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## **Prayer Bulletin**

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

Of all the prayers of the Lord Jesus recorded for us in the Gospels, the longest is the prayer in John 17, the prayer Jesus prayed before heading to the Garden of Gethsemane where he would be betrayed and arrested. Given all that was about to happen, we would expect Jesus' prayer that night to be focussed on the things that really matter.

It is a prayer that begins with a call for God to bring glory to his name in the way he had determined from eternity, through glorifying his Son. 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you' (v. 1). 'I have glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do' (v. 4). From all eternity, all through his earthly life and climaxing at the end, the Son has been concerned with the glory of the Father.

How significant is the glory of the Father in your prayers? Aware of all that was about to happen, after that eventful night in the upper room with his disciples, this is what came first to Jesus' lips when he addressed God in prayer. In contrast, my prayers are often hopelessly self-focussed and driven by small, immediate concerns. Of course our Heavenly Father is interested in those too. But just how would my prayers change, I wonder, and how would yours change, if this concern for God's glory gave them shape? How differently would you view the world and what is happening right now in our part of it? How differently would you pray about your own life and dreams and plans? How different might your prayers for the College be when placed in this larger picture?

Of course God is supremely glorious. He cannot be made more glorious and nothing can take away from his glory either. But that night Jesus was asking God to demonstrate his glory in the midst of a broken and hostile world in a way planned before the world was made. He was praying that, as a result of what was about to happen, God's glory might be broadcast not just on earth but in heaven as well.

Thank you for praying for Moore College. For 160 years men and women like you have been praying for the College, asking that God might use us, weak and fragile though we are, to glorify his Son and so bring glory to our Father in heaven. Please keep praying that we would maintain this priority of God's glory. This is why we long to see our students grow in their confidence in God's word, grow in their mature reflection of the word of God in their lives, and grow in their capacity to teach it faithfully in the context of loving personal relationships. The world-wide publication of the word of God with its focus on the gospel of Jesus Christ is the means God has chosen to stretch his glory across the earth. Pray that we might never be distracted from that.

***Mark Thompson***

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### Focus for March

- **Graduation 16 March, 7:30 pm, All welcome (see below)**
  - **Preparation for College Missions 15-22 May (see back page for list of locations)**
  - **Easter**
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### Week 1: Tuesday, 1 March – Sunday, 6 March

- Give great thanks to God for the **new students** in first year this year. Pray that they will come to know God better as a result of all that they learn in their time at College.
  - Pray for the **Registrar's Department** as they prepare for graduation.
  - **Jack & Kate Hamer (Year 2, p10)** Please pray for me as I prepare and deliver four talks on Joseph for the Trinity Hills/Bay/Inner South youth camp in Adelaide this month. Pray for the youth group members, that God would be changing them and growing them, especially in the weeks and months afterwards.
  - **Term 1 of the Moore College Distance courses begins (1 March).** Pray for the office staff (Glenda Hurlstone and Elizabeth Smith) as they handle enquiries, process enrolments and provide notes to the students. Pray that the students would grow in their knowledge of God through their studies.
  - **Georgina & Jordan Tasker (Year 2, p14)** Please pray for us as we settle into Parramatta Cathedral and adjust to living in Newtown.
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## Moore College Graduation

### All Welcome

**Where:** City Recital Hall, Angel Place, Sydney

**When:** Wednesday 16 March 2016

**7.30pm – 9.30pm**

Doors open at 7.00pm. Please be seated by 7.20pm.

**Speaker:** Christopher Ash

Please join us as we celebrate the work of the gospel at Moore. We will thank God that his faithful servants have completed their training and preparation and pray for them as they minister Jesus' love and saving grace around the world.

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### Week 2: Monday, 7 March – Sunday, 13 March

