
Prayer Bulletin

From the Principal ...

Thank you once again for your prayers for the College and its work. At every point we are dependent upon the grace and mercy of God. None of us is up to the task of proclaiming the gospel through faithfully teaching the Scriptures over a lifetime of ministry. It is only as God does his work in us, strengthening us, challenging us, equipping us, that this becomes possible. For that very reason prayer is vital — for all of us at College and for all who have graduated and are now engaged in word ministry in a wide range of contexts.

Would you please especially pray for us as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this year? During the Reformation, men and women had the courage to say (and in some cases suffer for saying) on the authority of Scripture alone, not Scripture and tradition, that we are saved by Christ alone, not Christ and the church; because of grace alone, not because of grace and merit; through faith alone, not through faith and works; to the glory of God alone, for he is the only one who deserves all honour and glory. In our own time those same truths are under attack again, not just from the world that does not know the gospel but even from some within the churches. We need to be excited all over again by these truths and the life stories of those who defended them in the sixteenth century. We are hoping our Reformation celebrations will be used by God to enable that to happen. Please pray and come along as well if you can.

Meanwhile a new year has begun in a very different (and much enlarged) campus. The atmosphere among our students is filled with excitement. A larger intake than last year gives us even more cause to thank God. As you pray through the requests contained in this Prayer Bulletin, I trust you will be encouraged to persevere by the words of the apostle Paul to the Thessalonians: 'Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you' (1 Thess 5:17–18).

Mark Thompson

MARCH 2017

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Focus for March:

Pray for College Missions 26 March – 2 April (see back page for list of locations)

Week 1: Wednesday, 1 March – Sunday, 5 March

- Give great thanks to God for the **70 new full-time, 16 new part-time and 22 online diploma students** in first year this year. Pray that they will come to know God better as a result of all that they learn in their time at College.
 - Pray for the **Registrar's Department** in this extra busy time for them as they prepare for the students' graduation.
 - Each year **Moore College Missions** are held in Sydney, regional NSW, interstate and overseas. Give thanks that College students and Faculty can partner with local churches to engage in mission and ministry to their communities, to the glory of God. Pray especially for those involved in the **planning and preparation of mission events and activities**. Pray for boldness on the part of church members as they invite friends to the many events that are being organised, and for good relationships within the teams.
 - **Paul and Cathy Grimmond (New Faculty)** Please pray for godliness and patience as many routines get re-arranged with the new job. Pray that we will be quick to forgive each other when things inevitably don't quite work.
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Graduation

All Welcome

Where: City Recital Hall, Angel Place, Sydney

When: Monday 13 March 2017

7.30pm – 9.30pm

Doors open 7.00pm, please be seated by 7.20pm

Speaker: Dr Richard Gibson

Principal and CEO, Brisbane School of Theology

Enquiries: 02 9577 9999

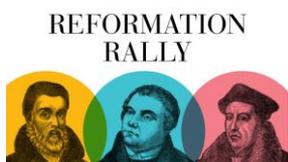
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Week 2: Monday, 6 March – Sunday, 12 March

- Pray that many will come along to the **Centre for Christian Living event, *How To Find Your Best Self* (Wednesday 8 March 7.30pm at Moore College)**. Pray for David Höhne and Tony Payne as they discuss Bonhoeffer's extraordinary Christ-centred answers to the basic human question of who we really are and who we long to be, and show their relevance to our Christian life. <https://ccl.moore.edu.au/ccl-events/>
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- **Lionel & Bronwyn Windsor (Faculty, p56)** Thank God for a refreshing family holiday at the end of January. Please pray that Lionel will get to know the new first year students and begin the new teaching year well. Pray also for him to complete his book on mission in Ephesians and Colossians (due at the end of March).
 - Give thanks for the **new Teaching and Learning Centre** and the opportunity for students, Faculty and staff to enjoy the new facilities. Thank God for an encouraging opening service and particularly for the clear gospel focus in every aspect of the day. Pray that the process of resolving any remaining issues might be wise and that the process might be smooth.
 - **Peter & Jodie Blair (Year 2, p11)** Give thanks that God has provided the support we need to return to study at Moore, and please pray that we would continue to be well equipped for a lifetime of Anglican ministry in Northern Ireland.

