Fund
PO Box 98, Cockermouth,
Cumbria, CA13 3BL
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Thank you again for all you do to support us - and the work of Christian Science nursing. Please be in touch if you have a need for funding for Christian Science nursing and/or have any questions about how we are able to help.

With love from The Aid Fund.

Secretary - Annabel Bound
Trustees - Edwin de Leon,
Antoinette Glynn, Robin Harragin-
Hussey (Chair), Valerie Malley,
Audrey Sentinella, John Wilson.

*Dear Father and Saviour, we thank Thee for Life,
And courage that rises undaunted by strife.
For confident giving and giving's reward,
For beauty and love in the life of our Lord*
(The Christian Science Hymnal, No. 342)

The Aid Fund for Christian Scientists in Need of Nursing Care

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