



# PRAYER BULLETIN

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I recently read a devotion on the opening words of the Lord's prayer which pointed out the wonder of the privilege we have in praying to 'Our Father in heaven'. The author pointed out that both parts of that phrase are critically important. The one to whom we pray is "our Father" and he is "in heaven".

There is an appropriate intimacy in Christian prayer. We have been invited to address the God of all the universe as Jesus did. He addressed God as Father, and in the Lord's prayer he invites us to do the same. The Spirit given to all who are Christ's enables us to call God Father (Rom. 8:15). We need not come to prayer with fear or uncertainty. We know the character of the one to whom we pray. In Jesus we see the overwhelming extent of his love. We do not come to God cautiously. God is our Father.

Yet there is an appropriate reverence in Christian prayer as well. Our Father is not simply a souped-up version of our best fathers. It is not just that our earthly fathers are all flawed and can never be perfect in love, wisdom and power as our heavenly Father is. He is our Father in heaven. He is the Creator of all things. He simply has to speak a word and the universe comes into existence. Before him all the earth trembles (Ps. 99:1; 114:7). When Jesus, the image of the invisible God, is seen for who he is, the appropriate response is to fall at his feet in worship (Luke 5:8; Phil. 2:10; Rev. 1:17). So we do not come to God casually. God is our Father in heaven.

In Jesus' own prayer life we see both his intimacy with his Father (Mark 14:36) but also his recognition that the living God is holy (John 17:11). These two things are not incompatible but mutually reinforcing.

Our recognition of God's tender love for those he has made gives us confidence, but it also gives us a fresh view of his glory and majesty. The cross and resurrection of Jesus is the most magnificent display of his power and victory over everything that opposes us. Similarly, our recognition that we are speaking to the God of the universe, who is so utterly above anything we could imagine in holiness, glory and power, gives us a fresh view of his love, mercy and grace. God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Rom. 5:8). He was raised from the dead so that we too might walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:4).

As you pray through this prayer bulletin over the next three months, I trust that you will be enriched by both these wonderful truths: "Our Father" and "in heaven". Thank you for praying.

Your brother in Christ, Mark D. Thompson



This edition of the Prayer Bulletin focuses on current 2nd year students and prayer points from College Mission in April. Page numbers in brackets after a person's name refer to profiles in SOCIETAS Magazine 2024. Thank you for your prayers.

#### **JUNE**

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Give thanks for the opportunity that students, Faculty and chaplains had to go on College missions in April. Give thanks for the times where the gospel was able to be shared.

Britt Hassell (p12): Give thanks for a fruitful student ministry role with Emu Music, for many opportunities to teach and grow in my own skills. Pray for wisdom in managing the increased College workload alongside these ministry commitments and for provision while raising support for my studies. Give thanks for my recent engagement to Nich and pray for God's leading and wisdom as we prepare for marriage and future ministry together.

- Give thanks for the recent first year weekend away. Thank God for the opportunities that it provided for the first year community to get to know each other better. Praise God for Faculty member, Tom Habib's faithful teaching from the gospels.
- Pray for the churches and organisations who are involved in following up people who engaged with events on College mission. Pray that many would come to a saving faith in Jesus.
- Tilly Sutton: Please pray for my family and I as we mourn my
  Grandfather's passing and that we would rejoice, as we rest in the
  knowledge that he is now in glory with our Lord. Pray for physical energy
  and mental strength to catch up on Greek and Hebrew study.
- Sibin and Josephine Varghese (p15): Pray for my continued post-op recovery and for strength this term physical, spiritual and mental renewal. Thank God for the support I have received from the College community, and that settling back into College life is going well.
- Evan Oei (p13): Please pray for term 2 at Hope Youth, that God will sustain the leaders and give us wisdom and creativity, and love for the youth. Please pray that the youth will grow in their love and knowledge of God as we go through Exodus. Please pray that I will remain diligent and faithful in my studies but it would lead me to grow in my delight in God and in his gospel.

