



*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,

As I write this I am very conscious of the fact that it is less than 4 months to our OSL National Conference at Totara Springs, Matamata. Registration forms are in the process of being distributed. If you have not received one please see your Chapter Secretary. Postal members should have received one with the last copy of Heal Link.

This is going to be a very good conference. The theme of the Conference is 'Jesus' Healing Ministry in Action'. We have excellent speakers and some great workshops. We are fortunate that Archbishop David Moxon has agreed to give the opening address. Our keynote speaker, the Rev Murray Talbot, is the senior pastor of one of the largest Presbyterian Churches in New Zealand and is a very good Bible teacher. Dr Annette Rice, a Medical Practitioner from Melbourne, will be coming to us as the Australian National Chaplain. She will speak on Tuesday evening and also lead a workshop 'Jesus' Healing Ministry in General Practice.'

We are also taking the opportunity to celebrate fifty years of OSL in New Zealand. There will be a chance to look back to remember the early leaders of OSL in New Zealand and give thanks to God for all that he has done over the years. It will also be a chance to look forward and discern what God is saying to us as we go into the future.

This is a conference not to be missed and I urge you to seriously consider coming and joining with members from all over New Zealand. The cost of \$360 may seem a lot but it does include all meals as well as accommodation. Those travelling by air will be transported from Hamilton and Tauranga airports by shuttle bus that will be provided by OSL.



Please remember the conference in your prayers. Pray for the planning committee, for travel arrangements, for the speakers and workshop leaders and for the staff at Totara Springs.



Prior to our conference Rachele and I will be attending the Australian Triennial Conference. This is to be held in Brisbane from 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September. We have been invited to lead a workshop and will lead one on 'An Introduction to Healing the Family Tree.' Please pray for us as we prepare for and lead this workshop.

I recently spoke at a healing service in Darfield (Canterbury). The subject that I chose was the story of Naaman being healed from leprosy (2 Kings 5). Two very ordinary people were used by God to bring about Naaman's healing. A young slave girl in Naaman's household said to his wife: 'I wish that my master could go to the prophet who lives in Samaria. He would cure him of his leprosy.' This set in train a series of events which ended in Naaman arriving in great pomp and splendour outside Elisha's house. When told to go and wash in the Jordan River seven times Naaman was very upset and it was only the intervention of a servant who encouraged him to go and do as he was told that enabled him to receive healing. God used two very ordinary people to bring about Naaman's healing. If ever you feel inadequate in any way remember that God can use you in your weakness to bring his plans to fruition. May God continue to go before you as you seek to be obedient to him in the healing ministry. The peace of Christ be with you all.

Yours in his service,

*Lionel*

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**MY FIRST HEAL-LINK**

Dear Friends, much has been spoken of the terrible devastation to our city and the surrounding countryside, so I won't dwell on that here. My prayer is for the restoration of the earth and to those who live here; that Christ's healing will be with those who are suffering, wherever they may be, and that they will be brought into the fullness of His grace through the prayers of those who care. Our future is in His hands.

**Mary Christian**

*"Let there be respect for the earth, peace for its people, love in their lives, delight in the good, forgiveness for past wrongs, and from now on, a new start." (The Millennium Resolution from the Conference of Churches in Aotearoa NZ)*

## National Council and Conference 17-20 October 2011

Planning for conference has been taking place by telephone and email because of the members of the planning committee being scattered over various parts of the country, from Christchurch to Waipu Cove. Normally this has been done by a committee made up of the local area officers and members of the local chapters but as there is no local chapter at Matamata the load has been spread more widely.

Registration forms have been distributed to all chapters and postal members. If for any reason you have not received yours then contact your chapter secretary or for postal members your area convenor. It is also available from the events page of the website (near the bottom) if you require extra forms. Former and non-members are welcome to attend. It is our 50 year celebration of OSL in New Zealand. Let us make it a good one!!



