



*The Order of St Luke the Physician
in New Zealand*

HEAL-LINK

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***Dedicated to healing the whole person, spirit, soul and body,
and to the healing of situations, of nations, and of God's creation.***



Greetings everyone from Warden Brian, and thank you for your prayers after a cardiac concern I had recently. I guess my topic this time could be **AN UNEXPECTED HEALING**.

We have a spare room in our home. Recently a Christian nurse approached us asking if we would give board to a client of the doctor she works for. Knowing the Christian doctor, we agreed. The woman was described as 'a recovering alcoholic'. She settled in. We soon discovered she was far from 'recovering' and had a raft of other problems. However, once our new occupant had settled in we sought to be ready to minister to her needs – despite wondering how we came to have the challenge. One evening when she was out visiting her family or friends she experienced physical violence and ended up in hospital. We have not yet discovered what actually happened. We visited her in hospital and found her unable to walk and heavily sedated. In a very uncertain state she arrived back home. Did she release herself? We don't know. What we did know was that she was far from well. A few days after her return she came to me with a small crucifix – asking me to 'bless it'. Her background is Catholic and this Protestant pastor had never been asked to bless a crucifix. Well - I took it away, held it in my hands, and prayed that the owner would experience healing. I placed it in an envelope with a Christian inspirational card and left it where she would come across it. Within a short time of her finding it a transformation began. She now not only walks easily, but is active physically and mentally alive. She has not touched alcohol for two weeks and says the thought of it repels her. And a variety of previous health problems have gone. Her mother is unable to explain the dramatic change.

Blessings to you all, ***Warden Brian***

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From Co-General Secretaries

A very intensive and successful Executive meeting was held at El Rancho, Waikanae, on 21 and 22 February, chaired by Warden Rev Dr Brian Hooper. While the minutes of the meeting will be circulated to Chapters in due course some matters of interest and concern are mentioned below.

When any Members of Executive visit chapters, there are obviously travel costs involved. Please do not give any gift to the Executive Member. After deducting local expenses, all monies received including 'Koha', are to be sent by cheque to Michael Bain, the General Treasurer for the Kathleen Cole fund from which travel costs are met. The Executive Member will then lodge a claim for reimbursement of their expenses.

The Executive complimented Neville and Janice Cooper on the excellent job they are doing in producing HEAL-LINK and appreciation was expressed of the reminders given of the Areas to contribute to the following issue.

The duties of the Membership Registrar have been transferred from the General Treasurer to the Co-General Secretaries who had acted in that capacity when they were in the position in the 1980's. This means that all applications for Associate and Full Membership, and all matters relating to Membership are to be addressed to Brian and Shirley Flower. The task had been undertaken by Michael Bain when the position last became vacant and we are grateful for his carrying the extra load during this time.

It would be very helpful if **ALL** Members with email facilities contact Brian and Shirley at gensec@oslnz.org so that we can have better means of contact with Members which will enable improvement in various aspects of the life of the Order eg information distribution, prayer-link, newsletter etc.

Approval for use of the Insignia must be sought from the Executive beforehand with a sample of its intended use. This reminder has been reiterated over the years and still seems to be needed. Also our Insignia is in a different style of lettering from the International one which we note has been used in some cases by some Chapters. The "Going Deeper" studies which are produced by OSL International carry their Insignia while the OSLNZ Insignia is as shown on the front of HEAL-LINK and on the website <http://www.oslnz.org>. Our New Zealand Insignia is used jointly by ourselves and Australia of which we were originally a part.

The Warden asked for approval to use the Insignia on the CD of healing music that he is preparing for sale on behalf of the Order. He has invited

members to submit lists of up to five titles of songs and hymns. Warden Brian will make a selection of the most suitable ones from these lists.

Nominations will shortly be called by the Co-General Secretaries for the election of the next Warden Elect later this year.

500 one sided cards which had been printed with provision for prayers suitable for particular occasions to be added on the reverse were given to Area Officers to distribute to Chapters for use in outreach.

