



## **From the Principal...**

Over the next semester in the College chapel, I am preaching through the Book of Revelation. In that context I have once again come across one of the most fascinating descriptions of Christian prayer. Twice in Revelation we read about bowls full of incense, or the smoke of the incense that rises before the throne of God, and we are told the bowls “are the prayers of the saints” and the incense arises “with the prayers of the saints” (Rev. 5:8; 8:4).

Whatever else this little phrase in Revelation means, it indicates that the prayers of the saints are part of the worship of God in heaven. God’s fragile but faithful people addressing God as Father, praising him, interceding for others, crying out for his help and strength — all of this is testimony to the wisdom and the glory of God. The prayers of God’s people are precious to him and they play a crucial role in the heavenly celebration of God’s character and saving acts.

We readily experience the fragility of our prayers. They sometimes seem so very weak. Paul reminds us that we do not even know what to pray as we ought (Rom. 8:26). Our perspective is often clouded by our circumstances and our confidence that God will answer our prayers is not constant. We can think we know the best way forward when God’s plan and purpose is different, more long-term, and infinitely better. But our prayers are very significant, not simply for us as we walk in dependence upon our heavenly Father, but in the glorious drama of heaven. The incense that rises before God in the heavenly temple is the prayers of the saints.

So as you pray for us at Moore College in this next quarter, I hope you’ll be encouraged by the heavenly perspective that is given to us in the Book of Revelation. As the curtain is pulled back for a moment to reveal what is really going on in the world, our prayers are significant.

*Mark Thompson*



# September 2023

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

## Focus for September:

- **Term 4 Commences**
- **New Staff Members**
- **Donald Robinson Library Lectures 23 September**

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## Week 1: Friday, 1 September – Sunday, 3 September

- Give thanks for **Moore College Sunday (1 August)** and the opportunities to invite parishes to partner with the College in prayer. Give thanks for all those from College who visited churches to share about the work of College. Give thanks for those who faithfully pray for the College and ask that God might raise up more people to be praying for us regularly.
- **Sarah Fitzpatrick (3<sup>rd</sup> year, p32)** Give thanks for a restful holiday break, and for the blessing of being part of an encouraging church family at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican. Please pray that God will grow me in knowledge, faith and love as I study this semester, and for wisdom and godliness as I make plans for next year.
- Praise God for his provision of **Soo Sing Goh as the new Chief Operating Officer** at College. Pray for his transition into this important role, supporting the Principal in all things operational in the College. Pray for his continued Christian discipleship and witness, and for his family as they adjust to this change.
- **David & Amelia Höhne (Faculty, p48)** Give thanks for the many and varied opportunities we have to serve the Lord at Moore College and in the larger Sydney Diocese. Give thanks for the Lord's provisions of wisdom and grace through several difficult family situations this year. Pray for diligence and patience for Amelia as she leads Cross-cultural support workers in the Anglicare ministry. Pray for energy and joy in service for David as he acts as Vice-Principal alongside his main ministry as Academic Dean.

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## Week 2: Monday, 4 September – Sunday, 10 September

- Pray that our students will be disciplined and productive as they complete assignments during this non-teaching **Research Week (4 - 8 Sept)**.
- Give thanks for the opportunity to engage with prospective students at **Open Week (21 - 25 August)**. Pray that God will raise up many **new students** to study at College, to be equipped for his harvest field in Australia and around the world. Give thanks for those future students who have already made the decision to study with us at College in 2024.
- Give thanks for the opportunity that students and Faculty have to gather together throughout the week for numerous **chapel services**. Pray that these would continue to be a time of encouragement and worship.
- **Jonny & Jo Hann (1<sup>st</sup> year, p12)** Give thanks for a wonderful new church family at Bulli Anglican and a supportive staff team. Pray that Jo's health would improve as she often feels unwell, and ask that the Lord would give Jonny diligence in his preaching responsibilities and studies. Pray for effective study time on the train from Wollongong and the desire to keep working hard when tired.



