



*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.***

INVOCATION

**O Holy Spirit of God –
Come into my heart and fill me:
I open the window of my soul to let You in.**

**I surrender my whole life to You:
Come and possess me, fill me with light and truth
I offer to You the one thing I really possess,
My capacity for being filled by You.
Of myself I am an empty vessel.**

**Fill me so that I may live the life of the Spirit,
The life of Truth and Goodness,
The life of Beauty and Love,
The life of Wisdom and Strength.**

**And guide me today in all things:
Guide me to the people I should meet or help:
To the circumstances in which I can best serve You;
Whether by my actions or my prayer.**

**But, above all, make Christ to be formed in me,
That I may dethrone self in my heart
And make Him King:
So that he is in me, and I in Him,
Today and forever. Amen**

*Adapted from a Prayer by
The Bishop of Bloemfontein*

Greetings from Warden Brian:-

HEALING THE HOMOSEXUAL

This is quite a topic to write about in this issue of *HEAL-LINK*:

But it's in the news isn't it? Yes – the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand has voted at its Assembly by 65% to 35% to acknowledge marriage between a man and a woman as the only relationship between two people. This rule is to govern candidates for the Church ministry and Church leadership. I will not go into a discussion on this here – for the emphasis of "Heal-Link" is healing oriented. However, I would like to tell you about a very special period in my life where "homosexuality" and "healing" met each other.

One evening a man slipped into the back seat of my church. From here on my life was impacted forever. The man was a converted homosexual. Not just that – but he had been the leader of the 'gay' movement in Auckland, had gone to the Soviet Union, and trained as a counter spy. On his way back by a devious route he met an Anglican vicar who led him to the Lord. You may recall David Lange sending a Russian diplomat home! My friend initiated this – and the whole story would take more space than I have here.

My friend established a ministry in Wellington for homosexual men who wished to be healed. It grew to over 50 men and there was a 90% success rate – for in the process they found God. I was the Chaplain to that group for a few years. I shall never forget our first Communion Service courtesy of a Presbyterian Church. Can you imagine sharing the Lord's Supper with a congregation who testified to the healing power of our Lord Jesus Christ in the particular area they had struggled with? In another city a similar group had arisen among lesbian ladies who desired release. The two groups supported each other and the inevitable 'happened' between the two leaders. It was my special privilege to officiate at the marriage of the two leaders in Old St Paul's, Wellington. Yes, in all the talk about 'homosexuality' this is one area we don't hear much about.

For those who desire it, Jesus Christ heals and changes.

Blessings,

Warden Brian

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From the Co-General Secretaries

Thank you to those members who have welcomed us to the appointment. While we had been in the position previously it is an entirely new ball-game now with many new names and faces and procedures. So, please bear with us as we settle into the routine. Catching up is a slow process, trying to find the best solutions to people's needs is not so easy while fresh into the task and not familiar with the resources. Speaking of resources, we are impressed with the **Going Deeper series of studies**. We have yet to start using them. We look forward to sharing the life of the Order with you as we journey together. We are greatly encouraged by what is happening in chapters.

Our first task has been preparing the new **Directory**. Unfortunately we have found that some chapters have been slow in forwarding their details which has extended the time of completing the task, but we have now caught up all Chapters but some detail is still to come in.

Shirley, with a little help from her not so computer-literate husband, has been setting up the **new website** which is now on the internet. Entering <http://www.oslnz.org> should allow you to see it. Adding it to your favourites list will make it easier for you to access. It is a work in progress, and will be added to regularly. It has meant long hours over several weeks but we are pleased with it and trust that members will find it useful. We hope that the **events page** will be of continuing interest, where Chapters and Areas can advertise their coming events, so regular checking is recommended. Notices of events will need to be sent to us by the secretary of the chapter. They will be converted here into a standard format (as per the notices already on the site). You do not need to be an internet user to advertise your event and we hope that non-members will in time discover the site.

We are starting to get forms on the website so that when one is needed it is an easy matter to print it off and not to be using out-of-date ones. The last "Heal-Link" issued and "10 Reasons" are both shown there with instructions for printing. Two commands are shown in each case – "view" and "print", the latter having the pages in the order of printing, not in sequence for reading, for which you will need to click "view". If you have any problems at all with the website please let us know and we will try to guide you through them.

Your servants in Christ,
Brian and Shirley
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CHAPTER NEWS

From Orakau-Te Awamutu:

We meet on the first Monday of the month in one of our members homes and enjoy dinner together before we open our meeting followed by worship, study and reflection.