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

- **Graduation (Monday 13 March 7.30pm)** Give thanks for the opportunity to **celebrate graduates** going out into the Lord's harvest and ask for God's blessing on this occasion. Pray particularly for Richard Gibson as he gives the address. Pray that this will be an encouraging night as the word of God is clearly proclaimed. Give thanks for the wide variety of ministries our graduates have taken up and pray that they might effectively and lovingly serve God's people to his glory.
- Please pray for the College **mission teams** and particularly for students finalising sermons and talks for mission. Please pray for safety in travel, particularly for the teams heading to Japan, Vanuatu and New Zealand and for joyful fellowship in the gospel.
- **Pete & Emma Orr (Faculty, p56)** Give thanks for a refreshing Christmas break with family. Please pray for stamina during a particularly full semester at College and at home, and please pray for our sons to grow in their knowledge of the Lord Jesus.
- **Reformation Rally Saturday 18 March 9.30am to 1pm (9am tea and coffee), Marcus Loane Hall, Moore College, (no registration required)**. Pray for Peter Jensen, Peter Adam and Simon Manchester as they each present a paper on a significant character from the Reformation and what we can learn from them today. <https://www.moore.edu.au/event/reformation-rally/>



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

- **Andrew & Jean Shead (Faculty, p56)** Give thanks for God's faithfulness, and pray that he would continue to sustain us and our children in body, mind and spirit as we work and study. Pray for a refreshing and useful sabbatical term for Andrew, and for redoubled vigour to serve present and future students with love and wisdom.
- **Pete and Katelyn Tong (New Faculty, part-time)** Please pray for me as I get to know students, especially my new chaplaincy group and all those I'll be teaching. Pray I can settle on the right balance between teaching at College and continuing to work as a minister at St Andrew's, Wahroonga. Please also pray that our family will adjust to the new routines of 2017.
- **Day of Prayer for Missions (22 March)** Give thanks for the opportunity for students to focus on prayer. Please join with them in praying that God will use the Moore College Missions to bring many people to himself.
- **Edwin & Joyce Thambyaiyah (Year 3, p26)** This year will be my final year at College and at this stage, we are not sure what the Lord has in mind for us once I complete College. Please pray that we as a family will discern the will of God for our future ministry.
- Pray for all the last minute preparations for **College missions**. Pray that many will come to the different events that have been organized and that God will be preparing their hearts to receive the message of hope they will hear.
- **New Advanced Diploma** Give thanks for this new course which began in February with three new specialised subjects for women: 'Ministries of Women' in Semester 1; and 'Influences on & Issues for Australian Christian Women', and 'Women & Children in Church History' being taught, God willing, in Semester 2.
- Please pray for the women enrolled in this **Diploma**, that God's Spirit will continue to work in them so that they will grow in their love and knowledge of God; that they will delight in God's word; and that they will grow to be more like Jesus. Please pray that as a result of doing this **Diploma** the women will be stronger and more faithful teachers of God's word; that they will desire to seek the lost with the gospel of Jesus Christ; and that they will be better equipped to train others in ministry.

