



Providing at-home  
Christian Science  
nursing care  
throughout England



**Whitehaven  
Trust**





**"Our mission is to provide services that support and maintain the ministry of Christian Science nursing to those relying on Christian Science for healing."**

The Whitehaven Trust Mission

## **We provide at-home (domiciliary) care for individuals who rely on Christian Science for healing**

Our service provides practical support and care for those relying on Christian Science for healing.

Those who wish to use the service are required to be working with, or willing to engage the help of, a Christian Science practitioner listed in the current *Christian Science Journal*.

Our service is audited and regulated to uphold high standards of care. We are accredited by The Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities, Inc., and registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) as providing adult personal care.



# What is a Christian Science Nurse?

The founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, established the authority and standard for the Christian Science nurse in the *Manual of The Mother Church*. (Page 49, Article VIII, Section 31):

**“Christian Science Nurse.** SECT 31. 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.

The cards of such persons may be inserted in *The Christian Science Journal* under rules established by the publishers.”







## A team of Christian Science nurses across the whole of England

Our service has Christian Science nurses across England providing support to individuals in their homes. Delivered as a domiciliary care service, we provide temporary care and support in the home - throughout England.

Our service is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Christian Science Nursing Organizations/Facilities Inc. and registered under the Health and Social Care Act 2008 with the Care Quality Commission to provide personal care services to adults eighteen years and over in their own homes.

Christian Science nurses are not medical nurses registered by the Nurses and Midwifery Council. The service does not include any medical or diagnostic services.





## Our Christian Science Nursing Service and how it works

The practice of a Christian Science nurse is based on Christ Jesus' two commandments – to love God and to love our neighbour (see Matthew 22: 37–39).

We are committed to providing skilled, professional care that meets an individual's physical needs and is consistent with the theology of Christian Science. We ensure that those who use our service give their consent to the care we provide.

### **The scope of service for the Christian Science nurse, as approved by The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts:**

- Accepting a case with the expectancy of complete and quick healing;
- Giving care that is consistent with the theology and ethics of Christian Science;
- Loving reassurance of God's tender care, ever-presence, and omnipotence; faithfully and consistently acknowledging each individual's spiritual perfection;
- Christian encouragement of a patient's appropriate expression of activity and vitality;
- Reading to or with an individual from the Bible, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures and other writings by Mary Baker Eddy; also, additional literature published by The Christian Science Publishing Society;
- Communication: maintaining an ethical, moral, and loving manner in all communications with the patient, family, friends, Christian Science practitioner, and others; observing ethical and legal requirements with regard to private information about the patient;
- Surroundings: maintaining an atmosphere that is conducive to spiritual healing and supportive of harmonious care;
- Personal care and bathing: assisting with all necessary care to meet the needs of cleanliness and comfort;
- Mobility: assisting with mobility including assisting with standing, walking, moving and settling with or without mobility aids or comfort items;
- Nourishment: preparing and modifying food; assisting with feeding; giving appropriate encouragement to eat;
- Cleansing/ bandaging: cleansing, covering, and bandaging, to provide for cleanliness, protection, support, and comfort;
- Instructing the patient or others in providing care for meeting individual needs;
- Being obedient to the laws of the land.



# Financial support available

The Aid Fund for Christian Scientists in Need of Nursing Care can provide financial assistance with the cost of care. A Christian Science nurse can help you with an application.

The International Fund for Christian Science Nursing (IFCSN) is administered by The Principle Foundation (USA) and welcomes applications from the United Kingdom.

For information on costs, please contact the manager on 0800 0304 157.







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**Want to find out more?**

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