



From the Principal...

Welcome to 2024. We have so much to be thankful for and to rejoice in. God has again brought to us a large number of first-year students, most of whom want to study with us full-time for four years and then to serve our Lord in a variety of roles and places around the world. This is a wonderfully generous answer to your prayers for the spread of the gospel and the College.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24 ESV)

When I was growing up, we used to sing this verse as a chorus. What a good thing to do. And we were encouraged to view every day as a day that God had made, and one that we should be thankful for. Which is, of course, absolutely true. True, but a tragically impoverished distraction from the main point of this great verse in the context of the Psalm in which we find it. Our joy and gladness will be so much deeper and richer if we appreciate the day that is being described here.

The day Psalm 118 describes, and indeed the day God has gifted each one of us with is the day when the Lord himself has become our salvation and has made the stone that the builders rejected to be the cornerstone (vs 21-22). In doing this, he has opened wide the gate of righteousness (vs 19) that we might not die but live (vs 17). This is the day of the Lord Jesus (cf. 1 Pet 2:6-10), and everyone who comes in his name is blessed (vs 26-27). What a day!

So, on this day, let us rejoice and be glad in what the Lord has done. Let us be people marked out by thankfulness, for God is so good, and his steadfast love endures forever (vs 28-29).

I am so grateful that you are joining us in prayer to this good and loving heavenly Father. College is facing some challenges with building expenses, and staff shortages bring different kinds of pressures to bear. In a community of our size there are always sicknesses, griefs and complications to contend with. We covet your prayers for all of these things. As we pray though, let's remember to bring to mind this great day that the Lord has made, and remember to rejoice and be glad.

*Simon Gillham
Acting Principal*



MARCH 2024

Page numbers in brackets after a person's name refer to profiles in SOCIETAS 2023.

Focus for March:

- **New full-time and part-time students**
- **Moore College Graduation: 26 March**
- **Easter: 29 March - 1 April**

Week 1: Friday 1 March – Sunday 10 March

- Pray for the relationships between **College mission teams and the churches** they will be serving. Pray for effective preparation and planning and for servant hearts among the team members.
- **Prayer Support Group (Monday, 4 March)** Give thanks for the opportunity to once again meet in person to pray for the needs of the College. Thank God for the many women who gather and the privilege of bringing requests before God in this setting.
- **Nathanael & Chloe Muscat (2nd year, p13)** Praise God for the arrival of a new baby girl in early February. Pray for our family as we adjust. Please pray for our godliness while tired, and for Chloe and I to keep intentionally teaching our kids the gospel even while we adjust to new rhythms. Pray for wisdom about how much time should go toward College work during this season, and for diligence in catching up later.
- Pray for the many **churches and groups in Sydney and wider afield who will be holding College missions** this year (see back page). Pray for fruitful preparations and particularly that many people in those churches will invite family and friends to come and hear the gospel.


EMBRACE AI AND LOSE YOUR SOUL?
HOW TO THINK ABOUT AI AS A CHRISTIAN
ROMANS 12:2

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Week 2: Monday 11 March – Sunday 17 March

- **Jess Gunawan (2nd year, p12)** Thank God for a restful and encouraging break, where he allowed me to go on a helpful short-term vision trip in Taiwan with missionaries. Pray for wisdom amidst various changes this year, particularly in ministry roles; leading a mixed gender growth group, crèche, the “belong” aspect of our church vision, and potentially a women’s evangelistic talk.
- **Centre for Christian Living event - Embrace AI and lose your soul? How to think about AI as a Christian (13 March, 7:30 - 9:00pm)** Pray for those who attend this event that they would be encouraged and challenged to consider how to use new technology wisely and how it might affect their faith. Pray that this would be a helpful event for all who attend.
- Pray for the **Registrar’s Department** in this extra busy time for them as they prepare for the students’ graduation coming up in the next few weeks.
- Give great thanks to God for the many **new full-time and part-time students** in first year this year. Thank God for his answer to our prayers for more men and women to be raised up to study and be equipped to take his word out. Pray that they will come to know God better as a result of all that they learn during their time at College.



**MOORE COLLEGE
GRADUATION**

26 MARCH 2024
7:30-9:30pm
City Recital Hall



Speaker:
Ed Loane



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Week 3: Monday 18 March – Sunday 24 March

- Give thanks for the **appointment of Heidi Combs as the Communications Manager**. Pray for Heidi as she gets to know the College, other staff, faculty and students. Pray for her and the team as they continue to share all the gospel growth and work that is happening at College.
- Please pray for the **College mission teams** and particularly for students finalising sermons and talks for mission. Please pray for safety in travel and for joyful fellowship in the gospel.
- **Isaac & Rose Condie (2nd year, p11)** Give thanks to God for a restful Summer break and pray that God would prepare us for parenthood as we joyfully await the arrival of our first child in May.
- **Phoebe Guerra (2nd year, p12)** I thank the Lord for sustaining and growing me during my first year of study. Give thanks for the time I was able to spend over the summer break with family, friends, and supporters in the Philippines. Give thanks for the opportunity to be a part of the College Orientation Team and welcome first-year students.

