



**June - August
2018**

Prayer Bulletin

From the Principal ...

Our confidence as we pray comes from the person and character of the God to whom we pray. Among those things we must say about the God who has made himself known to us in his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, is that he is faithful. He makes promises. He gives his word. And he always keeps his promises and delivers on his word.

In this, as in so many other things, God is unlike us. Each of us is aware of times when our promises were hollow, our word was broken, or we did not speak the truth. Even when our earnest desire is to be truthful and reliable, we do not always live up to our aspirations. Yet God has never spoken an idle word. He has never made a promise he did not keep or will not keep. He never breaks his word. He always speaks the truth.

The apostle Paul repeatedly uses the phrase, 'God is faithful' (1 Cor 1:9, 10:13; 2 Cor 1:18). King David could write 'Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God' (Ps 31:5), words which are echoed by Jesus on the cross. In a later psalm we read, 'The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works' (Ps 145:13). Once again it was Paul who told the Thessalonians 'He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it [speaking of his work of sanctifying and perfecting his people]' (1 Thess 5:24).

The Bible is replete with testimonies to God's faithfulness. It is because of this faithfulness that we can pray. We have heard his promise, that he will cast out no one who comes to him (Jn 6:37), that he knows our needs before we even ask and yet he invites us to bring them to him, that we can cast our anxieties upon him for he cares for us (Matt 6:8; 1 Pet 5:7). God will keep his word. He will guard his gospel and protect his people. He will bring all things to the end he has prepared for them. He invites us to be part of that great mission first and foremost by praying.

We at Moore College are greatly encouraged by the army of men and women who pray for us, those who pray through the needs expressed in this prayer bulletin, and those who are able to join us physically in the Prayer Support Group (for women) or the Men Praying for Moore Breakfasts. Thank you for your faithfulness as you trust in the faithfulness of our heavenly Father. Please keep praying, especially that God would raise up an increasing number of men and women to take his gospel to the world.

Mark Thompson

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Page numbers in brackets after a person's name refer to profiles in SOCIETAS 2017.

Focus for June

- **Exams**
 - **Mission follow up**
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Week 1: Friday, 1 June – Sunday, 10 June

- Give thanks for the great number of people who stepped up to have conversations about Jesus with their friends and invited them along to various events during **Mission week** to hear the gospel. Pray that these conversations will lead to fruit that lasts into eternity.
 - **Dan & Chrissie Wu (Faculty, p59)** Please pray for us with Chrissie's recent diagnosis of leukemia. Give thanks for the wonderful care and love we've received from family and friends (including the College fellowship), and the excellent medical care Chrissie's had at RPA. Please pray for successful treatment for Chrissie, but most of all that we would grow in our trust in Jesus through it all.
 - **Leonie (nee Dawson) & Matt Morrison (2nd year, p12)** Give thanks to God for all that I am learning at College. Please pray for the rest of this term with exams looming. Please pray that I will study well and continue to glorify God in all that I do.
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Week 2: Monday, 11 June – Sunday, 17 June

- **STUVAC (11-14 June)** Pray that the students would use this time well to prepare for their exams. Please pray that the students would continue to care for one another, and that as they study the Scriptures, they would have the motivation to keep growing in godliness as well as in knowledge of their course material.
- **Exams (15-22 June)** Please pray for the students as they sit their exams; that they would remember what they have learned and be able to demonstrate their knowledge well. Pray for good mental and physical health for all and for calm nerves during the exam period.
- Give thanks and pray for a young Iranian man who prayed to receive Christ during the Mission events in **Central Wollongong**.

Week 3: Monday, 18 June – Sunday, 24 June

- **George & Koula Athas (Faculty, p58)** Give thanks for a steady start to Term 2. Pray for our family as we negotiate a difficult circumstance together. Pray for energy, wisdom, and contentment in the face of some disappointments and frustrations.
 - Please pray for the faithful saints at **Kurnell and Cronulla**, as they navigate changes in their suburbs and thank God for the support they have received from the other churches in their mission area.
 - **Simon & Margie Gillham (Faculty, p58)** Pray that the relationships Margie and Simon form with Anglican leaders from around the world during GAFCON in Jerusalem would be mutually encouraging and provide more opportunities for Moore to resource and support theological education in the developing world.
 - Pray for Faculty attending **GAFCON** this week in Jerusalem (Simon Gillham, Ed Loane, Andrew Shead, Mark Thompson and Jane Tooher). Pray that their contributions to the conference will help the GAFCON movement to remain strong and fruitful to the word of God. Pray for safety in travel and good health.
 - **Mathea & Kevin Yeung (3rd year, p25)** Thank God for the essay task on Christian Assurance for Doctrine class – it's fuelled my thankfulness for his great power to preserve us. Please pray for my husband and me, that we'd persevere in our studies and in godliness.
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Moore College Sunday 2018

Sunday 5 August

A day when local churches partner with Moore College to encourage people **to pray** for the College, the churches it serves, students, graduates, staff and faculty; and **to get involved** in supporting the College.

