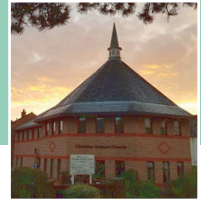


Broken bones healed by prayer during lockdown



An Ashley Cross Church member tells her story of how she was healed during lockdown.

"48 hours before the first lockdown commenced last year, I was running one last errand at my local shops. As I was crossing the road I tripped, and landed first on the bonnet of a car that was parked in a layby, and then face down on the pavement.

An ambulance quickly arrived and I was taken to Poole Hospital and X-rayed. A consultant told me that the X-rays showed multiple and complex fractures to my shoulder which would probably need corrective surgery, but that they didn't want to admit me to the ward during a pandemic.

I was told that without surgical intervention it could take up to a year before I had full movement and strength, and I was sent home to rest and 'let nature take its course'.

Our home was a sanctuary of peace, calm and all-embracing love, and this could only enable my progress. It felt as if we were in Noah's Ark – protected, shielded, and safe.



We had all our provisions in our 'ark'.

So I spent this time in our 'ark' in prayer and study. My prayers included verses from the Bible and from its companion book, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy. I used this time to be a better person – all from the comfort of my armchair.

A Bible verse from Genesis 9: 13 was comforting; "*I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.*"

I began to witness that promise in my physical progress. After three weeks of sleeping in an

armchair I was able to sleep in my own bed, comfortably and without interruption, for 7-8 hours each night.

After five weeks, I was cutting the grass with an electric mower regularly until lockdown restrictions lifted and our gardener returned.

One of many blessings during this time was the online church services on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, which Poole church organised to replace the in-church services while churches were closed. These online services became a highlight– a feast during a famine. In Christian Science we learn that stillness and calm are essential for healing, reminding me that our home, our locked-down, shielded, peaceful home, provided me the stillness and quiet that was so essential for my own healing.

Instead of attending hospital appointments, I received telephone calls from the Consultant who asked me to describe how I was. Each time I reported positive progress, and the calls always ended with the consultant saying: "*Well, you do seem to be doing remarkably well!*"

After 12 weeks I was called back to Poole Hospital for a second x-ray to monitor healing of the bones and saw before and after X-rays. The before X-ray showed 7 fractures, and the after X-ray showed a perfectly healed, normal looking bone.

The consultant commented that I had made a really good job of breaking the bone, but that I had made an even better job of mending it and I was discharged.

I'm so grateful for this wonderful reminder of God's healing power; for membership in our local Christian Science church here in Poole and to be able to testify that physical healing by prayer alone is taking place right here, right now, on our doorstep in Ashley Cross!"



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