It is almost a year since our members moved from the Guild of St. Raphael into the Order of St. Luke and we are 'going well.' It has been quite a smooth transition for most of us and we have received help and encouragement when we have been in need. It was a pleasure to have the Reverend Derek Lightbourne with us in June. Derek led a Healing Seminar on the Saturday, preached at our service on the Sunday and held a Healing and Prayer service on Sunday evening. This was a special weekend to all who attended. We look forward to an Area Day with neighbouring Chapters later.

We may have joined the Order as strangers to you but in the loveliest way we can never be strangers because we are known to one another in Christ. We hold each other close in our faith and in the knowledge that Christ is **"within us to keep us, before us to lead us, beside us to guard us and above us to bless us"**. We come together in prayer for others and whenever this happens we are joined with the world's faithful people in the Ministry for Healing through the power of Prayer.

Barbara Maxted. Area Chaplain.

From Hibiscus Coast Chapter

Members and family, friends and visitors gathered at Simon's restaurant, The Plaza, Whangaparaoa on October 11th to celebrate St Luke's Day and the 25th Anniversary of the Chapter and 95th birthday of Foundation Member Doreen Oborn. Luncheon was followed by another Foundation Member, Dr Donal Dalziell, giving a brief testimony of his experiences as a doctor bringing healing and well-being to his patients. How so often, as doctor, he saw physical symptoms having a spiritual root that needed healing and illustrated cases in which forgiveness was the way to wholeness. About 50 folk enjoyed the function hosted by Chaplain Rev Frank Rigg and Convenor Mrs Anita Fenton.

N.C.

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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 him fgrigg@xtra.co.nz

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE

Bess Burrough, wife of the late Amos, former Warden from 1981-1983, has died in Feilding, aged 86.

Our Co-General Secretaries write:

Bess had suffered much pain for a great deal of her latter years (25 years at least which is the extent of our knowing Bess and Amos). There was never a complaint, always a smile and a welcome, giving God the glory. We had stayed with them both in Linton Court and at Kimberley Grove where for some years they hosted the 6 monthly Executive Meetings in their lounge. They were stalwarts of the Order. They had been members for some years of the Palmerston North Chapter and later established a chapter at Ashhurst where in retirement Amos was ministering to the church there, before moving to Feilding.

Warden Brian writes:

I attended the funeral of **Bess Borough**. It seems such a short time ago that I was there for Amos. In 1964 my first teaching appointment found me at Arapohue School - in Amos's Methodist area. The first time I met this sincere and godly man was when he came to school for 'Bible in Schools'. Many of my pupils and their parents were Methodists and I went to one of their home groups. What role models Amos and Bess were for me as I went on to marry a teacher there. They leave a wonderful family that exhibits the fruit of Christ-like example and love.

The love and sympathy of the Order is extended to their family.

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“FRIENDSHIP”

God only knows the heart of every person,
The stress and strain, the problems and fears;
And there are folk who must unload their burdens
To someone else -- be sure you have listening ears.

Seek not to steer, or lead, or prod into action
But pray the Lord, His Spirit to reveal
What is His will in every situation.
Then praise the Lord, rely on Him to heal.

See every moment as a new beginning
God does His grace and love to you extend.
Go! Share your joys certainly with others
In all encounters, be a loving friend.

Doreen Gibson, Howick

Missioner's Visit to the United States

(A brief report from Derek Lightbourne)

Chapters of the Order of St Luke in North America are each expected to hold a Healing Mission annually. It was in responding to invitations from two Chapters that led me flying to the United States, via Sydney in September. The Sandhills Chapter is in Pinehurst, North Carolina, known now as the Golf Course where Michael Campbell won the US Open. Chapters in the US are generally associated with a particular church, and in Pinehurst it is the Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Two days after arriving, I led a Healing Mission focusing on '**Living with Stress,**' a Biblical and Christian approach. We explored ways that the Sabbath rest can be observed in a busy world, and how the story of Martha and Mary has such relevance for Christians in ministry, and in relationship with Jesus. This was followed on Sunday with preaching and to speak at their Adult Forum which takes place after the main morning Service. During the week following there were a number of different ministry opportunities, as well as time to enjoy the early autumn days (with temperatures ranging between 22 and 28!)

