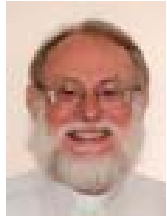




*The Order of St Luke the Physician*  
*Aotearoa New Zealand*  
**HEAL-LINK**

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**Committed to Jesus' healing of people,  
 situations, nations, and creation.**



*Greetings from National Chaplain Lionel*

Dear Friends,

I have just finished chairing our annual OSL Executive meeting. This is an opportunity for the members of Executive to get together to consider the work of OSL in New Zealand and to seek God's direction for the future. It is also a time of worship and prayer as well as getting to know one another better. I always enjoy this time together. The meeting this year was held at Totara Springs Christian Camp near Matamata. The main reason for meeting there was for the Executive to have a look at the camp with a view to holding the 2013 International OSL Conference there. We have agreed that it has all the facilities one needs to hold such a conference plus the fact that it is reasonably priced.

We also needed to make arrangements for our 2011 NZ Warden's Council and Conference. After giving careful consideration to costs and facilities we decided not to proceed with the Blenheim venue as originally planned. This was because the costs were going to be too high. We are now going to hold the next Triennial Conference at Totara Springs Christian Centre, 288c Taihoa North Road, Matamata, from Monday 17 to Thursday 20 October 2011.

We are also pleased to advise that our keynote speaker will be the Rev Murray Talbot. Murray is the senior pastor of the Hornby Presbyterian Community Church. This is one of the largest Presbyterian Churches in NZ. He has been there for 21 years and has seen the parish grow not only numerically but in effective ministry to all ages in the community. Murray is a very good biblical teacher who has a real pastoral heart for people. It is not too early to start saving and preparing to come to the Warden's Council and Conference.

Another good reason to come to next year's conference is that we will be celebrating 50 years of Order of St Luke in



New Zealand. It will be an opportunity to give thanks to God for those who pioneered the work of the Order in New Zealand and to look forward to the future. I believe that fifty years on the Order of St Luke still has an important role to play in the Christian community in New Zealand. So I urge you to start planning to come and celebrate this important milestone. Yours in his service,

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**News from Northern Area – A new chapter:**

**Bay of Islands Chapter 4 March 2010**

God has really been in the re-formation of the Bay of Islands Chapter. Many years ago I attended an OSL Meeting at Paihia at which the Rev Frank Rigg spoke on Luke 6:27-28:

*But I say to you, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you"*

I have put this into practise and found that 'it really works'.

When I moved to Kerikeri, in April last year, I saw the Rev John McClean at an Archdeaconry Meeting. He said, "You will be able to form an OSL group up here" I replied, "No! I will WAIT for the Lord". That is what has happened!

In September, the Rev Derek Lightbourne was to stop over with a friend, prior to a seminar at Whangarei. I wondered if he could speak to a gathering here in Kerikeri, and Derek agreed for the Friday morning.

I made contacts around the area. Derek's teaching was much appreciated. I gave out the OSL leaflets, and asked who might be interested in a group. We set a date for the first meeting.

I had rung Rev Heather Lindauer of Russell (who had been selling my book, "**Years Before Waitangi**" at the Russell Museum since 1987) and rang the Anglican and the Union Ministers at Paihia. Jennifer Gilchrist, an ex Nurse has joined us. At Kaikohe, Natasha Robinson, a full member, had been travelling to Whangarei to OSL Meetings and she was delighted to join us. With Natasha came her sister Tui Whiu, who has a degree and teaches part-time.

Rev Sue Reid, our Chaplain, rings every morning at 8am with the Parish Prayer List. She has long been interested in the healing ministry. Her husband died suddenly last year. Several weeks later, her bedroom filled with LIGHT, and on two subsequent nights also. She is special to the Lord.

I contacted the Rev Christina Morunga, minister of the North Hokianga Union church, who I know well, and from North Hokianga came June Hick who has long time contact with OSL prayer and Bible study, also Pat and Monty Irvine. Elizabeth Stott, a Lay Associate of the Anglican St Francis Fellowship, attends our meetings too.

*God has placed a 'Circle of Prayer' around the Bay of Islands, from Russell, to Paihia, Kaikohe, North Hokianga and Kerikeri.*

Yes! The Lord did move in HIS time. Our people are an amazing group of mature, prayerful, Bible-based Christians who know the Risen Jesus.

It is HIS work, to HIS GLORY only.