We strongly encourage you to begin making plans to come to the conference. Each Chapter is entitled to have two voting members present but only one representative will have their travel costs subsidised by OSL over and above the first \$100 which may be paid by the Chapter. (The 2 representatives can of course share the subsidy between themselves but only 1 may make the claim). Other chapter members may attend the conference as non-voting members. You are encouraged to book early and seek the most cost-effective travel arrangements to minimise the cost to the OSL and yourselves. Remember that the Rugby World Cup will be in progress so air travel in particular will be much in demand. Registrations must be in by 1 September. If flying remember either Hamilton or Tauranga will have shuttle buses arranged to get you to Matamata. **If possible allow to arrive at the airports before 10.30 to be in time for the main shuttle bus departure.**

- Pray for the conference and the organisers
- Check who your National (Warden's) Council Representatives are
- Ascertain whether they are likely to be able to attend the conference
- Encourage other members to attend
- Chapters start raising money to assist your members to attend
- Book early to get the best fares.

Please continue to pray for the planning of the National Council and Conference.



See you at conference  
Brian and Shirley

## News from the Southern Area:

The Taieri Chapter meets at St Luke's on the Taieri which is situated in Mosgiel. Mosgiel is the main town on the Taieri Plains. The Plains are bordered by some lovely hills including Saddle Hill (yes, it does look like a saddle and was named by Captain Cook as he sailed along the Otago Coast), the Maungatuas, Flagstaff and the Silverpeaks. If you have flown into Dunedin you fly over Silverpeaks and I know, when I have flown in, that is the place where you will experience turbulence. The other border is Lake Waihola. I am biased, I know, but I think it is a beautiful area and love living here on the Taieri – close enough to Dunedin to go into town occasionally but far enough away to have a country feel about it. In fact, Mosgiel's motto is 'City Living, Country Style'.

As we meet at St Luke's it is sometimes assumed that the Order of St Luke is a St Luke's gathering so over the years we have tried to educate local folk that it is for everyone.

In the last year we have had to look at the ministry and have had a time of change. We were holding a healing service monthly with a band, teaching and healing ministry available. Due to a number of circumstances this service had to be discontinued. I had been appointed as the OSL convenor/secretary for our chapter and with others prayed about what we should do. Should we continue or should we let the Taieri Chapter fade away into the sunset – those were the two choices.

After praying the word that came from God very clearly to us was "persevere". That led to the questions – how, when, what, where – we knew the why!! So after very frank and open discussion we decided to meet monthly (as usual) for a meeting which included a shared lunch, teaching and prayer. Our vision is to go out to other churches and to our local communities and in time, have a Healing Centre. One of our members thought that we did not spend enough time in prayer so now we have the chapel at St Lukes open once a month for a time dedicated to praying for OSL matters. If people can't make it to the chapel they are encouraged to spend that time praying wherever they are. So, while we seem to have taken a backward step, there is a great deal of positivity and energy around the Taieri chapter.

We hope to bring a testimony from another of our members in the next issue so stay tuned for that.

**Bon Smith, OSL Taieri Chapter**

## A Testimony

On June 29<sup>th</sup> my daughter, Ann, underwent surgery for a brain tumour. A scan, two days earlier, showed it to be at the right front of her brain. It was growing fast, and needed to be removed ASAP.

As a true believer in our Lord and his healing power my first impulse was to find as many people as possible to pray for Ann, the surgeon, and all involved. So I phoned our chaplain, Alison Latton, who as a trained nurse, knew what was involved. Alison immediately contacted Frank and Gwen Rigg, who sent an email requesting prayer for Ann.

The surgery was to take place at 2pm, but a vacant theatre meant that it took place at 11am - a 3 to 4 hour operation. Ann came through the surgery and was aware and talking that afternoon. The surgeon was very pleased.

Ann went home on Monday July 4<sup>th</sup> and is making steady progress. She has since visited her GP twice and is to have radiotherapy and chemotherapy for the next few months, but she is very positive, and I believe her faith has been strengthened.

Thank you all who prayed. Praise and thanks to God.

**Barbara Gillies, Taieri Chapter**

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## Appointment of New National Treasurer

Shortly after the last issue of Heal-Link was distributed I received an enquiry regarding the position of National Treasurer which we had intimated was becoming vacant as from our National Conference in October. This quickly turned into an application for the position. The appointment of National Treasurer is the responsibility of the National Conference (see paragraph 13.3 of the Constitution). After conferring with our present Treasurer and circulating the applicant's CV to members of the Executive I am pleased to announce that the Executive will bring to the National Council a strong recommendation that the applicant be appointed to the position of General Treasurer.