- Praise God for the February **Priscilla & Aquila Conference** on 'Submission in the Christian Life'. All up, 234 people came and heard a range of talks and personal testimonies from men and women as to what submission looks like in their lives. Thank God for the preparation that the speakers put into helping make the day work so well.
- Pray for the **Centre for Christian Living's event (March 17) 'Learning to speak Christian in an online world'**. Pray that through the faithful teaching of the speakers (Lionel Windsor and Tony Payne), we would be exhorted to let Christ reign in our 'online worlds' so that we might speak and conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel.
- Each year **Moore College Missions** are held in various locations in Australia and sometimes overseas. Give thanks that in May this year, College students and Faculty can partner with local churches to engage in mission and ministry to their communities, to the glory of God.
- Pray especially for those involved in the **planning and preparation of mission events and activities**, both at College and in the various churches. Pray that they will be efficient in their preparations. Pray for boldness on the part of church members as they invite friends to the many events that are being organized. Also please pray for good relationships within the teams.
- **Jane Tooher (Faculty, p68)** Give thanks for a refreshing summer. Please pray for wisdom and discipline as I write three new Diploma subjects. Please pray that I will be godly to my niece and nephews who live with me - Stephanie, Nick, and Jono.
- **Antony Weiss (Year 2, p14)** Give thanks for the opportunity to stay on at Moore College for 2016 and for a restful summer break. Pray for a year of growth in my understanding and engagement with God's word as well as being able to prioritise my studies, student ministry role and time with family and friends.



### Learning to speak Christian in an online world

**When:** Thursday March 17 2016, 7.30pm  
**Where:** Moore College, enter at 15 King St Newtown  
**Cost:** \$15  
**Speakers:** Lionel Windsor and Tony Payne

**Pre-registration is necessary – book at** <https://www.moore.edu.au/ccl/events>

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

- **Danae Bjorem (Year 2, p9)** Pray for Nick Woodward (Year 2, p15) and I as we are getting married in April. Please pray that as sinners our marriage would point others to God's goodness, love and forgiveness. Pray that we would be patient and godly in this time of wedding planning as College starts.
- **Tara & Ian Stenhouse (Faculty, p67)** Pray that Tara will grow in prayerfulness in her pastoral role, and have wisdom in her teaching of Church History to Diploma students. Pray for wisdom for Ian as he helps lead Randwick Presbyterian Church, especially with staff changes and new people through the door every week.
- **First and Second Year Weekends Away (18-20 March)** Pray that this will be an encouraging time for the first and second year students and their families. Pray that it will help students as they seek to develop good relationships with their fellow students.
- **Evening Course exams (22 March)** Pray for the students as they prepare for, and sit, the exams.
- **Edward & Stephanie Hungerford (Year 3, p25)** Pray that the Lord would be guiding Steph and I as we prayerfully consider our future and would be forming within us hearts that seek first his Kingdom and his righteousness in all these decisions.

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## Week 4: Monday, 21 March – Sunday, 27 March

- **Tom Zhang (Year 2, p15)** Pray for discipline while studying this year. Pray for Amy (fiancée) in China and the preparations for our wedding in July. Pray that Amy would settle quickly into Australian culture and the Moore community. Please pray for our financial needs for this year.
- **Leah Goring (Year 2, p10)** Please pray for my service at Summer Hill Anglican Church. Ask God to grow the people there in loving newcomers well as I train them in welcoming.
- Thank God for the **Moorewomen Bible Study groups** which have started up again this month. Pray that the women will grow in their understanding of God's word, and encourage each other as they learn together. Pray too for the Friday morning Bible Study Crèche - that the children would be safe, that they would enjoy their time together each week, and hear about the Lord Jesus who loves them.
- **Easter Break (25-28 March)**. Praise the Lord for the wonderful salvation he won for us on the cross. Thank God for the opportunity to remember all that Jesus has done for us, and to celebrate his resurrection.

## Focus for April

- **Personal needs of students**
  - **Research and writing**
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## Week 1: Monday, 28 March – Sunday, 3 April

- Pray for the **Marketing and Communications Department** that they might be faithful as they tell people about the wonderful work of the College. Pray that many people will be inspired to come to Moore to be equipped to serve God and others.
  - **Mark & Kathryn Thompson (Faculty, p67)** Thank God for a good family holiday over the summer and an exciting start to the year. Please pray for wisdom in decision making, humble discipline in godly living, energy and time for writing projects, teaching and preaching. Pray that our family will continue to enjoy the opportunities the Lord gives us to serve his people.
  - **Daniel & Deborah Tan (Year 2, p14)** Pray that God would help Deb and I to adjust to the many changes that have happened for us this year (getting married, moving into a new place, new year of College, new church), and that he would help us to do so in a manner pleasing to him.
  - College is continually reviewing and improving its **teaching programs**. Please pray that we will be more effective in faithfully preparing men and women for gospel mission in a world of increasing opposition and that the Lord will continue to provide many labourers for the harvest.
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## Evening Seminar 'Gender Confusion: A Pastor's Perspective'