Week 5: Monday, 27 March – Sunday, 2 April

- **Mission week (Sunday 26 March – Sunday 2 April)** Give thanks for the opportunity to hold College missions in many churches in Sydney, regional NSW, interstate and overseas. Pray that the gospel will be presented clearly in the various events and that the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts of those who attend. Pray for **energy and stamina** for all those involved. Pray for good rest and eagerness to work hard for the sake of the gospel.
- Pray that **College mission team members** will be servant-hearted as they get to know their host churches and learn from the ministers, team leaders and parishioners during the week. Pray that they would be an encouragement to the saints in each church.
- Pray for **safety** for families left behind while students are on mission. Pray that families will be well cared for during the mission week.
- Pray that God will use the mission week to deepen the **unity** of students and Faculty at College as they share in reaching out to others.
- **Lyndon & Abi Frost (Year 2, p12)** Thank God for a great restful break over the summer. Pray that Abi and I would continue to make time for our marriage amongst College and work.
- **David & Amelia Höhne (Faculty, p55)** Give thanks for the opportunity to reconnect with extended family members over the Christmas break. Please pray for faithfulness and patience for all the responsibilities of family life - especially supporting Joshua through his HSC year. Give thanks for the various ministry opportunities the Lord makes available in our Newtown area.
- **Steven & Elyssa Thurgar (Year 3)** I was given many great opportunities to share the gospel through the self-defence group at church last year with families coming to faith. Please pray for many more opportunities this year for that ministry. Please pray for my own personal growth in Christ, and pray for wisdom with deciding whether to do 4th year or finish at the end of this year.

APRIL 2017

Focus for April:

Pray for Mission Follow-up over Easter

Week 1: Monday, 3 April – Sunday, 9 April

- Pray for all the **mission churches** as they follow up contacts this week. Give thanks for all those who attended events and pray that they will continue to reflect on all they heard and that many might respond in repentance and faith.
- **Thomas Murray (Year 2, p13)** Thank God for providing 'tent making' opportunities over the summer break, providing for College funds. Please pray for personal godliness, structured time management, and for my family in the UK as I am away for another year.
- **Daniel & Shannon Bishop (Year 2, p11)** Please thank God for the birth of our second son Jedidiah and ask God to sustain us in proactive, gospel-centered parenting as we adjust to life in a family of four.

Week 2: Monday, 10 April – Sunday, 16 April

- **Easter (14-17 April)**. Praise the Lord for the wonderful salvation won for us on the cross. Thank God for the opportunity to remember all that Jesus has done for us, and to celebrate his resurrection.
- Many students in **Year 4** have the opportunity to complete a **research project** on a topic of their choice. Please pray for students as they finalise their topics. Give thanks for their in-depth study into an area of interest and pray that they will be better equipped to serve others as a result of undertaking this research.
- **Miriam Bradshaw (Year 3, p22)** Please pray that I would walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.
- **Brian & Joy Luong (Year 2, p13)** Thank God for the great privilege to study at Moore and thank God that Joy is also able to study part time this year. Please pray that we will be diligent in studies to better know and love God and pray our baby Andrea will come to know Jesus.

Week 3: Monday, 17 April – Sunday, 23 April

- **Autumn Break (14-23 April)** Pray that students and Faculty will have a refreshing break.
- **Carmen Lau (Year 2, p13)** I'm thankful to our God for he is able and willing to answer prayers. Pray I will trust him with all my heart concerning studies, family and ministry, and acknowledge him in all I do and say.
- Pray for those among the Faculty who, alongside their teaching and pastoring of students, have **writing commitments** to fulfill. Pray for discipline, energy and faithfulness.
- **Talar Khatchoyan (Year 4, p38)** Thank God for his goodness to me through the wisdom and generosity of others. Please pray that I would daily rely on God's strength and wisdom, and that I would be faithful with the opportunities he gives me to proclaim Christ.
- Give thanks for the dedicated **staff of the College** and all they do to support the students and Faculty. Please ask God that he would keep them in good health, particularly as the winter months approach.