**Lionel Brown, National Chaplain**

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## COME UNTO CHRIST

*Come unto Christ  
that he may offer to us  
for our sorrow - an embrace  
our tears - a cleansing  
our pain - a balm  
our burden - a rest  
our bondage - a yoke  
our joy - a dance.*

*Raymond J Council  
(Alive Now! September/October 1982)*



## THE GOAL

*Not to the swift, the race:*

*Not to the strong, the fight:*

*Not to the righteous, perfect grace:*

*Not to the wise, the light.*

*But often faltering feet*

*Come surest to the goal:*

*And they who walk in darkness meet*

*The sunrise of the soul. ( Henry van Dyke)*

If you are walking in a dark place at this time, remember Christ Jesus loves you and you are not alone. Lean on Him in all things and he will be your strength.

## MORE THAN BEAUTY

*O God of loveliness,*

*we are a people who praise you readily*

*for the lavender sunsets, the rhythm of the tides,*

*the birds that bring in morning, the rainbows,*

*and all the other painted things of life.*

*Yet how we box you in - ah, you are more*

*than a God of dorm-room posters.*

*You are a God of blood and thorns, dust and sweat,*

*and, yes, a God of tears, a God of wounds.*

*We close our eyes and look away, embarrassed,*

*or disturbed, or so perplexed, not thinking*

*that the dear God of butterflies and lilies*

*came down to live with lepers, beggars, rogues,*

*walking the dusty roads, walking a road*

*to wounds that end in death,*

*a broken heart, a broken soul.*

*You are a God of loveliness,*

*for on this wounded world you place your loving hand.*

*All ugliness is in our eyes, for through the eyes of love*

*you see not ugliness, but burning need.*

*J. Stephen Lang*

*(Alive Now! September/October 1982)*

## ON A LIGHTER NOTE

*"The monetary value of fresh vegetables and flowers is not reportable on your income tax form!" (Official Inland Revenue rules in America)*

## WHOLENESS

It was brought to our attention at the Executive Meeting in May that Wholeness (Quarterly World Digest of Christian Healing) is in a difficult financial situation and is in need of our support. If you would like to make a donation to further the work of this wonderful newspaper which is distributed to people throughout the world who are in need of the healing power of Christ in their lives, please post your cheques to P O Box 16099, Hamilton. Thank you

## PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

Marie Higgs (Picton OSL) brought forward the following idea concerning what they are doing in their group re the payment of subs. Because of the economic climate, some members had difficulty in finding the full amount all at once, so Marie came up with the idea that all members pay \$3 per meeting (\$2 for subs and \$1 for Chapter funds). This is working well for their Chapter and may help other Chapters to get their subs in on time! Thank you, Marie, for your wonderful idea.

**Please note:** Subscriptions for the year ahead, 2011-2012, are \$20 per single member, and \$30 per couple, and are **due to be paid in full** at the Chapter AGM in July. These are then forwarded by cheque to Michael Bain, the General Treasurer, in Wellington.

Members wanting to pay their subs in small amounts, meeting by meeting, rather than in full, would need to start saving through their chapter treasurer, for the following year, 2012-2013, so that the subs can be paid in full at their AGM in July 2012.

## CREATIVE IDEA FOR MEETINGS

I am interested to hear of other creative ideas from chapters around the country. If you have something you would like to share on how you raise funds, sales tables, shared meals, run your meetings, and spread the Gospel of Christ's Healing in this world, please let me know through your Chapter Annual Reports, via email, phone, etc. Thank you, and I will put these in the Heal-Link for all to share.

Your creative ideas may appeal to others, and attract new members to the Order.  
*Mary Christian, Editor*

## RECEIVING HEAL-LINK

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## NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER:

Rangiora: Mrs Mary Stewart



## NEW FULL MEMBERS:

Harbour: Rev Bob Howard, Ms Susan Howard  
Nelson: Miss Gillian Partridge

## ROLL OF HONOUR: Members called to Higher Service

Palmerston North: Mrs Jan Gimblett  
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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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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## Reminder: Dead-line for *HEAL-LINK* Issue 304 is 1 August 2011

This issue is the turn of **Northland Area** to lead with contributions, **All members** are invited to contribute to **HEAL-LINK**, it is your newsletter!

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