- Peter and Melody Sun (p15): Give thanks for the opportunity to preach a sermon on Mark 1 at church. Pray for our family as we settle into a new church (St Mark's West Wollongong) and start building some gospel partner relationships.
- Ben and Steph Fraser (p12): Please thank God for the safe arrival of our first child, Caleb. Please pray that I (Ben) would continue to work at not seeking the approval of man, but instead being a faithful servant of Christ, especially in my study.
- Give thanks for the hard and faithful work of the kitchen team at College as they provide daily meals for the College community. Pray that God would sustain them as they do their work.
- George and Koula Athas (Faculty, p48): Thank God for the opportunity to take study leave in the second half of 2025 and work on a commentary on Ezekiel for the Apollos series. Pray for improvement in and good management of long-term health issues within our family. Pray for day-to-day energy and resilience. Pray for continued growth in faith, hope, and love, particularly from spending much time in the scriptures.
- Stephen Strongman (p15): Pray for awareness and love for new Mums and Dads in our year and College as a whole. Pray for awareness of heightened anxiety in peers over coming weeks with exams.
- Andrew and Joanna Barich (p11): As we head into eight months of marriage, please pray that we can love one another and serve each other well. Pray for our service at St Luke's Liverpool and that we may continue to train people to step up into ministry responsibility.
  - Anglicare Mission Prayer Point: Give thanks for opportunities to partner with Anglicare Chaplains and pastoral care workers at the Anglicare

    Retirement Village, Castle Hill during mission in April. Pray for Anglicare's work in sharing Jesus' love to those in aged care, hospitals, prisons and more! Please pray for the residents who know and love Jesus that they will continue to be bold for the gospel as they have evangelistic conversations with their neighbours.

- James Beck (p11): Praise God for the joy second year has brought by going deeper in His word and His character. Pray that I continue to find a good routine with study and student ministry and that I would continue to grow in my faith in Christ throughout this year. Pray for exam prep that I will continue to recall what I have learned but also rely on His strength through the process of study.
- Aimee Gray (p12): Please pray for wisdom in balancing College and external relationships, pray I would invest well in the College community even when it feels costly.

Kessia Virah-Sawmy (p15); Please pray for David and I as we prepare for

- marriage. Pray that we would communicate well and continue to learn how to love and serve the Lord Jesus faithfully in marriage and in all of life. Please also pray that we would make the most of our time at College that we would learn deeply, be stretched and grow. Additionally, please pray for me as I prepare to move churches in July that I would settle in well and make the most of every opportunity to share the good news of Jesus.
- Tadhg and Hayley Richards (p14): Please pray for Hayley, Charlotte and I as we settle in and serve our new church family at Northlight Anglican.
- Tasmania Mission Team: This mission highlighted the different gifts in the student team and how they are used by the Lord for his work. Praise God for the wonderful opportunities to share in the Lord's harvest witnessing the transformation of two parishioners moving from death to life as they trusted in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Please keep praying that God's people will share with their friends the goodness of Jesus and invite them into the church community.
- Abe and Rachel Ng (p13): Pray for Rach and I to bring our children, especially our toddler Sam, up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Pray also for wisdom and energy to co-lead our church's Youth Group, especially in the area of crowd control and relating to those who are more distractable.
- Give thanks to God for the Winter Break in the College calendar. Pray for the safety as students travel on holiday and to see family and friends.

  Pray that the break would be a time of rest and rejuvenation for students and Faculty.

TJ and Laura Moss (p13): For TJ; please pray for wisdom and godliness as I try to manage study responsibilities along with ministry and friend and family relationships. In particular as Laura and I are continuing with our Church's (MBM Parramatta) Youth Ministry. For Laura; please pray for growth and maturity over the course of my part time MTS with MBM Parramatta; as well as wisdom and guidance as I try to reach out to non-Christian family members and friends.

- Give thanks for the 'College of Preachers' three day training intensive that is happening this week. Give thanks for all those who are attending.