For more information visit <http://mcs.moore.edu.au/>

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Week 4: Monday, 25 June – Sunday, 1 July

- **Winter Break (23 June-15 July)** Pray that the students and Faculty would be refreshed over the break, for safety in travel for those who are going away for the break, and for good health for the College community in these winter months.
- **Mark & Kathryn Thompson (Faculty, p58)** Please thank God with us for his provision of all our needs. Please pray for a good life balance and times of rest and refreshment. Our daughter Anna is facing the HSC this year and her sisters face the challenges of High School (Rachel and Mary) and University (Lizzy). Mark has a number of writing projects and Kathryn is busy at College and on a number of committees and boards.
- The **Lake Illawarra Area** ran three days and evenings of evangelistic talks in the Shellharbour Civic Centre. Over 500 people heard the gospel proclaimed clearly, and 74 indicated that they had responded to the talks. Please pray for the ongoing follow-up of these people by the churches. Pray that God, through his Spirit, would establish and grow his word in their lives.
- **Leoni & Dave Painter (1st Year)** Give thanks for the opportunity to take study leave from CMS. Please pray for Dave's M.Th. research and for my B.Th. studies. May we be better equipped to serve God in Cambodia. Please pray for our children as they adjust to life in Australia.

Focus for July

- **Mission follow-up**
 - **Evangelism**
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Week 1: Monday, 2 July – Sunday, 8 July

- **Makito Miyashita (3rd year, p24)** Give thanks for another year of study and please pray for wisdom and understanding as I learn and study and work on assignments.
 - Give thanks for those who heard the gospel in **Nowra, Bomaderry, Berry and Kangaroo Valley**. Please pray for the follow-up of these people, and for the seeds that were sown to bear fruit.
 - Give thanks that the claims of Jesus were raised with non-Christians in **Helensburgh, Stanwell Park, Heathcote and Engadine**. Please pray for those in the respective churches following up interested contacts, and for Scripture teachers engaging so effectively with kids in these districts.
 - **William He (3rd year, p23)** Give thanks for the way God continues to teach me at College, at church, and with family. Please pray for stability at church, as they undergo lots of change in this transition period.
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Week 2: Monday, 9 July – Sunday, 15 July

- Thank God for the opportunities to reach thousands of students with the gospel through the Anglican schools in the **Macarthur region**. Pray that the school chaplains and Christian teachers would be persistent, faithful and creative in ministering God's word to those students who are receptive and searching as well those who are apathetic or hostile.
- **Carol Gilbert (2nd year, p13)** Give thanks that I can study full time and share the gospel with women around St Andrew's Cathedral. Please pray for strength, wisdom, faithfulness and dependence on God. Pray that I will be able to equip other ladies to share Jesus.
- **Phillip & Janine Morrow (1st year)** Please pray we would continue to settle into life in Sydney. Thank God that he has sustained us and that Janine has found work.

JULY 2018

Week 3: Monday, 16 July – Sunday, 22 July

- **Semester 2 Term 3 Commences (16 July)** Pray for energy and enthusiasm for the start of the new term, and that the College community would keep serving each other with joy.
 - **Jane Tooher (Faculty, p59)** Thank God for the generous provision of Study Leave. Please pray for wisdom and discipline for me as I write a book for women on the doctrine of humanity. Please pray that I will show the fruit of the Spirit as I relate to my two nephews who live with me, Nick and Jono.
 - Give thanks for the students who are spending time training in **evangelism**, and growing in their desire to share Christ with people they meet in the local area. Please pray that they would continue to grow in boldness and in love for the lost, and pray that the conversations they have would be used by God to bring people to know and trust and love the Lord Jesus Christ.
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2018 Annual Moore College Lectures

Answering the Psalmist's Perplexity: New-Covenant Newness in the Book of Psalms

Dr James Hely Hutchinson from the Institut Biblique Belge

One evening overview lecture:

Thursday 9 August, 8pm-9.30pm

Five morning lectures:

Monday 13 – Friday 17 August

10am-12pm Monday

9am-11am Tuesday – Friday

Marcus Loane Hall, Moore College, 1 King Street, Newtown

*All lectures are free events and open to the
general public.*

For more information or to watch the livestream online, visit

<https://www.moore.edu.au/news/annual-moore-college-lectures/>

Week 4: Monday, 23 July – Sunday, 29 July

- **Mission Awareness Week (23-27 July)** Pray that the students will be enlightened, challenged and encouraged as they focus on world mission this week. Pray that God would use the conversations and prayers of this week in the raising up and sending of workers into his harvest.
- **Supplementary exams (23-27 July)** Pray for those students sitting for supplementary exams; that they will be able to spend time preparing for the exams and to demonstrate their knowledge well.
- **James Chen (2nd Year)** Give thanks to God for this great opportunity to study at Moore - I am learning new things every day. Please pray that I will be well equipped and keep my desire to return to my home country, China, to do long term ministry.
- **Rusdyan Cocks (1st year)** Give thanks for the enormous blessing it is to have the time set aside to dig into the treasure of God's word. Please pray that as I study I will continue to be shaped to be more like Jesus.
- Give thanks for those **churches** who are working with people from diverse backgrounds, including Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, and Arab countries. Pray that they will have energy, patience and wisdom as they make Jesus known.

