



## From the Principal...

The first disciples learned to pray from their Master. They saw Jesus at prayer often. They heard him talk about prayer and encourage them to call upon the one true and living God as “our Father” (Matt 6:9). They watched him pray for the healing and blessing of others (John 11:41-42) and agonise in prayer over the cost of saving his people from their sins (Luke 22:39-46). And so from the start, they prayed.

It is recorded for us in the Book of Acts. The eleven went back to Jerusalem after the ascension and “all these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers” (Acts 1:14). They cast themselves upon God, not just as a one-off event but they were devoted; it was the pattern of their life together. When it dawned on them that there were always meant to be twelve apostles and without Judas there was a vacancy, their instinct was to pray: “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place” (v 25).

The apostles knew that the ministry entrusted to them was something they could not prosecute alone. They saw what happened when that was attempted while Jesus was among them (Matt 17:19). If they were going to take his word to the ends of the earth until the end of the age, then they could not do it alone. As much as anything else, that is why, later in Acts they spoke of devoting themselves “to prayer and to the ministry of the word” (Acts 6:4). One goes with the other. One is impoverished without the other.

Thank you for praying for us here at Moore College. Thank you for so joining with us in partnership. We cannot do this alone. We certainly cannot do it in our own strength, physical or intellectual. We need our Lord to keep us faithful, to give us energy and wisdom, to raise up a new generation of gospel workers, and to ensure at every point what we do is directed and shaped by the word of God. Please keep praying and let us know how we can pray for you.

*Mark Thompson*

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### PRAYING FOR OUR FACULTY AND EXITING STUDENTS

Please note that the page numbers after Faculty names refer to the 2021 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 2021

## Focus for December:

- **Exiting students for 2021**
  - **Registrar's Department finalising results**
  - **Christmas services and events**
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## Week 1: Wednesday, 1 December – Sunday, 5 December

- 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 2022.
  - **Philip & Amy Kern (Faculty, p. 42)** Give thanks to God for seeing us through a busy year with a lot of challenges. Please pray for health and strength as we look ahead to 2022, for the Lord's blessing on Eliot and his fiancée and their March wedding, and for James as he transitions from high school to the next phase of life. Please pray that we would be wise and faithful servants, content in God's goodness, and committed to loving one another well.
  - **Exiting Students: Elijah Harris (p. 3), Susie (p. 3), Merryn Wilson (p. 4) Matthew & Elizabeth Carmody (p. 6 & 4), Joey Cheng (p. 6)**
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## Week 2: Monday, 6 December – Sunday, 12 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, 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 31 January 2022, titled 'The One Another Commands'. Please pray for the speakers, including our main speaker, Peter Orr, 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: Tiffany Davy (p. 7), Andy Russell (p. 10), Scott Williams (p. 10), Aaron Yap (p. 11), Mitchell Zinsli (p. 11)**

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## Week 3: Monday, 13 December – Sunday, 19 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.
- **Dan & Chrissie Wu (Faculty, p. 43)** Give thanks for precious family time during lockdown, and new insights and application of God's word. Please pray that we will get a much-needed rest in 2022 after an extra busy 2020-2021. Pray also that state borders will stay open, as we're hoping to visit extended family.
- Please pray that the **Information Technology staff** would be able to keep the College systems working well over the summer period.
- **Annika Jolliffe (1st year, p. 15)** Pray for my church, Toongabbie Anglican as we look forward to welcoming our new rector in the coming months, and that the staff team would learn how to function well together with these new dynamics. Also pray for me as I balance part - time MTS with part - time College for another year.
- **Exiting Students: Jesse & Amy Morrison (p. 9 & 3), Mat Gillespie (p. 4), Sally Abboud (p. 2), Simon Beard (p. 2), John Hudson (p. 11)**

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## Week 4: Monday, 20 December – Sunday, 26 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.
- **Joshua & Elizabeth Rich (1st year, p. 11)** Thank God that we've been able to come over from New Zealand to study at Moore. Ask God to enable quarantine-free travel between NSW and New Zealand so we can visit family and they can see Micah, our one year old boy.
- **Exiting Students: Ryan & Lynne Verghese (p. 10 & 4), Rick Vance (p. 4), Adam Breasley (p. 5), Belinda Campbell (p. 2), Evan Harris (p. 8)**

# January 2021

## Focus for January:

- **New students for 2022**
  - **Property Maintenance Department**
  - **Students moving into College**
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## Week 1: Monday, 27 December – Sunday, 2 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: Matt Stones (p. 5), David Thompson (p. 5), Kim Walker (p. 5), Ming Yong (p. 5), Liam Denny (p. 2)**
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## Week 2: Monday, 3 January – Sunday, 9 January

- **Timothy & Chantelle Young (2nd year, p. 20)** Pray for a smooth transition to a new student ministry position this year and opportunities to say good farewells. Pray for a keen sense of how God has used the challenges of COVID to grow our Christian character and equip us for a lifetime of ministry.
- 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.
- **Michael & Ruth Parker (1st year, p. 11)** Praise God for keeping us spiritually fed through lockdown and the easing of restrictions. Please pray that restrictions don't get worse again as both our families live outside Sydney and a lot of them haven't met our six-month-old, Henry, yet.
- **Exiting Students: Jess Anderson (p. 6), Timothy Ash (p. 6), Elle Bryce (p. 6), Laurie Carleton (p. 6), Annie Davies (p. 2), Steven de Jong (p. 2)**