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**DONALD ROBINSON LIBRARY  
LECTURES:**

**DEACONESS  
MARGARET RODGERS**

**Speakers: Peter Jensen, Kara Hartley,  
Colin Bale, Rod Benson**



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## Week 3: Monday, 11 September – Sunday, 17 September

- **Term 4 Commences (11 September)** Pray for energy and enthusiasm for the start of the new term, and pray that the College community would keep serving each other with joy.
- Pray for **students studying with young families** at home. Pray for patience and energy as they juggle their studies and raising children. Pray that they would seek many opportunities in daily life to share and teach the gospel of Christ.
- **Jordan & Lauren Francis (2<sup>nd</sup> year, p22)** Thank God for his answer to prayer in helping Lauren and I settle into life in Sydney and amongst College. There's so much to take in at College, please pray that the things I learn might shape my heart and my hands as well as my head. Please also pray that God might prepare us now for what He might have in store for us after College.
- **CCL Seminar - The power and pain of perseverance (18 October)** Pray for Mark Thompson as he finalises his preparations for his seminar next month on the power and pain of perseverance. Pray also for those staff involved in planning the details and logistics of the event.

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## Week 4: Monday, 18 September – Sunday, 24 September

- Give thanks for appointment of **Matthew Lindfield-Seager as IT Manager**. Pray for Matthew in this transition, and as he gets to know all that is involved in this area at College. Pray for imagination and creativity as he looks to move this area of College forward in the next few years.
- Give thanks for the **Donald Robsinson Library Lectures on the Deaconess Margaret Rodgers (23 Sept)**. Pray for the speakers Peter Jensen, Kara Hartley, Colin Bale and Rod Benson as they present on the day. Pray that many would attend and be encouraged by the displays, and presentations on the life of Deaconess Margaret Rodgers.
- **Paul & Tori Rajkumar (1<sup>st</sup> year, p14)** Tori and I (together with our little ones Reuben and Scarlett) are so grateful to be at MTC this year having come from the UK and are very grateful to God that we are feeling more settled in terms of church, studies and family life etc. Please pray we would continue to settle into life in Australia and seek to glorify God in all we do.
- Pray for those in the College community who are **adjusting to becoming new parents**. Ask that God would grant joy and rest during this period of change. Give thanks for the facilities around College that allow for extra support to be provided to these families.

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## Week 5: Monday, 25 September – Sunday, 1 October

- Give thanks for the growing number of **postgraduate research students** and pray that they will remain focused while balancing family and ministry responsibilities. Ask that their study and research would benefit many.
- **Jenny Tait (1<sup>st</sup> year, p14)** Please pray for perseverance in my studies as I feel the limits of my finite mind. Pray that God would grow my heart for his word and his people. Pray also for the ongoing sharing of the gospel with my family and friends and that God would open their hearts to hearing it clearly.
- Pray for the **partnerships** College has with **churches and organizations**, that they may be fruitful in advancing God's kingdom.
- Give thanks for the **Operations Team at College**. Pray for the team as they continue to progress with the housing and accommodation process for 2024. Pray for wisdom and strategic thinking as they allocate people to housing and make important decisions. Give thanks for the care and dedication the team has for the running of the operations and student services at College.



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OF **PERSEVERANCE**

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SPEAKER:  
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# October 2023

## Focus for October:

- **Part-time Students**
  - **Day of Prayer 19 October**
  - **CCL Seminar - The Power and Pain of Perseverance 18 October**
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## Week 1: Monday, 2 October – Sunday, 8 October

- Pray for Faculty members **Chase Kuhn, Simon Gillham and Dan Wu on study leave**. Pray that this time would be fruitful as they spend time away from their regular teaching and pastoral roles at College.
  - **Jason Kuan (1<sup>st</sup> year, p12)** Thank God for the provision of a student visa and for the generosity of brothers and sisters so that I can get prepared for a lifetime of serving Jesus. Please pray that I would use the resources that God has gifted me with sacrificially, as I learn to disciple and put others first so that Jesus may be honored and glorified.
  - **Spring Break (2 - 6 October)** Please pray that this will be a refreshing break for students and Faculty. Please pray for those in the College community who are unable to be with family and friends during this time.
  - Pray for **Academic Support Officer, Gordon Cain** as he supports students with their studies. Give thanks for the assistance that he provides, and that many students are utilising him as a resource to aid their studies. Pray for Gordon in the lead up to Research Weeks and Semester 2 exams.
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## Week 2: Monday, 9 October – Sunday, 15 October