  M O N Pray that it would be a useful time for all, mentors and participants alike.
- Austinmer Mission Prayer Point: Pray for the many connections the mission team at Austinmer had during the mission week in April. Pray that those who came to the Church by the beach will keep exploring who Jesus is. Please pray for those who aren't currently attending church but love Jesus, may they reconnect with God's family regularly.
- Pray for the students at College in their final year of study as they plan and prepare for next year and ministry in the future. Pray that they would be dependant on God for all things throughout this process.
- Give thanks for the local churches who are running PTC groups. Praise God for the opportunity that members of the churches have to learn about the Bible and grow in their faith.
- 27 Liam and Laura Nolan (p13): Please pray that Laura and I will continue to depend on God, as we figure out life as a family of four. Please ask that our family life would be defined by the fruit of the Spirit.
- Give thanks for the appointment of Tom Guthrie to the role of Research Support Officer in library. Pray that he would settle into the role and routines at College well.
- Nate and Helen Xing (p15): Please be praying for Helen and I that we continue to grow in our habits of prayer and bible reading both individually and together. Please pray that this would shape our joy in day to day life and our love for others.
- Brian and Theodora McAlea (p13): Give thanks for how God is growing

  Theodora and I in our second year of College, settling us in Sydney and deepening friendships. Pray that he would use us to build his kingdom, both strengthening believers and saving the lost.

## **JULY**

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Emily and Ben Warren (p15): Please pray that Ben and I will make opportunities to share Jesus with our neighbours in Leichhardt, particularly an Indian couple and a Serbian Orthodox family. Pray that we would have wisdom in navigating changes at church, that we would keep being an encouragement and support to our minister and his family.

**02** W F D Josh Spencer (p14): Pray that I will grow in wisdom and discernment as I lead in the church and youth communities of Northlight. Pray that I can inspire my peers to consider ministry whether that means going to College or in their different professions. Pray for the 20 boys in the year 10 boys' youth group, that I encourage them to grow as soldiers of Christ. Lastly, pray for physical, emotional and spiritual strength and endurance as I remain steadfast in labouring for Christ.

**03** тни Veronica and Berwyn Hoyt (Faculty): Pray that Veronica would continue to adjust well to her role on the Faculty, that she would be wise in juggling her responsibilities to the College and at home and draw deeply from the well of God's love and grace. Pray for her husband Berwyn in his final year of theological study, and for son Emlyn in his first year of MTS at St Stephens Willoughby.

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Rohan and Anna Smith (p14): Pray for the young adults bible study I (Rohan) lead at Campsie Anglican. As we do manuscript discovery of the passion narrative, pray for growth in confidence in reading the bible, and in our love and living for Jesus.

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Give thanks for the Alumni of the College. Pray that God would sustain them in the roles that they serve in, and that they would continue to love and serve Christ faithfully.

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Oli and Rosie Mullins (p13 & 24): Pray for boldness, not cowardice, to expose the evil of rejecting Jesus, relying on the Spirit. Pray that Oli would learn to be a godly husband. Pray for wisdom for Oli and Rosie as they consider different ways to serve long-term.

**07** мом Lisa Newnham (p13): Praise God for the opportunity to study. Pray that I would be thankful and have a soft heart to what God is teaching me. Please ask God to give me wisdom, creativity and energy to serve faithfully in kids ministry at St Paul's Anglican, Carlingford.

St Andrew's Cathedral Mission Team: Thank God for the opportunity to connect with a wide variety of people and visitors with gospel opportunities each day. For lives changed - especially for 'P' who in the women's bible study understood Jesus' free gift of grace for the first time. Please pray for the 'Street T' ministry where the team was able to connect with the homeless with food and Jesus' word. Thank you for the response of those who came and please pray that this ministry will continue to grow and those who attend will find refuge in Jesus.

- Benjamin and Laura Lukins: Please pray for health and energy for my wife Laura, my daughter Charlotte, and myself; we have been struggling to rest well due to illnesses of all kinds! Please pray that we would rest in our Lord and Saviour.
- Pray that those in the College community who struggle to depend on God, would deepen their trust in the Lord when they feel that things are out of their control. Give thanks that we have a God who is in control of all things.
- Simon and Jemima Jones (p12): Pray for us as we care for our son, that we may be Godly and wise parents. Thank God for a more stable year at College so far and that we might use that added stability for God's glory by serving others, particularly as we join a new congregation at St Johns, Parramatta.
- Benjamin and Erin Roberts: (p14 & 24): Please pray for us as we do student ministry at Rouse Hill Anglican Church together. Pray for our young adult Bible Study thanks for their dedication to learning from the Bible together and prayer for our wisdom in leading it.
- Mark Riddell (p14): Give thanks for the joy it is to study at College and serve alongside the saints at Christ Church Gladesville. Pray that I would increasingly find my contentment in Jesus and grow in my love for Him and His word.
- Pray for the College community as Term 3 commences today. Give thanks for the opportunity to learn in community. Pray for energy and enthusiasm for the start of a new term.
- Jacob and Jemimah Mierendorff (p13): Pray for my wife and I as we expect our first baby in September.

