



NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2025

*Help us to help each other, Lord,
Each other's cross to bear;
Let each his friendly aid afford,
And feel his brother's care.*

The Christian Science Hymnal, No. 105

Dear Friends,

We would like to begin this newsletter by expressing our huge gratitude to you, for all the support The Aid Fund (TAF) receives, whether via direct donations, standing orders or through legacies and bequests. Each and every donation contributes directly to the funds we use to continue TAF's work, providing funding to all those wishing to receive Christian Science nursing care, and to have it readily available without concern about the cost.

Following removal of the means test in 2020, TAF continues to receive messages of gratitude

from patients for their being able to request Christian Science nursing care, immediately and without hesitation at the point of need, as they know the cost will be covered, with their being able to contribute to whatever degree is comfortable.

It is a joy for the trustees and secretary to support the administration of this fund, being able to meet the needs that arise in this way, and to look at all the ways TAF is able to respond within the scope of its Trust Deed and Objects.

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Grants for Christian Science Nursing Care

We are happy to report that, over the last financial year May 2024 to April 2025 TAF has been able to pay out £501,019 in grants for Christian Science nursing care. This shows an increase to grants paid in 2023-24, totalling £435,609 and also to grants paid in 2022-23, totalling £233,630.

It is expected this increase in grants paid has been in part due to the removal of the means test and increases in costs to provide Christian Science nursing care. However, this is also undoubtedly due to the tireless work being carried out to make Christian Science nursing care more available to patients whenever and wherever it is needed.

Lime Tree House has been working at near full capacity in its warm and welcoming Christian Science House, witnessing Christian Science healing in action on a daily basis and rejoicing to see patients returning home again. Please do call and let them know of a need as they will always work to meet it where they can.

Likewise **Whitehaven Trust's Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service for the UK** has continued actively to expand its reach, responding to calls where Christian Science nursing care is needed and can be provided in the home. In addition there are a precious number of **CSJ-listed Christian Science Nurses** also ready to respond to calls at home.

We would also like to mention with gratitude that while Lime Tree House or the Visiting Christian Science Nurse Service for the UK has been working at full capacity, **Le Verger**, the Christian Science House in Switzerland, has welcomed patients from the UK, and that these UK patients have also been able to receive TAF funding.

Each of these Christian Science nursing organisations is working closely together to ensure every need is met.

All TAF grants are paid out in response to patient applications being made for Christian Science nursing care provided by all of the above.

*Help us to build each other up,
Our little stock improve;
Increase our faith, confirm our hope,
And perfect us in love.*

Additional Funding provided by TAF

In addition to grants paid out for Christian Science nursing care we are happy to report TAF has also been able to continue to provide funding via the B-Fund – a restricted fund held within the TAF portfolio whose object is ‘for building, equipping and maintaining Christian Science Houses.’ During the year this fund has been able to provide funding for Lime Tree House to carry out needed building repairs and improvements and to provide new Christian Science nursing equipment, needed to meet UK care requirements and to provide the continued high standard of care Christian Science nursing requires.

TAF has also been grateful to provide funding to the **Christian Science Nursing Association (UK)** to cover ongoing costs for their secretarial and event admin support, assisting the committee in its work. Please visit their website **csnauk.org.uk** to find out more about their activities – supporting Christian Science Nurses and encouraging collaboration between Christian Science Nurses,

Christian Science nursing organisations, and funders, all working together to benefit the field of Christian Science nursing in the UK.

This has involved TAF agreeing three tranches of £30k, since 2019. With this funding, the committee has had the secretarial and admin support needed to meet regularly, organise CS nursing conferences and events, recently held in 2022, 2023 and 2024 and produce regular newsletters for the movement. In addition, TAF has been able to provide the funding to collate all content for and design of the Information Pack for Christian Science Nurses and Christian Science nursing – sent last year to branch churches and societies in the UK as well as to Christian Science Nurses, and Christian Science Practitioners. This Directory is also now available online, via the CSNA(UK) website.

*Up unto Thee, our living Head,
Let us in all things grow;
Till Thou hast made us free indeed,
And spotless here below.*

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Change in Trustees

In the last few years, we have also seen a number of changes to the trustees serving The Aid Fund.

We would like to express warmest thanks to Audrey Sentinella, Robin Harrigan-Hussey and Edwin de Leon, who have each stepped down as trustees in the last few years. On stepping down each expressed their continued love and support for TAF and its activities.

In place of these three individuals TAF has been happy to welcome Wendy Carter and Pamela Rigby to join fellow trustees Antoinette Glynn, Valerie Malley and John F Wilson in serving TAF.

Wendy Carter is a long time and class taught Christian Scientist who brings with her extensive experience setting up and running her own successful business. Adding to the range of experience held collectively between the trustees she values TAF's work and learning more about the Christian Science nursing field in the UK.

Pamela Rigby brings with her over 30 years' experience as a Christian Science Nurse, working in Christian Science Houses around the world, and providing Christian Science nursing in the home.

The trustees are always happy to hear of anyone interested in serving as a trustee and encourage you to 'let us know' if you would like to find out more about what the work involves. Please do be in touch with the Secretary, either by email or phone to hear more.

We continue with gratitude...

We warmly encourage all those that feel a need for Christian Science nursing and would like support in meeting the cost, to reach out without hesitation – whether by being in touch with the Secretary of The Aid Fund, by email or phone directly, or via a Christian Science House, Visiting Christian Science Nurse Services or CSJ-listed Christian Science Nurse in the UK. We are here to help and urge you not to let concern about the cost cause any hesitation in reaching out for support.

Up to date TAF application forms are available on our website - csaidfund.org.uk - together with helpful background information. If you are a resident of the UK, working with a CSJ-listed Practitioner and CSJ-listed Christian Science Nurse you will likely qualify for this funding.

We would like to close this newsletter by saying how very grateful we are for the dedicated work of all Christian Science nurses around the world, those caring for Christian Scientists in the UK more specifically, and for the support that comes from the UK field to The Aid Fund.

With love from The Aid Fund.

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