- Give thanks to God for the wonderful **kitchen team** who commit themselves to safely providing healthy and delicious meals for the whole College community. Pray for endurance and energy as they head into a busy month of events for the end of the College year.
- Give thanks for the many **online and face-to-face part-time students** at Moore College and for their commitment to growing in their knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. Pray that their studies would be a blessing to their current and future ministries.
- **Michael & Jennifer Leong (MTh, p18)** Thank God for the new people who've recently come into CrossLife Church and are interested in what Jesus has to say. Pray for truthfulness, gentleness and love as our church follows them up.
- The College timetable for this term includes a **Research Week (9 - 13 Oct)**. Pray that our students will be disciplined and productive as they complete assignments during this non-teaching week.

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### Week 3: Monday, 16 October – Sunday, 22 October

- **Day of Prayer (19 October)** Give thanks for the opportunity to put aside the College program and focus on the privilege of prayer. Pray that this will be an encouraging time for the College community.
- **CCL Seminar - The Power and Pain of Perseverance (18 October)** Give thanks for the men and women who are gathering today to hear Mark Thompson speak on perseverance and the Christian life. Pray for those who attend, that they would be encouraged to persevere in their own lives.
- **Dan Mak (1<sup>st</sup> year, p13)** Give thanks that I am feeling more settled into College rhythms and relationships. Please pray for faithful stewardship of time, energy and resources, and that I would balance my time between study and people in a way that honours God.
- Give thanks for those gathering together next week to pray for the College at the next **Men Praying for Moore event (21 October)**. Thank God for the privilege of bringing the needs of the College before Him in prayer.

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### Week 4: Monday, 23 October – Sunday, 29 October

- Give thanks for those who have been involved in the various **Moorewomen committees** either on campus or online engagement throughout the year and for those who are involved in planning the various activities and programs for next year. Pray that these will be beneficial for the student wives and female students who attend.
- Give thanks for the **MoorePTC course** which allows for many people in Australia and across the world to study the Bible. Pray for the redesign of the online platform in the future so that it will be even more flexible and user-friendly.
- **Stephanie Adams (4<sup>th</sup> year, p41)** Thank God for the joy of knowing him, and how I've grown in that through my years at College. Please pray for me to be wise, humble and discerning in thinking about future ministry directions after this year. Ask God to provide a helpful context for fruitful service, and to help me bring glory to Jesus through that.
- **Mark & Tanya Earngey (Faculty, p48)** Give thanks that the Earngeys have been in good health, and that our children are growing physically and spiritually stronger. Give thanks also for the provision of some casual work for Tanya which works very well around family and church life. Please pray for Mark as he works on the publication of his doctoral thesis, for Tanya as she leads the welcoming team at our church (St. Paul's Canterbury), and for the children (Grace, Simeon, Sophia, and Zoe) to know and love the Lord Jesus even more.

## Focus for November:

- **StuVac 13 - 16 November**
  - **Students sitting exams 17 - 23 November**
  - **End of year celebrations**
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## Week 1: Monday, 30 October – Sunday, 5 November

- Give great thanks to God for all his **provision and sustaining of the College**. Give thanks for the ways in which students have grown in their knowledge, love and faith in God this year. Pray that God will continue to provide for the College throughout the rest of the year and into 2024.
- **Joel & Samantha Fletcher (1<sup>st</sup> year, p12)** Praise God that he has enabled us to settle into Croydon Park after moving from the Central Coast, particularly for bringing Sam through a tough season of starting a new job at Cumberland Psychiatric hospital as a social worker; she now is enjoying work, building friendships and has energy for participating in Moore community events. Pray that we would both continue to build new and deep friendships so that we may experience the blessing of support and encouragement that comes from God's gift of friendship; yet particularly to grow in our friendship with Jesus.
- Pray for the **Governing Board of the College** and its various committees. Thank God for the great skills and talents that the board members bring to their task. Pray for wisdom and discernment as, under God, they plan for the future of the College and seek to execute its strategic plan.
- Pray for the new initiatives with **Indigenous students and students from marginalised areas**. Pray for the ongoing conversations with the First Nations Christian leaders as College seeks to work with and encourage them. Give thanks for the use of the Online Diploma of Biblical Theology (DBT) in appropriate learning contexts for Indigenous students.