Then it was on to the Piedmont Chapter in Winston Salem, also in North Carolina, a city known for its treasuring of Moravian customs, brought here by families escaping persecution in Europe in the 1700's. The Healing Mission at St Paul's Episcopal Church was attended by over 80, and was on 'Healing in the Family.' Again there were wonderful opportunities to share on Jesus' healing to very big congregations. (Not often does one preach to 485 people in a Service!). Also, an Adult Forum was held, and in the afternoon a Healing Service of Celebration and Hope.

A feature of the ministry visit this time was the opportunity to speak about Jesus' healing in places outside the church setting (during the week). This included two health professionals working with Cancer patients; others with children and families with disabilities; hospital Chaplains and also a group of divinity students studying for ordination. There was very real openness to a Christian approach, and general acknowledgment of the very real part of spirituality and healing in those among whom these folk were working.

The visit was rounded off by a few days holiday in New York, and opportunity to experience the vibrancy of this City, as well as its much sadness and joys. Please accept my sincere thanks to you all for your prayers and support in this time of ministry.

D.L.

An Order of St Luke Prayer - (based on the Emblem of the Order)

Leader of my heart, my mind, my spirit, my all;
Light of my life, my past, my present, my future;
King of the Universe, omnipotent, omnipresent.

Write your

Law upon my heart and in my mind to flow forth in my spirit;
Saviour, Healer of us all, fill us with the gifts

and precious fruit of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(DL - from the North American OSL)

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ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: We warmly welcome into the Order

- Northern Area:** Bayswater Mrs Amy Alley
- Kaitaia Mrs Gail McIntyre, Mrs Mary Sylva
- Tararua Area:** Karori Mrs Adele Mackay
- Levin Mrs Cathreen Blake, Mrs Betty Davies
- Wgtn Nth Mrs Linda Burnside
- Bm/Tasman Area:** Blenheim Mrs Joan Vercoe, Mrs Jovita Cross
- Westport Mrs Nel van Greevenbroek
- Canterbury Area:** Postal Rev Bruce Childs, Rev Tim Ensor,
Mrs Helen Ensor, Mrs Felicity Grigg,
Mrs Kathryn Lancaster, Mrs Sunita Martins,
Rev Jessie Moffitt, Mrs Dorothy Robertson

FULL MEMBERS: Congratulations and a warm welcome

- Northern Area:** Auckland Rev Jenny Quince
- Kaitaia Mrs Silvia Lawrence
- Midland Area:** Putaruru Ms Sandra Nicholson
- Central Area:** Palmerston Nth Mrs Alyson Chandler, Mrs Janet Gimblett,
Mrs Dorothy Hodges, Mr John Merriman,
Mrs Verena Turner, Mrs Margaret Wolfsbauer
- Tararua Area:** Kapiti Mrs Betty Woodcock
- Bm/Tasman Area:** Motueka Mr Stuart Hunt
- Canterbury Area:** Chch NW Mrs Jocelyn Wise
- Southern Area:** Postal Mr Stan Amsden, Mrs Glenise Amsden,
Rev Bruce Cavanagh, Mrs Jan Cockerill,
Mrs Anne Gover, Rev Stan Mawhinney,
Mrs Daphne Mawhinney, Mrs Margery Palmer,
Mrs Anne Watson, Mrs Heather Williams,
Mrs Pauline Winter
- Taieri Mrs Celia Joyce
- Upper Clutha Mrs Joan Sanders



ROLL OF HONOUR: Members Called to Higher Service

- Midland Postal** Mrs Win Battley, Mrs Joan Bayley, Rev Alison Gray
- Rotorua** Mr Bert Worsnop **Central Postal** Mrs Bess Burrough
- Tararua Postal** Ms Ruth Jenkin **Central Otago** Mr Hugh McCrostie
- Invercargill** Mr Bill Hooper, Mr David Ballantyne **Upper Clutha** Mrs Ray Brown

3rd International OSL Conference: Please continue praying for this Conference being 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 contact either the Co-General Secretaries or **HEAL-LINK** Editors. Some useful info. was printed in the previous **HEAL-LINK** (July-August 2006).

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GENERAL INFORMATION: OSLNZ Website is <http://www.oslnz.org>
(This is managed and operated for OSL by Brian & Shirley Flower)

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Book Resources: Copies of the small books by Bishop Owen Dowling "Searching Questions on Healing" and "Channels of Healing" are still available. They make excellent Bible studies for groups or individuals. **Also available** are many **Videos** for hire to members. Orders to be made with **Mrs Betty Meyers, 34A Halswater Drive, Churton Park, Wellington 6037** or email ecmeyers@paradise.net.nz (Please don't send money with your Order – you will be Invoiced).

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