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Greetings from National Chaplain Brian

Dear Friends,

Except for reporting at the National Conference this is the last time I am likely to be writing as National Chaplain. It has been a privilege to have served in this capacity. It is a position that I did not seek but I am grateful to those who placed faith in me. During my term we have visited most chapters and expect to visit the remainder next year as past national chaplain.

As an Order we are virtually holding our own number-wise but this should not be how we are judging ourselves, though it would be good to see our numbers increase. What we should be looking at is how much we are seen in the community around us, offering ministry encouragement and supporting those who are stressed and in need. They are not necessarily easily discerned but in poor circumstances health and accommodation wise. Matthew in his gospel writes in chapter 25 34 – 43 about what Jesus said we should do for the needy. We regularly see people singing outside supermarkets with a container for donations. We do not carry cash so pass them by, and for many that is not difficult but recently I passed a man singing with his guitar and was pleasantly surprised to note that he was singing Christian sentiments so paused and encouraged him, feeling sad that I had nothing to give him but thought of Peter with John at the gate beautiful “silver and gold I do not have but what I have I give you”. All I had was some encouraging words but I hope they helped. His response seemed so.

Encouragement is something that we all can give but how much do we offer it? Many are struggling with life and a kind word can mean a lot. Even more, of course, practical assistance of any sort can make all the difference to another person. We have a gospel to share and the love of our Lord. That love can be shown in so many ways. I am minded of the words of St Paul to the Galatians chapter 6 quoted in the 1662 Prayer Book, paraphrased into modern idiom, “while we have time let us do good to all people especially to those who belong to the family of believers “.

May God’s blessings be upon each one of you.

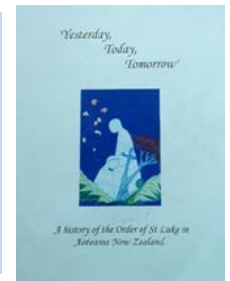


Brian Flower

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PS May I extend a very warm welcome to Rev Bill Sim as he takes up the position of National Chaplain next month. I trust that Bill will be blessed throughout his three year term, as I have been during my time of service. Bill will inherit the natchap@oslnz.org address at the time of his induction and I will join Shirley in the use of members@oslnz.org

‘YESTEDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW 50 year History of the Order of St Luke in Aotearoa New Zealand



Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow is (OSLNZ history) in the final stages of preparations for printing. The plan is to have the book launch at the National Conference.

Pre-launch cost \$20

Pre-launch orders By 20th August (so we know how many to print)

Orders to: Judy Johnston, Resource Assistant
email n.j@clear.net.nz
62 Galway St
Invercargill 9810

Please note The number of books required per chapter or individual ordered
Pick up and pay Either at the Conference or else the book will be snail mailed with an invoice
Snail mailed There will be an additional cost for postage and packing for those not collected.
Pay Pay at Conference or after Conference pay the invoice as per instructions

The history includes the original 'Physician Heal' of the first 25 years (slightly revised by updating), with the further 25 years to 2014. Photos are also included, some in colour where available and there is a comprehensive record of the International Conference hosted in 2013. The new publication is entitled 'Yesterday, today and tomorrow.'



OSL NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE 2015

Key note speaker – Father John Rae

John Rea has been a Catholic priest for sixty years and a member of the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers and Brothers) for longer. Although he has taught at secondary level and also ministered in parishes, he has spent most of his years as a priest conducting parish missions (revivals) and retreats. He began praying for healing in 1974. The Lord uses him more in the area of physical healing than in any other.



Bible Studies – Rev. Paul McIntosh



I'm married to Catherine and we have one delightful two year old daughter, Naomi. We live in Karori, Wellington, where I am a priest in our local Anglican church. I undertook my theological training at St Mellitus College, London. I have a passion for theology and the bible, and love to see people find wholeness in and through Christ. When I'm not out playing with Naomi, or delving into something theological, you'll find me with a camera in my hand.