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**16** wed Oxley Vale Mission Team: Give thanks for the 100s of students who heard the gospel through Scripture in Schools assemblies that the mission team ran leading up to Easter in the Tamworth area. Please pray for those who have been persevering through many years and their witness to those around them. Give thanks for people from across the world, who now live in Oxley Vale. Give thanks to God for the skills and giftings of his people in Tamworth and for his faithfulness as he continues to grow them.

**17** тни Nich Powell: (p14): Thank God for my recent engagement to Britt, my student ministry at Moorebank Hammondville Anglican Church and for my learning at College. Please ask that I would grow in diligence, engage well in class, be a good friend and representative for Christ, and that I would continue to grow in my appreciation of Jesus.

18 FRI Pray for the churches in Sydney and around Australia who are planning to hold Moore College Sunday events in August. Pray that God would help them to plan and prepare well in the lead up to the events.

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Lucy Keys (p12): I would love prayer for beginning to figure out a new student ministry position for next year, for continued investment in study and joy in spending time in God's word both through study and on my own.

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Chris and Alice Tou (p15): Pray for open doors to evangelistic conversations with our non-Christian Jewish neighbours. Pray for our patience, love, and wisdom as we navigate through parenthood. Pray for strength and energy to better serve our flocks.

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Give thanks for the opportunity the College has to hold Mission Awareness Week at College. Pray for the many visitors on site as they share about their work and sharing of the gospel in different settings and ministries. Pray that the College community would be challenged to think through the different opportunities available to them as they share the gospel.

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Jono and Emily Mills (p13): Please pray for wisdom in balancing priorities and for joyful persistence in Greek. Please pray for my wife Emily to create and seize gospel opportunities with other local mums and for our daughter Ruth to grow to know the Lord.

- Give thanks for the Centre for Global Mission (CGM) seminar that is happening tonight. Pray that many would attend and be encouraged by W E D the talks from Richard Chin and David Williams.
- Jono and Emily Dunn (p11): Please pray for wisdom as we consider where we will go for student ministry next year. Also pray for all three of us as we get used to the new rhythm of Vanessa returning to part time work.
- Shawn and Ningjia Chen (p11): Please pray for us as we navigate Shawn's next student minister position and future ministry opportunities with a local church back home through a sending mission agency in Australia!

  FRI Pray also for more international student engagement on campus through UTS Credo and the gift of children.
- Riley and Jamie Irwin (p12): Pray for the planting of a new service with contemporary liturgy at South Head Anglican. The first non-prayerbook service in a long time, and serving deep evangelistic need!
- Nic Brown (p11): Please pray that I develop good habits and spend my time wisely at College. Please also pray that I would fear God more than I fear man.
- Pray that God would grant perseverance and encouragement to those in the College community who are facing grief, difficulties and discouragements. Pray that the College would be a place that is supporting and enabling encouragement of one another.
- Martin and Heidi Combs (p11): Please pray that we continue to grow connections with families at church and that we encourage them in their growth in Christ. Please pray for God's guidance for future directions in ministry and that Heidi and I can balance study, work, church and family life effectively.
- Phillip and Katie Mugridge (p13): Pray for the Lord's healing hand to enable our son Isaac to communicate and walk more effectively, and pray W E D for the return of the Lord Jesus when he will restore all things.
- Give thanks for the appointment of Andrea Firth to the role of PTC Course Administrator. Pray that Andrea would settle into the role well as she gets to know what's involved with the course.

#### **AUGUST**

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Henry and Rina Li (p12): Please pray for clarity as we make big decisions for next year: where to live, student ministry, ordination, thinking about overseas mission. Please pray that our decisions would glorify God and be helpful for our family!

