



From the Principal...

2020 is likely to go down as a year many would like to forget. The coronavirus pandemic has impacted the life of just about every human being on the planet. Geopolitical tensions have risen to the surface as powerful nations confront each other. Racial unrest and social upheaval have brought about a new level of fear in many parts of the world. Then there are new reports of imminent ecological disaster as world temperatures continue to rise. All this at once — it has been some year!

In the face of all that is happening around us, it is good to be reminded that our heavenly Father is still sovereign and he is still loving and good. He is still the creator and preserver of all life. Jesus is still the Saviour of the world (1 Jn 4:14). The Holy Spirit is still at work in the lives of men and women all over the globe. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom 8:39). It is wonderful to hear the stories of how God has used these unusual and distressing times to challenge complacency and self-sufficiency and draw people to himself. I keep hearing of men and women coming to faith. God is still at work and all things are still heading to the goal he has intended for them. That is a great comfort in a time of turmoil.

Your prayers continue to be powerful in God's purposes. He uses the prayers of his faithful people to accomplish those purposes. How many times this year have we seen God's goodness to us as a College in answer to your prayers. We have a great deal for which to be thankful, first and foremost to God, but also to you who have prayed. As James puts it, 'the prayer of a righteous person works great power' (Ja 5:16). Thank you for praying for us this year. My prayer is that all those who have joined in the ministry of the College in this way might be encouraged as this year comes to an end and as we move into another with all the opportunities it will bring to live as faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus.

Mark Thompson

PRAYING FOR OUR FACULTY AND EXITING STUDENTS

Please note that the page numbers after Faculty names refer to the 2020 edition of *Societas*. Accompanying this Prayer Bulletin is a separate Exiting Students Prayer Booklet. The booklet contains specific prayer points for each student as well as some general prayer points for all students inside the front cover. We have divided the students over the weeks of December to February. The number in brackets after the person's name refers to the page number on which they appear in the booklet. We hope you find this helpful.



December 2020

Focus for December:

- **Exiting students for 2020**
- **Registrar's Department finalising results**
- **Christmas services and events**

Week 1: Tuesday, 1 December – Sunday, 6 September

- Give thanks for the many godly and gifted **students** at College and pray that what they have learned will enable them to know God more fully and make him known to others. Pray that many more people might be drawn to make use of the College's courses to grow as disciples of Christ and prepare for a lifetime of serving him.
- Give thanks for the hard work of the **Registrar's Department** and pray for them to be strengthened in patience as they undertake the demanding tasks of finalising end of year results and preparing for incoming students in 2021.
- **Will & Lizzy Timmins (Faculty, p. 43)** Please pray for family in the UK as a relative has tested positive for Covid-19. Pray for recovery, and protection for other family members. We are grateful for ongoing employment for Lizzy in immigration medicine despite border closures. Please pray she would continue to be able to work for Bupa. Please pray too that we would be able to maintain and deepen relationships within our church community during a challenging season.
- **Exiting Students: Eliza & John Batten (p. 2 & 5), Jennifer Cheung (p. 4), Wally Cox (p. 4), Lawrence Ng (p. 4), Kimjeng Pantlin (p. 4), Damon Scott (p. 4)**

Week 2: Monday, 7 December – Sunday, 13 December

- Pray for God to be at work through his Spirit as students and Faculty are involved in **outreach and training events** over the summer break. Pray that beach missions, camps and conferences will be able to proceed and pray that people will serve faithfully and that God's word would be clearly proclaimed.
- Pray for the **Priscilla & Aquila Centre Annual Conference** taking place on 1 February 2021, titled 'Genesis Women: Why Patriarchal narratives aren't Patriarchal'. Please pray for the speakers, including our main speakers, Gary & Fiona Millar, as they prepare their talks and seminars. Pray that more people will register for this day conference, that all who come will find it a helpful day, and that the fruit will show in their various ministries.
- **Exiting Students: Veronica Zhavaranak (p. 3), Seth Addo-Bekoe (p. 5), Elsie Anderson (p. 5), Paul Berzekian (p. 5), James Chen (p. 6), Daniel Clark (p. 6)**