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## Week 3: Monday, 10 January – Sunday, 16 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.
- **Tony Kong (1st year, p. 10)** Give thanks for a formative first year of being challenged in my understanding and thinking about theology and ministry. Pray that I would reflect well on what I have learnt. Please also pray for the growth of two guys I am training at church.
- Pray for the staffing changes in the **Property & Maintenance Department**. Give thanks for Neil Ferguson, who is retiring soon, and particularly for the way God has used the time, energy, skill and abilities that he has gifted Neil with to serve the College community. Pray also for patience and energy for the department during this busy time of year with many students moving in and out of College properties. Give thanks that God has sustained the work of the department and kept them safe during the recent lockdown.
- Pray for the final preparations for the **Priscilla & Aquila Centre Annual Conference** taking place on 31 January. Pray for the logistics of the event and for the speakers and delegates travelling to Sydney for the event.
- **Exiting Students: Rusdyan Cocks (p. 7), Rhys Ewing (p. 7), Michael Figueira (p. 7), Matt Goodman (p. 7)**

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## Week 4: Monday, 17 January – Sunday, 23 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.
- **Supplementary exams commence (17-21 January)** Please pray for clarity of thought and for God's sustaining of those sitting supplementary exams.
- **Daniel & Priska Chew (1st year, p. 9)** I'm thankful that lockdown has given me more time with Priska and our daughter Eleanor during her first year of life. Please pray for evangelistic zeal as the community opens up; that opportunities to meet with friends and catch up would go further in talking about things that really matter, and in introducing Jesus.
- **Jane Tooher (Faculty, p. 43)** Give thanks to God for extra time with family over the summer. Please pray that I will be Christ-like with them and that I will listen well. Please pray for all the speakers and delegates at the January 31 Priscilla & Aquila Centre conference. The main talks are on the 'One another commands'.
- **Exiting Students: Paul Graham (p. 7), Ben Harris (p. 8), Jaison Jacob (p.8), Ben Ko (p. 8)**

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## Week 5: Monday, 24 January – Sunday, 30 January

- **Orientation Welcome (29 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.
- **David & Amanda Burdis (1st year, p. 9)** Thank God for the first year of College, for the knowledge gained about God, his word and how he has worked in history, for new friends made and fun had. Ask God that we would use summer well, reflecting on things learnt and student ministry, assessing personal godliness and character and taking opportunities to have gospel conversations.
- Pray for **Andrew Shead and Tara Stenhouse** 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.
- Pray that as our students **study the word of God** and seek to proclaim it to others, it will have an impact on their lives. Ask God that they will continue to grow in their knowledge and love of him and that they will live lives of godliness.
- **Julian & Emma Yin (1st year, p. 12)** Please give thanks for a restful season during lockdown and a chance to enjoy the everyday blessings given by God. Please pray for God's love and strength to return to ministries and to pastor people in and around our church.
- **Exiting Students: Gordon Luk (p. 8), Andrew Marrett (p. 8), Phill Morrow (p. 9), Nick O'Neil (p. 9), Vanessa Ong (p. 9)**



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## Focus for February:

- **Priscilla & Aquila Centre Conference (31 January)**
  - **Greek Intensive and Orientation for First Year students (1-11 February)**
  - **Ordination (19 February)**
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## Week 1: Monday, 31 January – Sunday, 6 February

- Pray that the **Priscilla & Aquila Centre Annual Conference (31 January)** might be well attended and that it might be encouraging and edifying.
  - **Greek Intensive and Orientation for First Year students (1-11 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.
  - **Tony & Yenli Nguyen (3rd year, p. 29)** Thank God for the government's change in it's definition of "immediate family" to include parents. This means that Yenli's parents will no longer have to wait until mid-2022 to be able to enter Australia to visit their children and grandchildren after two years away. Pray for their upcoming safe travels.
  - **Exiting Students: Ben Pantlin (p. 9), Becki Philip (p. 9), Sarah Rootes (p. 9), Celia Jang (p. 3), Olivia Martin (p. 3)**
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## Week 2: Monday, 7 February – Sunday, 13 February

- Pray that the **New Testament Summer Intensives for students (8-9 February)** will be a good time of learning.
- **Summer Hebrew Intensive (7, 9-11 February)** Pray that the students will learn much from this course and that they will have greater insight into the Scriptures as a result.
- **Mark & Kathryn Thompson (Faculty, p. 42)** Please pray for Mark's faithfulness as a husband, father, teacher, pastor and principal. Pray that Mark would manage his time well and that their family would be refreshed over the summer break. Pray for wisdom in a number of important appointments to be made early in the new year. Pray too for wisdom and gentleness in caring for ageing parents.
- **Exiting Students: Tim Scoular (p. 10), Jess Sheely (p. 10), Marian Guthrie (p. 2), Paul Kershaw (p. 3)**

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## Week 3: Monday, 14 February – Sunday, 20 February

- **Semester 1 Term 1 commences (14 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 to mark the start of the year.
- **Lachlan & Zaneta Neal (1st year, p. 11)** Praise God for our time studying and growing together at College! As we serve at church, please pray for ever-increasing joy, and as we continue thinking about mission after College, please pray for wise counsel for our next steps.
- **Diocese of Sydney Ordination Service (19 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.
- 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: Michael Woo (p. 10), Faraj Yusufov (p. 11), Erina Sawyer (p. 5), Kirsty Torrance (p. 4)**

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## Week 4: Monday, 21 February – Monday, 28 February

- Praise God for the continued generosity of those who are **prayerfully and financially supporting the College**. Give thanks to God for those who are currently considering leaving a gift in their will for the future of College. Ask God to provide more supporters who are willing to invest in future generations to continue to proclaim Christ.
- 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.
- **Ross & Lilian Ireland (1st year, p. 10)** Give thanks for God growing us through the new experience of parenthood (Jemima). Pray for our ministry at Hope Anglican Church and that we'd see the Lord growing the body there.
- **Exiting Students: Kate Bradford (p. 11), Joel Atwood (p. 12), Peter Ryan (p. 12), Kamina Wüst (p. 12)**