At our last Meeting, on Maundy Thursday, we looked at John chapters 14 to 17, our Lord's last discourse to His Disciples. This wonderful teaching, centred on the coming of the Holy Spirit, excited us all, and someone commented on John 15:16,

*"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit"*

It has been humbling to see God at work, as a result of prayer and LISTENING to the Lord. The Inaugural service with Rev Brian and Shirley Flower was a real blessing, with 12 OSL members from Whangarei joining us, 24 in all. The Presence of the Lord was very real - His Love, Joy and Peace. The service was followed by a shared lunch, with a special OSL chocolate cake made by June Hick. **Rev Pat Bawden Convenor/Secretary**

**Note!** There are some photos on the "Event Archives" of the website. Editor

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**and from Tararua Area another new chapter:**

***Inauguration of Harbour Chapter***

14 March was a red-letter day for OSLNZ. A new chapter had been inaugurated which overlooks Wellington Harbour, hence the new chapter's title, HARBOUR CHAPTER, directly linked as an Anglican chapter being from St Barnabas Parish of Roseneath in Wellington.

Everything started at the 10am high mass with clouds of incense and Warden-Emeritus Brian Hooper preaching the message referring to ancient Greek particles of letters from the early church in relation to healing and care for one another in the faith community at that time and how it relates to today's faith communities and the OSL.

Then the Rev Father Stephen King was admitted as full member of the Order along with several associates being welcomed at the service. Then followed a short healing service and the celebration of the Eucharist. Following the service morning tea then lunch were served.

After lunch the welcome of more associates, the formal inauguration of the new Harbour chapter, the commissioning of the Rev Deacon John Mullis, as the inaugural chapter convenor, and the induction of the Rev Fr Stephen King as the chapter chaplain followed.

Greetings were received from the OSLNZ Executive, the National Chaplain, the General Treasurer, Johnsonville and Wellington North Chapters. Following this the first formal healing teaching took place.

***Dennis Cassells-Minnoch  
Chaplain Wellington North Chapter***

**Note!** With this email came photos – Dennis comments about the attached photos, *"No, they aren't fuzzy, it's just the great cloud of incense of our prayers going up to God filling the interior of St. Barnabas church."* These photos can be viewed on our OSLNZ web site. Editor

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***A Poem for Pentecost -- author not known.***

"In a little while," he told them,  
"you will see me again."  
He did not say how the sight  
would come,  
only that it surely would.

They waited;  
and the wind came, blowing freely.  
They waited;  
and the fire came, leaping joyfully.  
They waited;  
and the Spirit came, kindly as a dove.

The wind kissed their fear  
and hurled a fierce hope before them.  
The fire was a blazing passion,  
consuming life within them.  
And the dove lifted them  
on wings of incomprehensible peace and joy.

Then, consumed by their coming,  
they went and consumed the world  
with Christ's love.  
And now we come, waiting.



## ***News from the Executive meeting May 2010***

The Executive met this month at Totara Springs Christian Centre, Matamata. Derek Lightbourne attended as proxy for Graham Hawkey and Neville Cooper attended as an observer.

Revs Jenny Quince and Faye Davenport were inducted as area chaplains for Northern and Central areas and Mrs Janice Cooper was commissioned as Northern area convenor.



***Newly commissioned Executive Officers  
Janice, Faye and Jenny with National Chaplain Lionel at Executive 2010.***

Each day commenced and concluded with devotions mainly led by the new members of Executive except for the opening and closing of the meeting which was led by our National Chaplain Lionel, the closing service being communion. Derek also led one evening service.

It was reported that the membership roll had dropped by just eight members over the last twelve months compared with sixty three during the previous twelve months.

Prices of literature are having to be increased due to the rise in paper costs and these increases will be shown on the website. Some of those which have been increased had been very much underpriced. The prices shown on the website are the retail prices and apply to non-members wishing to purchase our publications such as studies, pamphlets and cards. Members of OSL will receive a 20% discount on the listed prices, bringing them back, in most cases, to no or very little increase.

Concern was expressed by General Treasurer Michael that 20% of members had not yet paid their subscription for the current year ending 30 June 2010. These were due by 31 August 2009 at the latest.



**Note:** can chapter secretaries and treasurers please follow up these outstanding subscriptions urgently.

Area Chaplains and Convenors were issued with a copy each of the "blue books of services from the handbook" so that they could promote them to the chapters and OSL healing groups in their area. Five chapters and OSL groups have purchased these and are finding them useful at their meetings and services for non-members and visitors to use. They currently cost \$8 for ten but when the present stocks are sold there will be a price rise due to the increasing cost of materials.

Notices of coming events to be placed on the website are welcomed and are a form of advertising at no cost and provide an opening to attract visitors from outside the Order. This is not restricted to the National Chaplain and Missioners but is available to all Chapters to use for special events and guest speakers to their meetings.

Preparation of concept plans for a chapel/meeting room and at least 3 accommodation units at OSL House has been asked for with a view for development of the property so that it can be used both as a healing home and also as a venue where the OSL Executive can meet annually. Suggestions for the development are to be presented to the next Triennial Conference in 2011. When such developments are approved in principle then fundraising can begin and members may like to give consideration to this.