Week 3: Monday, 14 December – Sunday, 20 December

- Please pray for those involved with the **financial administration** of the College as the year end brings added pressures and tasks to be performed. Pray for patience and the ability to allocate tasks using time wisely.
- Pray for grace for students as they receive their **exam results** before Christmas. Pray that they will be encouraged by their results and motivated to keep learning. Pray especially for those who will need to sit supplementary exams in January.
- Please pray that the **Information Technology staff** would be able to keep the College systems working well over the summer period.
- **Mark & Tanya Earngey (Faculty, p. 42)** Praise God for carrying Mark through his increased teaching and administrative load in 2020. Praise God for Mark and Tanya's decade anniversary of marriage in December – please pray that our marriage would be strengthened to God's glory. Praise God for our four healthy and happy children – please pray that their learning about Christ in the mind would translate to love of Christ in the heart.
- **Exiting Students: Dan Ford (p. 7), Carol Gilbert (p. 7), Josh Hesford (p. 7), Meagan McGilvray (p. 8), Monique New (p. 9), Tom Pollett (p. 9)**

Week 4: Monday, 21 December – Sunday, 27 December

- Give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate the birth of Jesus! Pray particularly for those involved in **Christmas services** and evangelistic events. Pray that the true meaning of Christmas might be boldly proclaimed to all and that we might rejoice in God's amazing goodness to us in sending Jesus into the world for our redemption.
- Give thanks for all that the **exiting students** have learned during their time at College and pray that they will be faithful to the word of God, confident in the gospel, and humble and generous servants of God's people. Pray that God will enable them to proclaim Christ clearly, live for Christ consistently and love Christ's people genuinely. Pray especially for those who are still not sure where they will be serving next year.
- Pray that students will have a **refreshing break** before returning to study.
- **Simon & Margie Gillham (Faculty, p. 42)** Thank God for his wonderful provision of good health, safety and sustenance during 2020. Pray that God would grant Simon and Margie good rest over the summer and continue to be pleased to use them for the extension of his kingdom in their ministry roles at College and with CMS in the year ahead.
- **Exiting Students: Mitchell Albert (p. 4), Ling Shooter (p. 5), Dan Sawyer (p. 9), Jamie Seyfang (p. 10), Isaac Shumack (p. 10), Simon Tsang (p. 10)**

January 2021

Focus for January:

- **New students for 2021**
- **Property Maintenance Department**
- **Students moving into College**

Week 1: Monday, 28 December – Sunday, 3 January

- Please pray for perseverance in study over the summer break for students who need to sit **supplementary exams** in January. Pray that they will find a good balance between rest and effective preparation for another year of study.
- Ask God for smooth transitions for **students moving into College accommodation**. Pray for them as they settle into new neighbourhoods. Give thanks for the College communities and pray that they will welcome the newcomers.
- Pray that **incoming students** would look forward to their time at College and be eager to study God's word. Pray that those preparing to leave jobs might make the most of the opportunity to share with their colleagues why they are leaving. Pray that students will adjust quickly to the College program and community. Pray particularly for the adjustments necessary for those coming from interstate and overseas.
- **Exiting Students: Randal Benn (p. 2), Edwina Blowes (p. 2), Rachel Fleming (p. 2), Jill Govender (p. 2)**

Week 2: Monday, 4 January – Sunday, 10 January

- Thank God for **Colin Bale's faithful service as Vice-Principal** of the College for many years and give thanks for **the appointment of Simon Gillham** to take over this responsibility. Pray for Simon as he begins this new role.
- Give thanks for those working on **Property (Strategy & Development)**. Pray for swift approval from the City of Sydney Council and for generous financial support for the John Chapman House project.
- **Dan & Chrissie Wu (Faculty, p. 43)** Thanks for the opportunity to serve as Acting Dean of Students and the great privilege to oversee the pastoral care of our students. Please pray for a good rest after a very busy and stressful year, and continued thankfulness and energy for us to grow in knowing and serving God.
- **Exiting Students: Josie James (p. 2), Ran Liu (p. 3), Buhui Qiu (p. 3), Katie Stringer (p. 3)**

