

## ORIGINS OF THE ORDER

The International Order of St. Luke was brought into being some sixty years ago by the Reverend John Banks, to encourage Christians to study and practice the ministry of Christian Healing. Many people were aware of the gifts of healing set out by St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 12 as one of the expected gifts of the Holy Spirit, but at that time the teaching and exercise of Christian Healing was really more of a dream than a reality.

It was against this background that John Banks began the Order of St. Luke, to encourage believers to learn about the ministry and to practice praying for, and ministering to, those who were sick.

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ORDER

1. The Order of St. Luke is an order, similar to religious orders with which we are more familiar. It is similar in that it has a rule of life, which it asks and expects its members to observe, according to their differing circumstances. It is dissimilar in that members are not asked to make vows of any kind.
2. The rule of life embraces all aspects of a normal Christian life, in addition to the commitment to the Ministry of Christian Healing contained within it.
3. Members are encouraged to meet together in local Chapters and at the National Conference, and at an International Conference held every three years.

4. Members receive the national magazine 'Healing Ways' published periodically, in which views, information and publicity about Christian Healing are included.

## OFFICIAL LOGO



## ADMINISTRATION

The Order is administered by a National Council, elected by its members. It is cared for pastorally in each country by a nationally elected Warden.

In each Country the Order is broken down into local Chapters, presided over by Chaplains or Lay Conveners, who are admitted to office by the UK Warden, or his/her agreed representative.

## HOW TO JOIN THE ORDER

To join the OSL a prospective member needs to obtain an application form from either the Membership Secretary or the Warden

The completed form must be backed by a recommendation from his/her local priest or minister.

It is then sent to the OSL Council and, if approved, the new member will be admitted into the Order at a local Chapter Meeting.

## IF YOU WISH TO JOIN THE ORDER

Please contact:

The Revd Chris Low, (UK Warden) 61 Woodburn Drive, Chapelton, SHEFFIELD S35 1YT

Tel. No: 0114 4535 199

Email: See website [www.OSLUK.org](http://www.OSLUK.org)

OR

Mr J Low (UK WebMaster),

Email: See website [www.OSLUK.org](http://www.OSLUK.org)

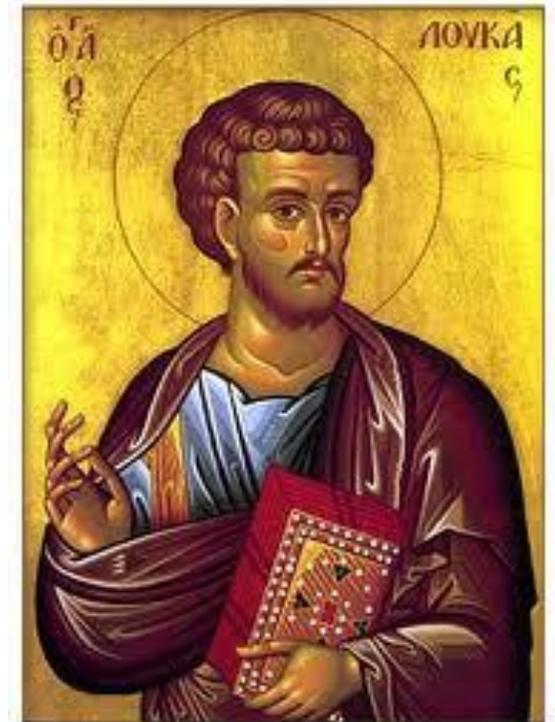
## WEBSITE

Please look at our new website for more detailed information... [www.osluk.org](http://www.osluk.org)

## **THE PRAYER OF THE ORDER OF ST. LUKE**

Almighty God, who inspired Your servant Luke the Physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of Your Son: Graciously continue in Your Church the love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of Your Name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# **THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF SAINT LUKE THE PHYSICIAN IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**



**An Introduction**