62 Emily Brown (p11): Please pray that I will continue to prioritise time in God's word and that what I learn in class will transform and grow me as I seek to live and serve Christ wholeheartedly.

Bankstown Mission: Give thanks for the work of the College mission team at the church in Bankstown, the heart of the Muslim community in Sydney. Pray for those people the students had conversations with when door knocking - there were many encouraging conversations and lots of questions about the Bible.

O4 Pray for the Annual Moore College Lectures happening this week. Give thanks for all the work Peter Orr has put into writing the main sessions.

Oran Park Mission Team: Pray for new life in every home in Oran Park. This green fields area is home to people from a wide variety of cultures. Please pray that God will raise up many harvest workers for the many opportunities in the rapidly growing South West. Give thanks for the leadership of Stuart and Carolyn Starr and their heart to support and grow God's family in Oran Park.

Archie and Ainsley Poulos (Faculty, p49): Give thanks for the enjoyment of our first granddaughter, Annie, and the good health of our children. Give thanks for the opportunity for long-service leave in semester 2. Praise God for the development and teaching of units in the Graduate Certificate in Ministry Development and the opportunity to give more time to the Centre for Ministry Development (CMD). Please pray for wisdom in working closely with the Diocese on ministry development and for stewarding the resources and focus of CMD in the most helpful way.

Ethan and Paige Crosweller (p11): Please pray for my wife Paige and I as we serve at Grace City Rockdale, as I study at Moore, and as Paige works as a criminal lawyer. Pray that in each of these spaces we'd draw closer to God and be strengthened by him to seek and follow his leading. Please also pray for our little girl who is due in August.

Box Hill Mission: It is the prayer of Cornerstone church that many from the sea of houses around about will come to know Jesus. Give thanks for the work God has done through Chris and Helen Mann and please pray for further growth in God's family in the future. Thank God for those men and women and children who have been foundational in the church plant, may God sustain them and grow his church around them. Give thanks for the opportunity the College mission team had to join the church over mission week.

- Hannah Grant: (p12): Please pray for understanding in class, diligence in study, wisdom in juggling ministry and life commitments, and good gospel opportunities. and give thanks for my engagement to Alan!
- Northmead Mission Team: Gives thanks for all the saints at Northmead Anglican for all that God has done in and through them and all that he has planned to do in the future through this church family. Please pray that the newcomers who connected with the Moore Mission team in April would return to Northmead Anglican with ears and hearts open to the gospel; that the church at Northmead would continue to be mission minded, boldly and faithfully proclaiming the good news.
- Gloria and Bill Walton (p12 & 34): Ministering at St John's Anglican

  Cathedral, Parramatta. Give thanks for the new 4:00 and 5:30 congregations and pray for godly wisdom as we encourage 5:30 growth group leaders. Pray we honour Christ as we enjoy settling into marriage.
- Jamie Woods (p15): Pray that I would keep juggling all the balls of life including assignments, weekly tasks, family and friends. There is so much to do and not enough time, so pray for wisdom on what to do.
- Pray for Claire Smith as she presents at the Priscilla and Aquila Seminar tonight on the *History of Complementarianism*. Pray that the seminar would be well attended and insightful for all those who attend.
- Caleb Au (p11): Pray for continued joy in serving Jesus at Guildford
  Anglican. Growing in discipline in my studies and the pleasures of
  turning what I've learnt to praise and honour Him. Pray also that I can
  grow in being prayerful, generous and sacrificial for the sake of God's
  people.

