

# *The Plainfield Independent* *Newsletter*

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## OUR THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY

By Mary Baker Eddy

“Every day, every hour, our work increases in effectiveness and power.”

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## THINK UPON THIS

Be at war with your vices, at peace  
with your neighbors, and let every  
new year find you a better man.

Benjamin Franklin

## A QUOTE FROM THE PAST

Little progress can be made by merely  
attempting to repress what is evil. Our  
great hope lies in developing what is  
good.

Calvin Coolidge

## GEMS FROM OUR HERITAGE

By Stephen T. Evans

Don't try, do it!

### JIM'S CORNER

Angels can fly because they can  
take themselves lightly.

Gilbert K. Chesterton

## JOY

Change the world with your smile, but  
don't let the world change your smile.

Author Unknown

## EARLY BEGINNINGS FROM OUR PAST

From *Science and Health*,  
*First Edition*

by Mary Baker Glover

Immortal man and woman (and there  
are none other), are unfading  
perfection, models of beauty that  
reflect all loveliness inasmuch as they  
are “the image and likeness of God,”  
of Soul and not sense.

## QUOTE FROM SCIENCE AND HEALTH

by Mary Baker Eddy

Christ, God's idea, will eventually  
rule all nations and peoples—  
imperatively, absolutely, finally—  
with divine Science.

## QUOTES FROM PETER V. ROSS

The Maker constructed you in  
perfection and insured His work for an  
indefinite period. You are directly  
under omnipotent command and  
enlightenment.

## **“A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD”**

In this issue, we will be visiting the small Danish island of Moen (Mon), courtesy of Stephan who lives in Germany.

The Sea is the Baltic Sea, touching Germany, all of Scandinavia and Russia, plus Poland, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia.

The piles in the water below are groynes, they serve to protect the beach from a loss of sand.



The village below used to be a fishermen's village and is now part of a sport skipper's Marina.



The birds below are gray geese or barnacle geese. See the heart they form between them!



The picture below was not changed electronically, the weather brought heavy snowfall!



A beach house with a wonderful view on the seaside. See the house nestled at the edge of the trees.



Below is an incredible balance construction that I managed. Sometimes it's like that in our lives—

things succeed that no one would have thought possible!



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## **SOUND EQUIPMENT UPGRADE**

**Carol Conroy**

Our much loved Jim Dible left an inheritance to our church, the church he dearly loved. After much prayer, the thought came clearly to upgrade our 20- to 30-year-old (or older!) sound equipment. Jeremy was happy to take on the task.

The upgrade took quite a few months to accomplish, step by step, prayerfully selecting each component as best to suit our needs, and it is finally complete. The sound quality is vastly better when you listen through your computer than it was previously. The sound quality through cell phones may not be as noticeable, since the

quality of cell phone speakers varies considerably. Listening to the Christmas Eve service on your computer is like being here in person!

## **GUIDANCE FROM ABOVE**

**Jeremy Palmer**

I am very grateful for this church and for the practitioner support I have had, which has enabled me to learn about pure Christian Science and how to practically apply Science in all areas of my life. It has completely changed my life.

I have been working for the last few months to get new audio equipment for the church, and I have been so grateful that I was able to have the time to pray about each piece.

I started this project early last Summer by proposing to the Church Board what I hoped to do, and gave them a budget to go with it. That budget was arrived at, not by listing all the pieces I wanted to buy and adding them together, but by praying about the number without specifically knowing what I was supposed to buy. When I finally arrived at a number I felt peaceful with, I trusted it was just what God was giving to me.

Fast forward to now, and the project came in at \$175.05 under budget, and I have such gratitude for all I have learned here about how to pray and how to trust God.

My other bit of gratitude from this was for the fact that I was able to trust in the unfolding of God's plan, and even though it took around six months, I was able to calmly trust that

God was showing me what to do in His time.

As each piece was needed, I took the human footsteps and did research; but when decision time came, I knew without a doubt which piece God wanted us to purchase. Sometimes it wasn't the most popular model, but when I felt a sense of complete peace, I knew that was the one.

Tonight is the first broadcast where the components have all been in place. The transition has been very smooth and free of stress, which is a testament to this Science and to practitioner support, since I was never capable of being free of stress before coming here.

I am very grateful for all I have learned here about Christian Science and from my practitioner that has allowed me to demonstrate in this way, and to trust God. My deep thanks to this church for supporting my growth spiritually these past nine-and-a-half years so that I am able to be of use to God.

## LETTERS OF GRATITUDE

Thank you very much for the absolutely beautiful Christmas Eve Service! It was absolutely the highlight of our Christmas Day. We packed our picnic basket very early and went to the Royal Botanical Gardens and found a spot under a nice big gumtree to tune into Plainfield. It was quite hot here, around 90 degrees,

but the cool shade of the gum was so lovely, and we heard the whole thing. The singing was beautiful, all the little children, the congregation, and the group harmonies, so beautiful—and WOW Jon's voice! Amazing! The article he read, "A solitary life," Wow! Have never heard that before, so precious and beautiful. The beautiful readings, bells and all the instruments were so beautiful, it lit up the world with the purest Love for our dear Christ Jesus. Thank you so very much for all you do, Plainfield.

*Imogene from Australia*

I want to thank everyone at Plainfield for all you do — for the website resources, services, Roundtables, printing, translating, recording, researching and so much more. Also, to thank everyone who telephones in with such inspiring testimonies. It is all such a blessing to the world, and I am hugely grateful to have found Plainfield.

Thank you for the *Love is the Liberator* magazine, with lots of excellent articles.

Thank you also for the Christmas Eve service, which included lots of really lovely music and singing, and must have involved a great deal of practice and preparation.

I'm so grateful for all the good Plainfield provides. Thank you all so much!

*Ann from England*

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