Your servants in Christ

Brian and Shirley

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3rd International OSL Conference

Please remember to keep praying for this Conference. It is to be held in Swanwick, Derbyshire, England from 4th to 8th June 2007. Pray for the organisers, speakers, leadership, those travelling and those thinking about going. If you want information about the Conference call either the Co-General Secretaries or **HEAL-LINK** Editors.

If you intend going to the Conference could you let Warden Brian know so that he knows who is travelling from NZ, and send your registrations to the UK urgently.

News from Chapters

From **Kaitia Chapter:**

Our latest Miracle Experience

A young man, 15 years old, was playing rugby in a curtain-raiser in Auckland. This occurred last season. He was kicked in the temple and had lain in a coma for some weeks. One of our Chapter brought this report to the Tuesday meeting. Immediately we prayed for Matangi Te Waka, who was still lying in a coma in Starship Hospital. Today, 2 weeks later, 7 November 2006, we learned he came out of the coma at 2pm on Tuesday two weeks ago. *Praise the Lord for answered prayer!*

One of our members had a vision while we were praying, of Jesus lifting Matangi up in His arms. And, corroboration of the time too! Matangi's brother, Chris, had to leave the Hospital at 1.45pm on that Tuesday of the miracle, and, as he started the drive home (4 hours away) he thought "I expect when I get home I will hear Matangi had come out of the coma." ... That is precisely what happened. The phone call, the wonderful news and yes, it had happened just after Chris left the Hospital. We continue to uphold Matangi before the Lord as his healing progresses. **Phyllis T.**

From **Canterbury Area Chaplain**

We are sorry to report that the Christchurch South West Chapter has found it necessary to go into recess due to lack of people willing to take office. Also the Christchurch North West Chapter has just gone into recess. Decreasing and ageing membership meant that it had become impossible to find office bearers. All remaining members have become Postal Members. On the positive side we are pleased to report that there is keen interest in the Order of St Luke in Cheviot and Amberley and Chapters are about to be inaugurated in these two areas.

A Quiet Day was held on St Luke's Day (18 Oct 2006) in the Memorial Hall, North New Brighton. There was a good attendance of 17 people from various chapters as well as a member from both Cheviot and Amberley where new chapters are being formed. Two people who are interested in the Order of St Luke also attended. The theme of the day was '**Confidence in Prayer**'. This was appropriate as the day was a tribute to the late Ian Shaw, who was a member of the Order of St Luke, and a great man of prayer. We held two sessions: '**Prayer as communion with God who loves me**' and '**My God hears me and answers**'. People were given ample time for private reflection on these themes plus a time to share together. There was also a time for individual prayer ministry for those who required it. The day concluded with a service of Holy Communion. The venue was ideal with space both indoors and outdoors. A lovely sunny day added to the pleasure of the occasion. Many people have expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to get together in this way and it has been suggested that something like this be an annual event.

Lionel Brown

From **Central Area Chaplain:**

Do you ever think or say:-

"What is the use of praying that Judy will be healed? My prayers never seem to be answered in the way I expect - in fact I can't really say I have ever had a real answer when I have prayed for healing."

In the last 25 years I have prayed with many people for healing of body, soul and occasionally their spirit, with sometimes not much evidence that healing has occurred. But do I stop praying that people will be healed? No way! because one never knows where, when, or how healing will occur. This article "Don't Quit - Just Keep on Playing" is a tremendous encouragement to me. I can identify with the child, I know who the master is, and I sense my Master, the Lord Jesus Christ has this encouragement to me:

"Don't Quit - Just keep Praying."

Perhaps this little article will speak to you as it speaks to me.

"DON'T QUIT - JUST KEEP PLAYING"

There was a mum who wanted to encourage her little boy to keep practicing the piano, so she took him to hear the great Paderewski. They sat near the front, and the boy was fascinated by the big grand piano at the centre of the stage. While his mother was talking to a friend nearby, she failed to notice that her son had slipped away. As the house lights dimmed, and the spotlight hit the piano, she gasped as she saw her son on the piano bench, playing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star". Before she could get to him, the famous concert pianist quickly walked over to the keyboard and sat down beside the boy. "Don't quit - keep playing!" he whispered. Leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in the bass part, and with his right arm he reached around the other side encircling the child, and added a running arpeggio. Together the old master and the child brought the crowd to its feet. No matter how ill-equipped you feel today, the Master has a word for you.... "Don't quit! Keep playing!!! and Praying!!!!"