Workshops facilitators and workshop subjects

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| ➤ Frank & Gwen Rigg | Partnering with God in Prayer - Being and Doing |
| ➤ Gary Roberts | Healing 'Lost Golf balls' |
| ➤ Lionel & Rachelle Brown | Stress and Coping with it |
| ➤ Bruce & Margot Postlewaight | God's Healing Presence in Today's Church. |
| ➤ Trevor Butler | Restoration/Healing Family Tree Within Services of Holy Communion |
| ➤ Kevin Gwynne | How to Find Your Sacred Prayer Pathway! |
| ➤ Derek Lightbourne | Staying fresh in healing ministry |
| ➤ Derek Cone | Effective marketing for OSL |



Sue, our National Treasurer advises that:

Subscriptions for the period July 2015 to June 2016 are now due. Please make payment either to your chapter treasurer or to me to the address shown on the subscription form or online by 31 August 2015. If paying online please include the word 'Sub 2015/16' in the reference field.

Prompt payment of your subscriptions ensures that there is enough to cover the cost of running the Order. The work carried out by the executive team is voluntary and the subscriptions just cover the cost of expenses incurred in running the order and producing Heal-Link.

The subscriptions remain the same as last year, \$20 single and \$30 couple.



A testimony from Heather Power, OSL, Christchurch

About ten years ago my son was working in Melbourne when he met a lovely Canadian girl who was sponsored in a teaching job. Eventually they married and relocated to Vancouver where my son was able to get a permanent job after some effort, so they bought a townhouse and settled down. As they were both in their mid-thirties it was time for a family!

However it did not work out like that. After some years of disappointment they had almost given up but decided to try the IVF programme. I told them we were praying for them and did they mind if our whole OSL group prayed as well. They agreed, and I know my daughter in law's mother had a prayer group in her church too.

Unfortunately the first IVF programme was unsuccessful and they were devastated. We urged them not to give up hope as we were sure our prayers would be answered, we just had that positive feeling that God was in charge and all would be well. They opted to go through another programme after much consideration and we continued praying.



Imagine the delight and joy in our group when I announced that they were finally pregnant after three years of praying! The pregnancy went well and a beautiful little girl was born on May 5th last year. She is named Layla Rose and visited her grandparents in NZ in February. What a thrill for us to see her lovely smiling face and give her big cuddles and hugs. God is great indeed.

(Heather and Layla)

Reporting in from Canterbury (reporters *Rachelle & Lionel Brown*)

Area Day was held on Saturday 4th July at our home. Twenty people from around Canterbury attended together with Bill and Marilyn Sim. Bill led a session on the theme of 'How the Holy Spirit Heals'. This gave a very helpful insight into various areas of healing and wholeness not only personal but also in situations and communities. This was followed by opportunities for prayer in groups of three. Following lunch we held an open prayer session where many of those present received prayer ministry. The day concluded with a Communion service.



*Congratulations to two more OSL members of long standing who have celebrated their 90th birthdays.
(see previous Heal-Link for the first two)*

Natalie McArthur joined the Order in 1977 and was a member of the Hororata Chapter until it closed. She is presently a Postal Member and continues to exercise a quiet effective ministry of prayer and hospitality in the rural community where she lives.

Hazel Mauger joined the Order in 1983. She has exercised ministry in a number of areas including Hospital chaplaincy and as a receptionist at the Christchurch Cathedral. She is presently a Postal Member and continues to exercise an effective prayer ministry from home.



Book Review

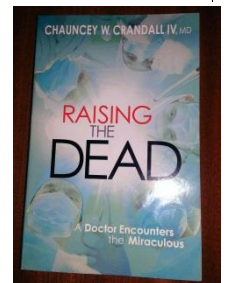
Raising the Dead by Chauncey W. Crandall. 1V. MD.