It was reported that nearly all the replacement handbooks for existing members had been delivered and that the rest would be delivered by the end of June. If any one has not received theirs by this time then please advise the Co-General Secretaries.

Members of Executive really enjoyed the venue and voted unanimously to have the 2011 Triennial Conference held there. The hot pool was a real draw card as well as the ninety acres of land which the centre is situated on with a wide range of activities available including a bush walk.

As mentioned by Lionel our Golden Jubilee is to be held at the 2011 Triennial Conference. There was some considerable debate as to when the NZ Order actually began and reference to the handbook page 6 will show several events each of which could be taken as the beginning but the first strictly New Zealand event appears to have been the September 1962 induction of five NZ ministers into full membership at Marton and a further four in Auckland and also the Australasian Constitution prepared which included NZ. This would indicate 2012 as the 50 year jubilee and our 17-20 October 2011 Triennial Conference will be the appropriate start for our Jubilee celebrations incorporating St Luke's day.



It must be noted that this is a **Monday to Friday Conference** so those who are in employment will need to arrange for some leave to be set aside. **Please put it in your 2011 diary now.**

(In thinking this through further with our National Chaplain we are inviting chapters and/or areas to follow on by having their 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebrations during 2012.)

Derek has undertaken to produce a history of the last 25 years of the Order including an edited version of Doug Burt's first 25 years. In this he will be assisted by Frank Rigg and ourselves. This is hoped to be available at the 2011 Triennial Conference.

It was agreed, subject to ratification by the 2011 Conference that in future a deputy National Chaplain should be elected two years before a triennial conference and when elected work closely with the National Chaplain so that that they can assist the National Chaplain in his last two years of office.

The Executive spent the first evening continuing the workshop discussion from the last meeting regarding the future direction of OSL and some of the suggestions will be found trialled in the heading on the first page of this Heal-Link. These suggestions will continue to be discussed at a workshop at the next Executive meeting and those worth proceeding with will be presented at the next Triennial Conference for ratification and inclusion in

the constitution. The following resulted from our continuing discussion regarding our mission statement:

## Jesus' Healing Ministry in action



### Order of St Luke Aotearoa New Zealand

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Equipping  
Enabling  
Enthusing  
Everybody**

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It should be remembered that this is a work in progress which will be continued at the next May Executive meeting in preparation for presenting to the triennial conference before it can be confirmed for use. In the meantime we are trialling parts of it and are looking for comments and feedback on the work so far.

The Executive also considered a draft of a brochure for distribution at the **International Conference 2010 in Kelowna BC, Canada** in June to which eleven of our members are going. Lionel is to be a keynote speaker and Derek is to lead a seminar. The purpose of the brochure is to promote overseas the International Conference to be held at Matamata from 14-18 October 2013. The theme for the Conference has been chosen as "Healing in the third millennium".

The Executive meeting was a positive experience which all members enjoyed and we are all looking forward expectantly to an enrichment in the life of our Order.

**Every blessing, Brian and Shirley, Co-General Secretaries  
email:gensec@oslnz.org**

**More news from Northern Area:**

**Walking with our Creator -- Ruth Crockett, Whangarei Chapter**

I wrote this prayer on the day of a most enlightening seminar presented at Paparoa by our National Chaplain Lionel and his wife Rachelle. The seminar was called "Prayers for people who cannot sit still".

My prayer walk took me along a metalled country road, around a corner to a much busier highway and back to the church with an adjacent cemetery. Between the headstones were purple – 'Self-heal' – wild flowers, making a splash of colour as well as a statement.

**My Prayer Walk**

Lord, I give you thanks for all you have created.  
As I walk I see and hear:

    pines whispering  
    gum trees swaying  
        tuis gargling  
        hawks gliding  
        dogs barking  
        cattle lowing  
    flowers blooming  
    grasses bending  
    machinery rusting  
    clouds scudding  
    mosses seeping  
    lichens drooping  
        rimus praying  
    gravel crunching  
    motorists driving  
    passengers waving  
    pioneers resting  
    self-heal healing.



May my Prayer Walk help me to journey ever closer to You. Amen.

**Editor's Note!**

Ruth and her husband are shortly off to Canada to attend the International Conference of OSL in Kelowna, BC. We all wish those (eleven) who are making the journey to the University in Kelowna a safe voyage and a great spiritual experience in meeting and "sharing the heart of Jesus" with the speakers and others at the Conference.

Speaking of Conferences, and following on from news in *HEAL-LINK #296*, Rev Frank & Gwen Rigg were our sole OSLNZ reps at the recent Australia Conference and celebrations of OSL Australia's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee.