Week 3: Monday, 11 January – Sunday, 17 January

- Give thanks for the hard work and faithfulness of **Faculty** members and pray that they will be refreshed over the summer and be able to spend quality time with their families. Pray for them in their research and preparation over the summer break.
- Thank God for the **generous financial support** he has provided for the work of the College through the gifts of donors and the decisions of the Synod.
- Pray for Neil Ferguson and the **Property Maintenance Department** over the break. They will be working on several projects as well as the normal maintenance. Pray for energy and enthusiasm for the tasks ahead and that all will run according to plan.
- **Exiting Students: Sam Graham (p. 4), Chloe Stewart (p. 5), Karina Brabham (p. 6), Nathan Brewer (p. 6), Charles Cleworth (p. 6)**

Week 4: Monday, 18 January – Sunday, 24 January

- Pray that the decisions of our **exiting students** (in ministry and in life more generally) might be consciously and consistently shaped by the theology they have learned from the Scriptures. Pray that they might listen well and serve effectively and that their lives might adorn the gospel.
- Pray for the final preparations for the **Priscilla & Aquila Centre Annual Conference** taking place on 1 February. Pray for the logistics of the event and for the speakers and delegates travelling to Sydney for the event.
- **Philip & Amy Kern (Faculty, p. 42)** Thank God for blessing us with good health through 2020, for useful things to do despite limitations imposed on us, and that we've been able to communicate with our older children even though they live far away. Please pray for James who is in Year 12 at Trinity, that he would be energetic and focused, and that he would grow in the Lord. Please pray for Eliot in his third year of university, that he would be wise as he contemplates his future. Please ask that God would continue to bless Philip and Georgina, and knit them together in their marriage – and that we'd be able to visit with them soon. Please pray for Alexandra, that she would live in light of God's grace and mercy. Give thanks that she has been surrounded by good people during her time in the US. Please pray for Amy as she continues to serve in Mainly Music, SRE, Youth Group, and various things around College as well as working and looking after us at home. Please pray for me that I would stay focused on the Lord and what he wants me to do, and that I'd make progress in research projects and have the health needed to get through the work before me.
- **Exiting Students: Andrew Copeman (p. 6), John Costin (p. 6), Nigel Cowell (p. 7), Susan Duc (p. 7), Michael Freeman (p. 7)**

Week 5: Monday, 25 January – Sunday, 31 January

- **Supplementary exams commence (25-29 January).** Please pray for clarity of thought and for God's sustaining of those sitting supplementary exams.
- **Orientation Welcome (30 January).** Please pray that this day will be a useful time for all incoming students and will provide good opportunities to get to know other students and their families.
- Pray that our **exiting students** might be consistent in giving priority to prayer and that prayer would be their instinctual reaction to the situations they face.
- Pray for **Archie Poulos, David Höhne, Chris Thomson & Jane Tooher** who are on study leave this semester. Pray that as they have time away from their usual teaching load, they would study with wisdom and diligence, and pray that their research is of great benefit for others in the work of the gospel.
- **Mark & Kathryn Thompson (Faculty, p. 42)** Thank God for sustaining us through a year full of challenges (COVID, HSC, some health challenges). Thank God that Mark has the enormous privilege of leading the College. Please pray for wisdom for decisions to be made about the year ahead, both for the College and for us as a family. Pray too for Mark's writing commitments which tend to be squeezed into the leftover spaces, in particular that a book he is writing might be completed by February. Please pray that God might continue his powerful work in the lives of each of us, especially our four daughters.
- **Exiting Students: James Hoey (p. 7), Jireh Jang (p. 8), Victor Khor (p. 8), John Lau (p. 8), Avril Lonsdale (p. 8)**