Week 4: Monday, 24 April – Sunday, 30 April

- The College timetable for this term includes a **Research Week for Years 2, 3 and 4 (24-28 April)**. Pray that students will be disciplined and productive as they complete assignments during this non-teaching week. Pray too for the first year students as they continue lectures this week.
- Praise God for the opportunity that College students have to teach **SRE Scripture** in two local primary schools, Newtown North Public School and Darlington Public School. Pray for good relations with the schools, that parents will encourage children to attend Scripture and that the children will delight in learning about Jesus and his love. Pray too for the witness of College families in our local schools.
- **Chloe (nee Eatough) & Tom Stewart (Year 2, p12)** Praise God for a wonderful start to marriage, and ask for his wisdom as we figure out how to best love God, each other and our friends and families amidst work, studies and church.
- **Bethany Utber (Year 2, p15)** Thank God for the youth girls I am privileged to lead who are putting Jesus first as they make hard decisions. Please pray Romans 12:12 for me; that I'd rejoice in hope, be patient in affliction, and persistent in prayer.
- Please pray for Archie Poulos as he heads up the **Centre for Ministry Development (CMD)**. Pray particularly for wisdom and energy for Archie and pray that the activities of the CMD will be beneficial for graduates of the College and the people they serve.

MAY 2017

Focus for May:

Pray for PTC students around the world

Week 1: Monday, 1 May – Sunday, 7 May

- **Term 2 commences (1 May).** Pray that students start the new term refreshed, rested and prepared for the challenges ahead.
 - Please pray that in all that happens in the **busy College program**, students and Faculty alike would all grow in their knowledge of and love for God. Pray for wise decisions and faithfulness in every area of their lives.
 - **Will He (Year 2, p12)** I'm incredibly thankful for how God has brought me through first year. Please pray that I would continue to live by grace at College, at church, in pastoral ministry, and in opportunities for evangelism, that those I speak to might come to know Jesus.
 - **Chris Thomson (Faculty)** Please pray that my love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that I may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God (Phil 1:9-11).
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A promotional poster for Moore College Open Events 2017. It features a green signpost with the text 'Open Events 2017' against a blue sky background. The Moore College logo is in the top left. Below the signpost, there is a dark blue box with white and orange text detailing 'OPEN NIGHT' (May 8, 7:15PM - 9:00PM) and 'OPEN WEEK' (Monday 8 May - Friday 12 May). A white box contains the text: 'Come along to check out the College, be involved in classes and get a taste of Moore's in-depth theological training.' At the bottom, an orange bar contains the website 'MOORE.EDU.AU/OPEN' and phone number '(02) 9577 9999'.

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For more information or to arrange your visit, please email openevents@moore.edu.au.

Week 2: Monday, 8 May – Sunday, 14 May

- **First Year Weekend Away (12-14 May)** Pray that this will be an encouraging time for the first year students and their families. Pray that the time away together will help students to develop good relationships with their fellow students.
- **Open Week (8-12 May) and Open Night (8 May, 7.45pm – 9.15pm)** Give thanks for the opportunity for people to come along and find out more about the College. Pray that many will be guided to pursue full-time ministry training with us.
- Give thanks for the **PTC course** and those in the Registrar's Department and the Centre for Global Mission who administer these courses. Give thanks that a number of church groups and school groups have students enrolled in Introduction to the Bible for the start of the year. Pray that the course will help strengthen the ministries of those churches, and that the high school students will grow in their faith in God and their understanding of the Bible.
- Give thanks for existing relationships with **international partners** and pray for wisdom as we negotiate formalised agreements which hand them more freedom and responsibility for their PTC programs.
- **YC & Winnie Tang (Year 2, p15)** Thank God that I am settling into a new church as a student minister. The congregation have been welcoming and I am learning lots from the minister. Please pray that I would be disciplined in studying the Greek and Hebrew languages, and continue to grow in godliness and love, particularly in relating to Winnie and with brothers and sisters in our new church.