Week 4: Monday 25 March – Sunday 31 March

- **Graduation (Tuesday 26 March, 7.30 - 9.30pm, City Recital Hall, Angel Place)** Give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate the graduates going out into the Lord's harvest and ask for God's blessing on this occasion. Pray particularly for Ed Loane as he gives the occasional 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.
- **Alex & Sheina Chen (2nd year, p 11)** Give thanks for the opportunities to share the gospel at the moment at church and university ministry, and pray for our boldness to share with long-term friends. Please pray also for us to transition well as Sheina moves to College and continue to settle from moving house at the end of last year.
- **Easter (29 March - 1 April)** Praise the Lord for the wonderful salvation won for us on the cross. Thank God for the opportunity to stop and remember all that Jesus has done for us, and to celebrate his resurrection!
- **Jo Teo (2nd year, p14)** Give thanks to God for his provision of a restful and encouraging time with church family in Melbourne over the break. Pray that during my studies I continue to grow in prayerfulness and trust in God as my heavenly Father, as I grow in my knowledge of him.

Focus for April:

- **Library Seminar: 3 April**
 - **Autumn Break: 15 - 21 April**
 - **Moore College Missions: 7 April - 14 April**
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Week 1: Monday 1 April – Sunday 7 April

- **Moore College Missions (Sunday 7 April - Sunday 14 April)** Give thanks for the opportunity to hold College missions in many churches. Pray that the gospel would be presented clearly at the various events and that the Holy Spirit would 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.
 - **Day of Prayer (4 April)** Give thanks for the opportunity for students to focus on prayer. Please join with them in praying that God will continue to use Moore College Missions to bring many people to himself.
 - Pray for the **Library Seminar on The Church and the Schools in Sydney (3 April)**. Pray for David Hastie as he looks at the history of the Anglican church and Australian schools, and talks about the role the church plays in education and society today.
 - **Gloria Nelson (2nd year, p13)** Praise God for his daily grace and secured inheritance. Please pray that God will keep transforming us to be more like Christ and that we might be wise and faithful for his kingdom.
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Week 2: Monday 8 April – Sunday 14 April

- **Joshua Lu (2nd year, p13)** I am thankful for being able to live in the Croydon College community this year. Please pray that God would continue to grow me in dependence on God's grace and in godly character through my studies and relationships with others.
- Pray for **Mark Thompson and Paul Williamson (Faculty, p48 - 49)** on study leave this semester. Pray that they might use this break from teaching responsibilities well and make good progress on his research and writing commitments.
- **Autumn Break (15 - 21 April)** Pray that students and Faculty will have a refreshing break, during this time away from the classroom and the normal College activities.
- **Susan An (Faculty, p48)** For wisdom, humility and gentleness in walking alongside students at College through their studies; both the joys and the challenges. Pray also for diligence and self discipline as I finish my MA, that I would value the growth in understanding God better rather than the final grade.

Week 3: Monday 15 April – Sunday 21 April

- **Dan & Chrissie Wu (Faculty, p49)** Thanks for your prayers, we're so grateful for them! We've had a refreshing summer but very busy start to the year, with our boys starting new phases of schooling, Chrissie with new responsibilities in teaching, and Dan having extra responsibilities at College, as Acting Vice Principal in Semester 1, and Acting Dean of Students in Semester 2. Please pray that we'll all be able to navigate the increased load wisely, seeking to serve God well, and love, look after and stay close to each other as a family!
- Pray that those who invited **friends and family to attend various events** as part of the many College missions might be bold and gracious as they continue to witness to those people about the love of God shown in Christ. Pray that many will put their trust in God as a result.
- **Jeremy Robinson (2nd year, p14)** Having moved from Victoria, I am very thankful for the great friendships I've made at College, at Chapman house, and with my new church. As I head into my second year, pray I will value my investment in training at Moore College and keep considering serving in mission after College.
- Praise God for the opportunity that College students have to **serve the College and local communities** through different service teams. Pray for good relationships with the local community, many opportunities to share the gospel, and that many people would come to know the love of Christ through these teams.

Week 4: Monday 22 April – Sunday 28 April

- Pray for the Future Students team at College, as they engage with churches and organisations around Australia and beyond about College. Pray that they will have fruitful conversations with people around **raising up the next generation** of students.
- The College timetable for this term includes a **Research Week (22 - 26 April)**. Pray that our students will be disciplined and productive as they complete assignments during this non-teaching week.
- **Term 2 commences (29 April)** Pray that students start the new term refreshed, rested and prepared for the challenges ahead. Pray also for the Faculty as they start to teach again after time away from the classroom.
- **Victor & Katherine Jong (2nd year, p12)** Please thank God for helping Kath and I adjust as we settle into our first few months of marriage. Pray that God helps us serve one another faithfully and for wisdom in how to serve God in His Kingdom together in the future.