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## Week 2: Monday, 6 November – Sunday, 12 November

- Give thanks for all the **students who are completing their studies** this year. Thank God for their time here at Moore College and the friendships they have made. Pray that they will enjoy their final weeks and have a memorable time as they are farewelled.
- Pray for those amongst the Faculty who, alongside their teaching and pastoring of students, have **speaking engagements** with churches, events and conferences. Pray for energy, enthusiasm and faithfulness.
- **Lachlan & Zaneta Neal (3<sup>rd</sup> year, p33)** Give thanks for the timeliness of topics addressed at College recently. Please pray for wise planning as we think about next steps after College that will prepare us well for potential overseas ministry in the future.
- Pray for the **Well Program** which uses the online Diploma of Biblical Theology (DBT) to train and equip leaders from churches in marginalised areas in Western Sydney. Thank God for his provision of this tool to reach more people with the gospel.

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## Week 3: Monday, 13 November – Sunday, 19 November

- **StuVac (13 - 16 November)** Pray for effective study for the students as they prepare for their exams. Pray that the students will grow in their knowledge of God as they study, and that their families will be able to support them well. Pray that this week will be a worthwhile time of drawing together what they have learned and that all, particularly those who find exams stressful, might know the peace of God at this time.
- **Exams (17 - 23 November)** Pray that the students would be able to recall all they have learnt and not be anxious. Pray also for endurance as they prepare for their exams and balance other responsibilities, that they might know God better and be better prepared for their future ministry.
- **Kylie & Andy Yip (3<sup>rd</sup> year, p34)** Give thanks for my family's support and the third year group welcoming me in as a newbie this year. Give thanks also for God's grace in helping me settle into College. Please pray for wisdom and courage to make decisions about next year, and that Andy and I would continue to grow in wisdom and love as parents, friends, neighbours etc.
- Pray for those **future students and their families** who will need to relocate to come to College next year. Pray that they would finish at their current churches and ministries well as they look forward to moving to College next year.

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## Week 4: Monday, 20 November – Sunday, 26 November

- **Chichi Soboya (1<sup>st</sup> year, p14)** Praise God for the friendships that are beginning to form in a lasting way. I'm thankful to be around Godly people who point me to God's goodness. Pray for me not to get anxious about finances in the present and future but that I would continue to entrust myself to our Great God who owns and gives all good gifts. Pray for my Hebrew study too!
- Give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate all the work of the 2023 exiting students at the **Exiting Students Dinner (23 November)**. Pray that it would be an enjoyable night for the students and their families that attend as they reflect on the year and their time studying at Moore College.
- Pray for the Faculty as they continue **marking exams** and seek to finalise results for students within a tight deadline. Pray for energy and perseverance so that they will be able to work carefully and that they will be fair and consistent in their marking.
- **Term 4 concludes (24 November)** This day marks the end of the College year for students. Give thanks for all that the students have learned from their lectures throughout the year. Pray for them as they apply this knowledge to their own lives and the ministries in which they are involved. Pray that they will always delight in God.



8:30AM – 5:00PM | 5 FEB 2024

# FOLLOWING CHRIST AS MEN AND WOMEN

MAIN SPEAKERS:  
ANDREW LESLIE & CLARE DEEVES

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## Week 5: Monday, 27 November – Thursday, 30 November

- Pray for the **2024 Priscilla & Aquila Conference**, and for those organising the event, that they would bring honour to God in the planning process. Pray also for Andrew Leslie and Clare Deeves as they prepare to give the main talks on 'Following Christ as Men and Women'. Thank God for the provision of a variety of other people to present electives throughout the day at the conference.
- **Jake & Clare Ashley (1<sup>st</sup> year, p11)** Give thanks for our mid-year move to Moore West and the love we have received from the community and shorter commute times. Please pray that God will provide an improvement/solution to ongoing autoimmune health issues and that in the meantime He may maintain stable health so I can love Clare well and study and serve God faithfully.
- Give thanks for those students who have finalised **ministry positions** for 2024. Please pray for those who are still looking, that they will be wise as they consider where they can best serve God and his people, and that they will trust in God's timing.
- Give thanks for the **alumni of College**. Pray that God would sustain them in the roles and ministries that they are involved in, and that they would continue to love and serve Christ wherever they are.

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**Personal Prayer Notes**