The poster for the Genesis Women 2021 Conference features a green background with white and yellow line art. The top left corner displays the Priscilla & Aquila Centre logo, which includes a stylized sun and the text 'Priscilla & Aquila Centre'. To the right of the logo, the date and time '1 FEB 2021 | 8:30AM - 5:00PM' are printed in white. The main title 'GENESIS WOMEN' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below the title, the subtitle 'Why the Patriarchal narratives aren't Patriarchal' is written in smaller white text, followed by 'SPEAKERS: GARY & FIONA MILLAR'. The bottom right corner of the poster area contains the text '2021 CONFERENCE'. The bottom of the poster is decorated with line art illustrations of a sun, clouds, mountains, trees, a crescent moon with stars, a kangaroo, a koala, and a man and a woman. The website address 'paa.moore.edu.au/conference' is printed in white at the bottom right.

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Focus for February:

- **Priscilla & Aquila Centre Conference (1 February)**
 - **Greek Intensive and Orientation for First Year students (2-12 February)**
 - **Ordination (13 February)**
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Week 1: Monday, 1 February – Sunday, 7 February

- Pray that the **Priscilla & Aquila Centre Annual Conference (1 February)** might be well attended and that it might be encouraging and edifying.
 - **Greek Intensive and Orientation for First Year students (2-12 February)**. Give thanks for the start of the College year for new students. Pray that they will have energy to cope with these first few weeks of intensive Greek study in particular. Pray for the lecturers who are teaching this course.
 - Please pray for the **Governing Board** members. Thank God for the time commitment each member makes to the various meetings of the Board and its committees. Thank God for the knowledge and skills that members bring to the deliberations on many issues affecting the life of the College. Thank God that each member is committed to seeing God glorified through the College.
 - **Jane Tooher (Faculty, p. 43)** Thank God for what he has taught me about himself, others, and myself in 2020, especially during the process of writing projects. Please pray that I will not forget these truths and that my life will be changed accordingly.
 - **Exiting Students: Cameron Mason (p. 8), Kurtis McCabe (p. 8), Todd Parry-Jones (p. 9), Josh Phillips (p. 9)**
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Week 2: Monday, 8 February – Sunday, 14 February

- Pray that the **New Testament Summer Intensives for Second Year (9 February) and Third Year (10 February)** will be a good time of learning.
- **Summer Hebrew Intensive for Second Year (8, 10-12 February)**. Pray that the students will learn much from this course and that they will have greater insight into the Scriptures as a result.
- **Diocese of Sydney Ordination Service (13 February)**. Pray for the graduates of the College being ordained to serve the churches in Sydney. Please pray for the new ordinands, that they would serve with faithfulness, humility and courage.
- **Exiting Students: Joseph Pun (p. 9), Benjamin Purdy (p. 9), Brian Rennie (p. 9), Jordan Smith (p. 10)**

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

- **Semester 1 Term 1 commences (15 February).** Give thanks for the start of lectures for the College year and for the opportunity for the College to join together for a Lord's Supper service (hopefully) to mark the start of the year.
- Pray that the **Year Suppers (18 February) for the women of College** will be a really encouraging night of meeting new friends, sharing with one another and considering how to make the most of College opportunities over the year ahead.
- Pray for Gaurav Taneja and the **Kitchen staff** as they begin to serve daily meals to the whole student body. Give thanks for their commitment to the welfare of the students and Faculty and pray for energy and stamina for them.
- **Exiting Students: Miles Stepniewski (p. 10), Dan Tooma (p. 10), Grant Van Der Merwe (p. 10)**

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

- Give thanks for the work of **Moore Distance**. Pray for the team in the midst of the demands and pressures of serving many students around Australia and the world. Pray for the students, that they would grow in their knowledge and love of God and his word.
- Pray that as our students **study the word of God** and seek to proclaim it to others, they will allow it to have its impact on their own lives. Ask God that they will continue to grow in their knowledge and love of God and that they will live lives of godliness.
- Pray for the **staff** of the College. Give thanks for the way they serve the students and the entire College community. Pray that they might work well together and that they might really enjoy the fellowship of the College community.
- **Exiting Students: Mez Wicks (p. 11), Osmond Wong (p. 11), Jie Yeo (p. 11), Kevin Yeung (p. 11)**