Week 3: Monday, 15 May – Sunday, 21 May

- Pray that God would be pleased to use the efforts and resources of the **Centre for Global Mission** to grow men and women to maturity in Christ and prepare them for works of service around the world.
- **Archie & Ainsley Poulos (Faculty p56)** Give thanks for the impending marriage of our daughter Georgia to Ben Street in July. Pray that their household may be one that brings glory to God. Give thanks for the new school our son attends, established for people who have exactly the disability that he has. He loves being there and is developing well. Please pray that our daughter Zoe continues to grow in the love and service of Jesus as she navigates the pressures of the HSC. Please also pray for time to work on my PhD in the exciting but busy times at College.
- Pray for the team of **women chaplains** who assist in the pastoral care of our students. Pray for good relationships with the women they serve and that the chaplains will balance their College ministry and other responsibilities well.
- Pray for those churches that are running **follow up courses and events** after the missions. Pray that many will come along to continue investigating the claims of Christ.

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Week 4: Monday, 22 May – Sunday, 28 May

- **Andy & Miriam Bootes (Year 2, p11)** Thank God for his many provisions in settling us into College and church last year. Pray that he might grow our family in our love for Jesus and his people and be preparing us for the future of serving his people wherever he takes us.
- Give thanks for the Dean of Students, Paul Grimmond, and the Dean of Women, Tara Stenhouse, and their focus on the **personal needs of the students**. Please pray for new students still adjusting to College life, especially those who have moved to Sydney and away from family and friends, and for those who are adjusting to study again after a long time. Pray for part-time students as they adjust to the demands of work and part-time study.
- Pray for the **IT team** who are exploring the best way to assist our mission partners develop appropriate systems as they take responsibility for the use of our distance education material in developing nations. Pray that those organisations might be able to raise the money needed to do this job effectively.
- Give thanks for the work of Shane Waugh and Lynn Darwall in facilitating the PTC studies of thousands of students all over the world. Give thanks for the **constant stream of opportunities** and requests to assist in the theological education of brothers and sisters, particularly in the developing world.

Week 5: Monday, 29 May – Wednesday, 31 May

- Please pray for the **Finance team** as they maintain the College's financial records. Pray that they may be given wisdom and discernment as they relate to students about tuition fees and accommodation charges that need to be paid. In God's grace may they pursue their work with diligence and enthusiasm as they play their part in the College's mission.
- Pray for **students and spouses struggling** with infertility. Pray that they would have a deep trust in God and his goodness toward them and that they might be granted the gift of children. Pray too for those students struggling with depression, anxiety and other issues. Pray for strength, patience and perseverance and that they would be well supported and make good progress in their studies.
- Pray for those undertaking **postgraduate studies** at College either full-time or part-time. Pray that they will be wise in management of their time and that their learning will be a blessing to God's people.

Personal Prayer Notes



MOORE COLLEGE MISSIONS 2017

Location		Faculty leader and female chaplain
Christ Church, Inner West	Matt Steele	Ed Loane Marcelle Rogers
Eifuku Minami Christian Church, Japan, and Wycliffe Vanuatu	Naomi Smith	David Höhne Julia Williams
Lane Cove and Mowbray Church	David Misztal/ Darren Waters	Philip Kern Juliette Antoon
Auckland Evangelical Church, NZ	Lachlan Grice	Chase Kuhn Jane Tooher
Rouse Hill Anglican	Graeme Howells	Lionel Windsor
Bankstown	John Bartik	Paul Williamson Kate Bradford
St Mark's, Bellerive, Hobart	Sam Pursell	Chris Thomson Cathy Smith
St Mark's, Malabar	Simon Roberts	Archie Poulos Caroline Spencer
Holy Trinity Panania	James Sneddon	George Athas / Andrew Shead Alison Blake
St John's, Parramatta	Bruce Morrison	Simon Gillham Isobel Lin
Holy Trinity, Kingsford	Dave Doran	Will Timmins Anna Hu
Glenn Innes & Guyra Anglican	David Robinson	Paul Grimmond Wendy Swanton
Providence Church, Perth	Rory Shiner	Peter Orr Lesley Ramsay
St Andrew's, Wahroonga	Peter Tong	Peter Tong Deb Earnshaw