**They give their report:** "Gwen and I were privileged to attend the occasion which was particularly memorable for me as I was one of 5 clergy inducted into the Order at a CFO Camp at Marton in 1962 by Rev Len Harris, Chaplain for NZ. The opening service was held in the heart of Sydney at Christ Church, St Lawrence, where Fr John Hope (Australia's first Warden) had a long and distinguished ministry. A modest number attended, 55, but increased for this service and other sessions. It was great to meet their new Federal Secretary, Mr Theo Bruinsma, and Dr Annette Rice, National Chaplain-elect, both forward looking and vibrant people.

The National Chaplain, Rev Dr Peter Wellock (who was here at our Conference in 2008) launched their new operating name and logo of the Order: "**OSL Healing Ministries, Order of St Luke the Physician in Australia**" Rev Jim Holbeck gave the keynote address which was most moving – very basic and down to earth: Our ministry must be Bible based, Christ-centred and reliant on the Holy Spirit.

The first verse of a hymn we sang at the opening service sums up the note of optimism and expectancy as Australia moves into the next 50 years. It surely speaks for us all as we in NZ prepare for our own Golden Jubilee celebrations.

    God gives us a future,  
    daring us to go into dreams  
        on a path unknown.

We will face tomorrow in the Spirit's power,  
we will let God change us,  
for new life starts now.

**Rev Frank Rigg, Missioner**

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**URGENT Reminder!**

Subscriptions for the current financial year 2009-2010 are **well overdue!** They are **\$20 per member; \$30 for couples.** 20% of members have **not** yet paid their sub!! The next financial year begins on July 1<sup>st</sup> so we must receive your unpaid sub by **June 1<sup>st</sup>** – less than a month away!

**Please** pay unpaid subs **now** to your Chapter Treasurer.

Postal Members, **please** post your subs to the General Treasurer – see below. The Order of St Luke the Physician in NZ is a Registered Charitable Trust. Donations can be sent to the General Treasurer who will send you an official receipt for Tax rebate purposes. Please make use of these opportunities to support the Healing Ministry in New Zealand.

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## Testimony to Healing

Note! This testimony, received for last issue, has been abbreviated -- Editor  
My Journey began in July 2008. When I awoke from surgery my room was filled with flowers and my partner was emotional. I had a sense of foreboding. The surgeon came to see me later that night and, taking my hand, he began telling me his findings--I had stage 3 ovarian cancer. He did his best to remove what he could, but it had spread and parts of the cancer could not be removed.

That night I lay in bed, there was nothing else I could do. I did a lot of soul searching. My thoughts went to my family, my partner, my two boys, my brothers--how I was going to help them through this. A nurse came in, she encouraged me with news of her friend, similarly afflicted as me. She had opted for alternative methods and is still around and healthier than ever. That was the turning point, the start to my recovery. I started talking to God; I did not ask for healing, what I asked for was strength to walk the path before me, the right people to be brought to me and that whether I would recover or leave he would guide me. That is where we started.

So my days were spent in quiet meditation, trips to Gore twice a week for intravenous vitamin C therapy, where I met some awesome, inspiring folk, and then the chemotherapy sessions every 3 weeks. About a week after my third chemotherapy session, I was having my afternoon rest and conversing with God when it came to me that where hatred had existed, it was now a feeling of love and thankfulness--a revelation. It was amazing to lie in this feeling of love and having this warm energy within my body--incredible.

My healing journey has been one of not just physical healing, but spiritual as well. I have learnt that no matter what we face, by sharing our fears, our needs and our celebrations with God, any difficulty can be walked through. We are not alone in this world and God is with us, providing us with people to help. He gave us free choice, but through intuition and walking closely with him, we will make the right choices. I look back on that period and am thankful for the learning the situation provided for me, allowing me to grow so much.

Since my journey I have shared my experience with a few groups. I have had comments like "you are glowing, and an inspiration". I smile to myself and hope that people will come to feel as I do--that it is God within me, who has allowed me to glow and inspire. For this I am most grateful.

*God bless, Sue Kelly*

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**Wholeness** are losing their chairman and are asking firstly for prayer that the right person will be appointed and secondly for the sharing of any wisdom as to who that right person might be. Please pray with Wholeness for a satisfactory outcome.



## NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

Cambridge: Mr David Milson  
Johnsonville: Mrs Lois Copp  
Wellington North: Aileen Wood  
Blenheim: Mrs Joan Vercoe



## NEW FULL MEMBERS:

Cambridge: Mrs Dorothy Devlyn, Rev Adrian Gover  
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**HEAL-LINK** can be downloaded and reproduced from the website.

## Reminder: Dead-line for next HEAL-LINK is 1 June 2010

It's the turn of **Midland Area** to send in contributions. **All members** are invited to contribute to **HEAL-LINK**; it is your newsletter, we look forward to your stories!

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