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- Canterbury Mission: Thank God for the opportunities the College mission student team had to connect with St Paul's Canterbury, St Alban's

  Belmore and St Matt's Ashbury. Three very different church communities in the inner west of Sydney. Please pray for the Mongolian and South Sudanese ministries within these churches, that many within these communities would believe in and give glory to God.
- Give thanks for the group of men who are gathering to pray for the work of the College today. Praise God for the opportunity that we have to come before the Lord in prayer.
- Castle Hill Mission: Keep praying for St Paul's Castle Hill as they hold fast to the truth and proclaim the gospel in Castle Hill, and pray particularly for the 250 kids who came to Easter Camp, many of whom didn't yet know Christ. Pray also for Jesus Club a ministry for those with disabilities and their families.
- Daniel and Trinity Elvery (p12): Please pray for Trinity and I as we both study full time. Pray that we would love and serve each other patiently, and spur one another on in our learning. Please pray for financial provision as we forego full time work.
- Sam and Emma Wilson (p15): Please pray that I'd continue to grow in godliness, faith and dependence on God's mercy and grace. Pray for our plans for next year around housing and student ministry opportunities as we feel the sadness of leaving our beloved church family.
- Tim and Bex Purdue (p14): Please pray for my wife and I as we go home (Ireland) in July for the first time since moving to Sydney. Pray that it will be a time of encouragement for us, for family and for those we hope to minister with in the future. Please also pray for my student ministry role at St Matthias, as I head up the evangelism courses, that God will be gloried in the sharing of his gospel.
- Lionel and Bronwyn Windsor (Faculty, p49): Pray for Lionel and Bronwyn and their three adult children (Adelaide married to Tom, Harry, Eleanor) that they would keep growing together in dependence on God's grace through Jesus. Pray for ongoing opportunities at St Nics Coogee to speak the truth in love to both Christians and non-Christians. Pray for refreshment during Lionel's long service leave (June-September).

Gold Coast Mission Team: Give thanks for the many non-Christians God is bringing to himself through the Cross and Crown Church. Thanks for the success of the Palmydays and Palmynights kids' events where many new kids, youth and adults heard the gospel. Thanks for the gospel zeal of the youth and young adults who are eager to make Christ known and the encouragement of the pastoral staff. Please pray for perseverance, wisdom and godliness as the pastors plan for the future and faithfully shepherd the flock. That God will continue to grow, embolden and equip the church to be more like Jesus and make him known.

- Nathan and Josephine Chang (p11): Give thanks for my 2nd year of College and student ministry at FOCUS Church UNSW. Pray for Jo's new job at Inaburra Christian School, for growth and sustenance, and Nathan's training of triplets and preaching at church.
- Michael King (p13): Praise God for the privilege it is to be part of the Moore community. Pray that I might grow in my own personal knowledge and love of God and that I might use this knowledge to faithfully serve the saints at St Martin's Georges Hall.
- Ryan and Courtney Worboys (p15): Please pray that our studies would not be a mere academic exercise, but an act of discipleship that leads to thankfulness to God and becoming more like Jesus. Please pray that Marlee (toddler) would grow in love of Jesus with us.
- Leo Schlichtenbrede (p14): Thank God for his generous blessings upon me, fellow soldiers, and loving supporters. Ask that he might grow my patience and guide my zeal so that what I learn and where I invest would bear fruit to his glory. Ask him to give me rest in himself so that I can do what I do as long as he needs me.
- Cudgegong Valley, Mudgee Mission Team: Thank God for the many churches that the mission team visited and supported in the Bathurst diocese: Mudgee, Rylstone, Kandos, Windeyer, Gulgong, Cooyal and Hargraves. Thank God for the faithful Christians and evangelical ministers in the Cudgegong Valley. Please pray for the continual raising up of evangelical ministers for the Bathurst diocese.
- Alan Collins (p11): Please pray for Hannah and I as we prepare for marriage in January. Pray that we can keep Christ central and be disciplined and joyful in our College and ministry work and find time to rest well.

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Dundas - Telopea Mission Team: Give thanks for the work God is doing through the saints at Dundas-Telopea Anglican Church, and for the students who had the privilege of serving alongside and learning from them. Praise God for the youth who professed Christ at the combined Youth event on the Friday Night. Pray that God would continue to work through the churches in Dundas-Telopea, and for the 300+ people who saw the Mark Drama, including many from the community.

Give thanks for all those presenting today at the Donald Robinson Library lectures on the Clapham Sect and their Influence in Sydney. Pray that it will be an insightful event for all who attend.

Give thanks for the recent edition of the College magazine, Societas.

Give thanks for the many faithful people that use it to pray for and support students at College. Thank God for the hard work of the student team who worked on putting the magazine together.



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