MAY 2024

Focus for May:

- **Open events for prospective students: 6 - 10 May**
- **Prayer Support Group: 6 May**
- **Moore PTC Graduation: 31 May**

Week 1: Monday 29 April – Sunday 5 May

- Give thanks for the provision of students from all over the world for our **online and community courses**. Pray that through their studies they will learn more of God's word, know him better and be excited about all that he has done for them.
- **Ben & Chloe Thielemans (2nd year, p14)** Please join Ben and Chloe in thanking God for former graduates Ian and Narelle Hadfield who have joined St Albans Five Dock to lead our congregation. Please pray that Ben would continue to recognise the unique opportunity of theological study and would prayerfully seek to know and love God more and more each day.
- Pray for those amongst the Faculty who, alongside their teaching and pastoring of students, have **writing commitments** to fulfill. Pray for discipline, energy and faithfulness.
- Please join us in thanking God for the work of the **Library team**, who work hard to provide books and other resources. Please pray for wisdom for the team as they seek to serve the students and support their learning needs.

2024 OPEN WEEK
6-10 MAY



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Week 2: Monday 6 May – Sunday 12 May

- **Open Week (6 - 10 May) and Open Night (6 May)** 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 ministry training with College.
- **Prayer Support Group (6 May)** Give thanks for this women's prayer group that has been meeting for many decades to pray for the needs of the College, its Faculty, students and staff. Pray that as these women gather to thank God and bring requests to our heavenly Father, they will be an encouragement to one another and to the faculty wives and student wives who meet with them.
- Pray for the team of **chaplains** who assist in the pastoral care of our students. Pray for good relationships with the students they serve and that the chaplains will balance their College ministry and other responsibilities well.
- **Nick & Brielle Pearson (2nd year, p13)** Thank God for the gift of our second child, due August! Please pray that we will manage our growing responsibilities diligently and remember our ultimate security in Jesus through our failures. Please also pray that my family and I will grow in our love for the lost. In our first year at College, we found meaningful engagement with the lost difficult.

Week 3: Monday 13 May – Sunday 19 May

- Praise God for increased financial support of the College, and the generosity of our many supporters that has enabled scholarships to be awarded to students in 2024. Please thank God for the new international students accepted for study who have arrived at College.
- Pray 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 time management and that their learning will be a blessing to God's people.
- Pray that God would be pleased to use the **Priscilla & Aquila Centre** to encourage women in Christian ministry. Give thanks for the Annual Conference that was held earlier this year, and for the encouragement that it was for those who attended. Pray that this would be used to encourage the ministries of women in partnership with men.

Week 4: Monday 20 May – Sunday 26 May

- **Steph Larkin (2nd year, p13)** Give thanks to God for how he has grown my awe of him this year. It has been incredible to soak in his word and see his power and goodness. Please pray for the kid's ministry at my church, Marrickville Road Anglican, and for a youth group ministry we hope to start soon.
- 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 for those in the College community who have **student minister positions**, alongside their studies. Pray that these positions would enable students to gain knowledge and experience in different settings, and that they would be informative as they consider future ministries.
- Pray for the **Centre for Global Mission (CGM)** as they support current partners with theological resources and IT resources, manage translation projects, and establish new partnerships. Give thanks for the many partners and for their desire to see God's people equipped for ministry throughout the world.

Week 5: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

- **Caleb & Hayley Knight (2nd year, p12)** Thank God for the joy of doing church with His people in Fairfield and Bossley Park. Please ask that God would grow us in our love for him and our likeness of Jesus this year. Pray also that he would give us both the health and energy we need to serve him well.
- Give thanks for the dedicated **staff of the College** and all they do to support the students and Faculty. Please ask God to keep them in good health, particularly as the winter months approach.
- **PTC Graduation (31 May)** Give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate the graduates who have completed their Moore College Preliminary Theological Certificate (PTC) study and ask for God's blessing on this occasion. Pray that this will be an encouraging night as the word of God is clearly proclaimed.
- **Angelo Bercasio (2nd year, p11)** Pray that as I head into second year, that God will give wisdom and discipline as I study. Pray that what I learn would equip me to serve and love the people at St Martin's Georges Hall Anglican.
- **Simon & Margie Gillham (Faculty, p48)** Please give thanks with Simon and Margie for the joy of Christian fellowship at Moore. Pray that God would give Simon the wisdom and energy he needs to love and lead the College well while Mark is studying. Give thanks too for Maddie (Simon and Margie's daughter) and Trace's upcoming wedding. Pray for their marriage and for the union not just of the two of them, but the Gillham and Akankunda families.

MOORE COLLEGE MISSIONS 2024

Mission Location	Faculty & Chaplains
Solomon Islands	Mark Earngey & Susan An
Kununurra	Dan Wu & Sarah Sholl
Townsville	David Höhne & Jocelyn Loane
Forster	George Athas & Ruth Sheath
Tenterfield	Ted Brush & Jane Tooher
Orange & Orange East	Andrew Leslie & Joan Young
Auburn	Phil Wheeler & Anna Hu
Toongabbie & Wentworthville	Archie Poulos & Sarah Seabrook
Newtown	Tom Habib & Emily Deller
Sadleir	Peter Orr & Isobel Lin
Normanhurst	Lionel Windsor & Louise Cunningham
Asquith	Philip Kern & Julia Williams
Hornsby Heights	Andrew Shead & Cate Hong
Waitara & Hornsby	Paul Grimmond & Emily Gilmour