(Faith Words Press)

A Cardiologist who once described himself as a 'hum drum' Christian, begins the book with the account of a patient who had been dead for forty minutes being raised back to life. While a nurse was preparing his body for the family, the doctor felt a strong compulsion to pray over him and to order one more shock with the defibrillator. The patient fully recovered and a few days later he accepted Christ as Saviour. The impact was enormous and subsequently Chauncey experienced many opportunities to explore the relationship between medical practice and prayer, as well as being involved in miraculous healing meetings around the world. In between all of this the family was dealing with the diagnosis of leukemia in one of their teenage sons.

I found the contrast between the amazing miracles and the agony of the continual decline in Chad's condition a challenge. During his four year battle he did experience some miracles but in the end he died. Chauncey's heart broke and he pleaded with God for his son to come back to life but God remained silent. He knew he had a decision to make. It was to either abandon God altogether or give him absolutely everything in his life. He chose the latter but asked God for one million souls in exchange for his son.

In the remainder of the book he shares his ongoing and amazing spiritual journey as he based his medical practice on providing his patients with the best of medicine and the best of Jesus.



Reviewed by Rachelle Brown. Mt Pleasant/Pegasus Chapter

Membership:

New Associate Members

Hibiscus Coast: Mr Ralph Jones
Mr David Zimmerman
Mrs Sarah Zimmerman



Full Member:

Hibiscus Coast: Dr Phyllis Dalziell



Higher Service:

Auckland:	Mrs Elizabeth Skerritt
Whangarei:	Mrs Katie Brown
Northern Postal:	Mrs Doreen Gibson
Johnsonville:	Mrs Rosemary Palmer
Tararua Postal:	Mrs Sylvia Irwin

International OSL Conference Holland 14-17 June 2016

The exciting and varied programme, speakers and workshops are now posted on the Holland OSL website www.osl2016.nl
Members who are thinking of attending the Conference and who would like to go across in a group (with a half-way stop) but make your own way home please contact dereklightbourne@xtra.co.nz

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FINAL THOUGHT

THIS EDITION'S FINAL THOUGHT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY

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FORGIVENESS AND HEALING IN THE HOLY COMMUNION OR EUCHARIST

A little book by Joseph Prince: 'Health and Wholeness Through the Holy Communion' has extended our understanding of the significance of the Holy Communion in the healing ministry. There are two components to the Sacrament:

1. the cup which is the shed blood of Jesus
2. the bread which is his broken body

In Ephesians chapter one Paul referring to Jesus writes:

For by the death of Christ we are set free, that is our sins are forgiven. (Ephesians 1:7 TEV)

It is Jesus shed blood that makes forgiveness of sin possible because he was the sacrificial lamb of God. It is his shed blood that has paid the penalty for our sin. It is by his stripes we are healed and that is what we appropriate in our lives when we take the broken bread.

Christ himself carried our sins in his body to the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. It is by his wounds that you have been healed. (1 Peter 2:24 TEV)

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;.....

But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. (Isaiah 53:4 -5 NRSV)

So when we partake of the bread and wine at Holy Communion we need to think deeply and prayerfully about the healing and forgiveness there is available for us and we need to appropriate that for ourselves. We take the bread and hold it in our hands and say something like this:

Thank You Jesus for Your broken body.

It is for my healing, my spouse's healing and my children's healing.....

Thank You that by Your stripes, by the beatings You bore,
by the lashes which fell on Your back,

we are completely healed. I believe and I receive. *(Eat the bread.)*

Next, we take the cup in our hands and say something like this:

Thank You Jesus for the new covenant sealed in Your blood.

Your blood has brought me forgiveness and washed me from every sin.

I thank You that Your blood has made me righteous.

And as I drink, I celebrate and partake of the inheritance of the righteous,
which is preservation, healing, wholeness and well being. *(Drink the wine)*

Thank You Jesus, I love You because You first loved me.

(Adapted from Health and Wholeness Through the Holy Communion by Joseph Prince)