AUGUST 2018

Focus for August

- **Annual Moore College Lectures (9 & 13-17 August)**
 - **Students**
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Week 1: Monday, 30 July – Sunday, 5 August

- **Prayer Support Group (30 July)** and Men Praying for Moore Breakfasts. Thank God for the faithfulness of the women and men who meet to pray for the needs of the College, and for the way God graciously answers our prayers. Pray that these would continue to be times of encouragement and strengthening of faith and fellowship.
 - **The Mark Drama (3 & 4 August)** Thank God for the hard work that the students have put in to learning their lines and preparing for the performances of Mark's Gospel for their guests. Please pray that the audiences will have their hearts opened to hear Jesus' words and consider his claims, and that conversations afterwards would be helpful to this aim.
 - **Moore College Sunday (5 August)** Give thanks for the many churches across Sydney that will be praying for the College and hearing about the work that God is doing here. Pray that many people might be encouraged to join those who support the College in prayer, financially and in many other ways.
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Event: Spirit-inspired Christian Living

Speaker: Philip Jensen

Phillip Jensen is a Bible teacher, an evangelist and the founder of Two Ways Ministries, which exists to grow the network of Christians who, by living single-mindedly for Christ, will so teach the Bible as to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

When: August 20, 7.30pm – 9:30pm

Where: Marcus Loane Hall, Moore College 1 King St, Newtown

For tickets and event information, visit: <https://ccl.moore.edu.au/>

Week 2: Monday, 6 August – Sunday, 12 August

- **Annual Moore College Lectures (9 & 13-17 August)** Pray for James Hely Hutchinson as he finalises his preparation and delivers the lectures on Answering the Psalmist's Perplexity: New-Covenant Newness in the Book of Psalms. Pray that many people will benefit from the lectures.
- Give thanks for the **senior students** of the College and all that they do to serve the College community. Pray that they will be able to balance their duties with their studies and other responsibilities.
- **Jen & Steve Lum (3rd year, p36)** Thank God for the opportunity to study his word in depth, within a loving and supportive College community. Please pray for perseverance in faith, godliness in character and right priorities in relation to study, family, work and ministry.

Week 3: Monday, 13 August – Sunday, 19 August

- Please pray that the 20 August **CCL event** about 'Spirit-inspired Christian living' will produce renewed minds and hearts in all those who attend the event, and those who view it via the Livestream and subsequent video and audio resources.
- **Philip & Amy Kern (Faculty, p58)** Please pray for us that we'd successfully juggle family and work life. The kids are busy with multiple sports throughout the week, and are constantly moving in different directions. Amy has recently begun teaching Scripture to a couple of classes in Abbotsford. Please pray that she would connect well with the children and be able to respond to those who in primary school can already be very cynical about the Gospel. Please also pray for our oldest son Philip, an officer in the RAAF--that the Lord would bless his marriage to Georgina, and give him insight into the next phase of life and service; and for Eliot who is in his HSC year.
- Please pray for those students and their families who don't currently live in the College communities of Newtown, Croydon Park and Parramatta. Pray for energy in commuting and that they would be able to receive encouragement from their colleagues.

AUGUST 2018

Week 4: Monday, 20 August – Sunday, 26 August

- **Research Week (20-24 August)** Give thanks for this break in the College routine for students to focus on essays. Pray that they will use this time productively.
- Give thanks for the opportunity for College students to teach **SRE Scripture** at Darlington and North Newtown schools. Pray that through these Scripture classes, and the many like them in other schools, children will better understand the good news of Jesus and will come to put their trust in him. Pray that we will be able to retain the privilege of Special Religious Education classes in schools.
- **Ben Ko (1st year)** Thank God for the many new friends I have made in class and at church. Please pray that they might be friendships which seek to grow one another by being able to apply our studies not just onto paper but into a heart that seeks to grow more like Jesus.
- Give thanks for the **new babies** who have been born in recent months. Pray for good sleep, for energy and patience for their parents, and that each one would grow up knowing and loving Jesus. Please also particularly pray for those who are grieving infertility and miscarriage. Pray for sensitivity and love amongst our College community as we live so closely to one another.

Week 5: Monday, 27 August – Friday, 31 August

- Please pray for those in the College community who are **suffering** with illness, disability, mental health issues or other kinds of trials. Pray that they would have what they need to keep trusting in and loving Jesus, and that each one would receive comfort and encouragement from those who are caring for them.
- **Andrew & Lucy Marrett (1st Year)** Pray that I will be faithful to the tasks of student ministry (leading a youth group team and preaching and other things) while still balancing the study load required of College.
- Give thanks for the hard work and dedication of the **College staff**, who support the students and the Faculty in their learning, teaching, study and many aspects of life at College. Please pray for good communication between the various departments as they work together for the glory of Christ.

Personal Prayer Notes



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