Ivan Dunnett, Manna Healing Centre

Our Prayers: Rev Frank Rigg coordinates our OSLNZ-wide Prayer-Link on email. This is a most useful resource in our OSL Daily Prayer Cycle. If you are not receiving Frank's email prayer messages, and would like to, please email your request to Frank:- fgrigg@xtra.co.nz

Directory 2006-07 Amendments:

- page 2: Delete OSL after Mrs Moya Lethbridge's name
- page 6: Change Mrs to Deacon Valmarie Yates
- page 6: Karori: Rev Anne Aspden, amend address to 3 Hillview Cres, Paparangi, Wellington 6037
- page 7: Greymouth: change email address to derekccone@xtra.co.nz
- page 7: Picton: delete Rev Rodney Dunlop as Chaplain
- page 8: Rev Graham Hawkey, amend address to 58 Chalmers Ave, Hampstead, Ashburton 7700
- page 8: Christchurch North West Chapter now in Recess
- page 9: Rev Sue McCafferty delete cellphone
- page 9: Taieri: change Chaplain Rev Bill Sim to Paul Evans and Secretary to Mrs Celia Joyce, 59 Greenacres St, Macandrew Bay, Dunedin 9014 ph 03-476 1517
- page 11: Add Mrs Elaine Lethbridge/Blackler, 222a Ruahine St, Palmerston Nth 1977



If God sends us on stony paths, He provides strong shoes.

OBITUARY

News of the death of the **Rev Dr Rufus Josephus Womble** will have saddened many members. He died in Richmond, USA, on 16 Nov 2006, aged 94. He was the North America Warden for OSL 1978-1984, Rector in Little Rock Arkansas for 22yrs before continuing his ministry in OSL, teaching a class in his church in Richmond to within the week he died. He was active until the end! His doctorate was Doctor of Divinity.

Rev Pat Bawden writes: Rufus Womble was very much present at the 50th Anniversary Celebrations at Washington in 1997...I asked him about the chorus with the words..."*Oh I love Jesus, I love Jesus, I love Jesus with my soul*"



*"we but touch the hem of His garment,
and His touch has made me whole"*

I could only remember the last line so when I asked him, Rufus Womble had us all sing the chorus at an early morning communion. He was certainly very much alive then and very much enjoying the 50th Anniversary of OSL, of which he had been a part for a very

long time.

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Rev Brian & Shirley Flower write:

Members will remember Rufus well from his unforgettable visit to NZ in 1983 when he was the speaker at the Stoke Methodist Church, Nelson where the Warden's Council was held that year.

His speciality was RISO therapy - treatment by laughing - and after telling several amusing stories, announced that we were now in a really healing atmosphere. We have vivid memories of Bishop Peter Sutton sitting in the back pew of All Saints Church, Nelson where the healing service was held, listening to his "haw, haw, haw" laughing at Rufus's stories. Rufus wore a beautiful blue cassock from which he let Shirley snip a little piece from the seam so that we could match the colour for our OSL Chaplain stoles. In his address he said that we should not accept the concept of "sometimes God says 'Yes'; sometimes 'No'; and sometimes 'Wait awhile'." Jesus in his love and compassion, did not say to the man with the withered hand, "You're not ready for healing; wait a while." He said, "Stretch forth your hand." Rufus gave a testimony to his complete healing from rheumatoid arthritis in spite of his doctors telling him he would never be free of pain. When thanking the doctor for his care, he replied that Rufus should be thanking God not the doctor as his healing was outside medical care. **Rufus said thanksgiving, penitence and faith open the way to wholeness. People can be ill and not be healed until someone loves them. We should be channels of God's love.** About 350 were present at the service. Rufus Womble was a colourful, loving and effective ambassador for the Healing Ministry.

