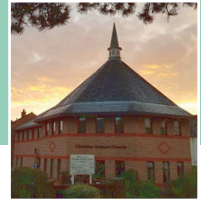


A lifetime of protection



I attended the Christian Science Sunday School in Bournemouth when I was 5 years old, progressing to the Church when old enough.

In 1955 I married and we made our home in Parkstone, as I attended this local Branch Church and God's loving care has always been there for me all of my life.

As a young child I would often fall down the stairs at home but I never came to any harm. During the War, when there were hardly any cars on the roads, I used to love exploring them on my bike. One day while cycling along, I wondered if I could just sit on the saddle with no feet on the peddles and no hands on the handlebars! Of course not! And I went straight into a lamp post, but again I came to no harm.

In 1948 I did have an accident when I was cycling to work. It was a pouring wet morning and going down Richmond Hill in Bournemouth, I realised my brakes were not working! I quickly knew I could never be out of God's tender loving care. When I got to the Echo Office where I had to turn left, there was a car parked outside the Church on the opposite corner. I knew I mustn't hit the car and damage it, so, could I get my front wheel over the kerb, onto the narrow pavement and go between the car and Church? No! As soon as my front wheel touched the kerb, I was catapulted head-first into the stone wall of the Church. After a few moments of praying, I picked myself up and got back onto my bike because I knew a bus load of workers were going to be discharged at any moment into this road and I didn't want them to find me on the ground. I then walked the few yards to where I parked my bike and went to work. Except for a few scratches on my face and hands, I was OK.

In 1952 I was knocked off my bike by a car.

I was cycling along the main Wimborne Road in Winton when a car behind me, wanted to turn left but didn't seem to see me going by this side road and caught me sideways on. It was the day the King died and I think the 2 ladies were very upset by the news that they were not paying full attention. The bike was well mangled but I was able to extract myself from the carnage and I was OK. The ladies drove me home after the Police had finished with us.

As I have got older I have had quite a few falls on the pavements from the uneven paving slabs but never have I broken any bones or been taken to Hospital.

I am truly most grateful for God's tender loving care of me, all these years.

A long-standing member of Poole Christian Science Church's congregation.

**Sing unto the Lord a new song:
sing unto the Lord, all the earth. Psalms 96
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