We have his book "Wilt Thou Be Made Whole?" with a personal inscription, which we bought at the Warden's Council in Stoke, 24 September 1983.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: We warmly welcome into the Order:-

Northern Area:	Postal	Mr D Cox
Central Area:	Palmerston Nth	Mrs Elizabeth Hopper
Blen/Tasman Area:	Picton	Mrs Margaret Mayne, Mrs Val O'Halloran Mrs May Stride
Canterbury Area:	Postal	Mrs Judith Brookfield, Mr Gavin Dalzell Mrs June Daziell, Mr Peter Hope, Mrs Margaret Retallick, Mrs Agnisa Scott, Mrs Elizabeth Todd.
	Ashburton	Mrs Driene Meyer.
Southern Area:	Taieri	Mrs Celia Joyce



NEW FULL MEMBERS: Congratulations and a warm welcome to:-

Northern Area:	Postal	Mrs Joan Ombler.
	Hibiscus Coast	Mr Ian Tredray
	Kaitia	Mrs Gail McIntyre.
	Whangarei	Mrs Cynthia Baker, Mrs Elizabeth Brown, Mrs Beverly Grimmer
Central Area:	Palmerston Nth	Mrs Parkinson
Tararua Area:	Postal	Mr Jim Cornish
	Karori	Mrs Jocelyn Allan
Blen/Tasman	Takaka	Mrs Elizabeth Kennedy
Southern	Postal	Mrs Bennie Olssen.
	Taieri	Miss Cicely Hamilton, Mrs Dawn McLean, Mrs Fraser Mitchell



ROLL OF HONOUR: Members Called to Higher Service

Northern Area:	Dargaville	Mrs Martha Penellum,
Midland Area:	Postal	Mr Arch Sears
	Hamilton Nth	Mrs Erma Smith,
Blen/Tasman Area:	Blenheim	Mrs Joan Wicks
Canterbury Area:	Postal	Mrs Mona Milne
Southern Area:	Balclutha	Mrs Ngaire Cross, Mrs Katherine Geddes



“**CHRISM**” (the magazine of the **Guild of St Raphael**, England).

This publication has two issues a year, Spring & Summer. It is a very useful source of study notes, testimonies and help in promoting our active ministries in Christ's Healing. Copies cost \$25 per year, from:-

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Today is yesterday's tomorrow you worried about, and all is well.

RESOURCES:

- Books** “**Searching Questions on Healing**” and “**Channels of Healing**” by Owen Dowling are still available.
- Pamphlets** Most of OSLNZ's pamphlets are available
- Videos** for hire to members. Cost incl postage will be about \$5
 - **Christian Prayer & Healing** Arbutnot, London Healing Mission
 - **OSL Conf. Napier 1993** Rev Canon Jim Holbeck
 - **OSL Conf. Levin 1999 “The skill of Living Prayerfully”** Rev Dr T Brown
 - **OSL Conf. Auckland 2002, Theme “Jesus in Us**
 - . . . **Having the Mind of Christ** Rev Dr Don Baustion
 - . . . **Being the Body of Christ** Rev Dr Don Baustion
 - . . . **Let The Spirit be in You** Rev Dr Don Baustion
 - **OSL Conf. Kaiapoi 2005 Video No. 1** and **Video No. 2**

Orders to be made with Mrs Betty Meyers, write to **34A Halswater Drive, Churton Park, Wellington**; or email to:- ecmeyers@paradise.net.nz
 (Please don't send money with your order – you will be invoiced).

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 Help to further Christ's Healing Ministry in NZ by making a
 Bequest to "The Order of St.Luke the Physician in NZ"

GENERAL INFORMATION:- The OSLNZ Website is <http://www.oslnz.org> where there are links to other OSL Websites. (This is managed and operated for OSL by Brian & Shirley Flower)

HEAL-LINK is now available and can be downloaded from the website.

Reminder: Dead-line for our next issue of **HEAL-LINK** is 1st April 2007.

We look forward to receiving your stories, letters, testimonies, obituaries or any suitable contribution. Let us have any quotation that appeals to you; others may also enjoy it! Please send your copy to the Editors:-

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