**Where:** Moore College, enter at 15 King Street, Newtown  
**When:** Wednesday 6 April 2016  
Coffee from 6.30pm – 7.00pm, Talk from 7.00pm – 9.00pm

**Speakers:** Rob and Claire Smith  
**Cost:** \$10 entry

**Pre-registration is necessary. Book at [www.moore.edu.au/paa/news-events](http://www.moore.edu.au/paa/news-events)**

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

- Praise God for the Priscilla & Aquila Centre's **new website** that makes searching for resources so much easier. Thank God for all the work that Mark Fairfull, Moore's Manager for Marketing & Communications, has done behind the scenes to make the new website happen. Please explore our new website here <http://paa.moore.edu.au>
- Many students in **4<sup>th</sup> year** have the opportunity to complete a **research project** on a topic of their choice. Please pray for students as they finalise their topics. Give thanks for their in-depth study into an area of interest and pray that they will be better equipped to serve others as a result of undertaking this research.
- **Chase & Amy Kuhn (New Faculty)** Pray for the family to quickly settle into College life and to be effective in serving the College community. Pray for wisdom for parenting Olive (5), now at school, and Ezra (3), still at home, and love as we engage with the community at the local school. Pray for care and comfort for Amy's father who is unwell in America, and strength for her mother.
- Give thanks for **progress on the building** to date and particularly for the extended College Green and the opportunities it provides for students and their families to connect. Please continue to pray for safety on the site and good progress and especially for wisdom for all the decisions that need to be made concerning the building.

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

- The College timetable for this term includes a **Research Week (11-15 April)**. Pray that students will be disciplined and productive as they complete assignments during this non-teaching week.
- **Autumn Break (16-25 April)** Pray that students and Faculty will have a refreshing break.
- Pray for those among the Faculty who, alongside their teaching and pastoring of students, have **writing commitments** to fulfill. Pray for discipline, energy and faithfulness.
- **Tim & Sarah Rowe (Year 3, p26)** Please pray as we settle into a new church, that we may build relationships quickly and faithfully serve the congregations of which we are a part.
- Give thanks for the generous people who regularly **support the College in prayer** and financially. Pray for the next stage of the Capital Campaign and that the fundraising target might be met by the end of the financial year.
- Give thanks for the dedicated **staff of the College** and all they do to support the students and Faculty.

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

- Praise God for the opportunity that College students have to teach **Scripture** in two local primary schools, Newtown North Public School and Darlington Public School. Pray for good relations with the schools, that parents will encourage children to attend Scripture and that the children will delight in learning about Jesus and his love. Pray too for the witness of College families in our local schools.
  - **Jimmy Shepherd (Year 3, p26)** Pray that I might continue to grow in love for the Lord Jesus, as my study feeds into my devotional life and my devotional life drives home what I'm learning in my studies.
  - Give thanks for the Dean of Students, Keith Condie, and the Dean of Women, Tara Stenhouse, and their focus on the **personal needs of the students**. Please pray for new students still adjusting to College life, especially those who have moved to Sydney and away from family and friends. Pray too for those who are adjusting to study again after a long time. Pray for part-time students as they adjust to the demands of work and part-time study.
  - Pray for the team of **women chaplains** who assist in the pastoral care of our students. Pray for good relationships with the women they serve and that the chaplains will balance their College ministry and other responsibilities well.
  - 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 too 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.
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# MAY 2016

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## Focus for May

- **College Missions: Sunday 15 – Sunday 22 May**
- **Moore College Distance**

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## Week 1: Monday, 25 April – Sunday, 1 May

- **Term 2 commences (26 April).** Pray that students start the new term refreshed, rested and prepared for the challenges ahead.
- **Term 2 Evening Course commences (3 May)** Please pray for Chase Kuhn delivering the Ministry lectures. Pray for time for Chase to prepare the required material. Pray that the lectures stimulate and stretch students in their thinking.
- **Dave and Eirian Binggeli (Year 3, p23)** Pray for their ministry at the new 6pm service at St Alban's Church in Five Dock. Please pray for patience as two congregations come together and that, while serving together, they would be full of joy and love for each other. Pray that God will work through them so that many in Five Dock come to see Jesus as King!

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## Week 2: Monday, 2 May – Sunday, 8 May

- **Open Week (2-6 May) and Open Night (2 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 full-time ministry training here.
- Please pray for the College **mission teams** and particularly for students finalising sermons and talks for mission. Please pray also for safety in travel, and for good relationships amongst the team members.
- Give thanks for the dedicated staff of the **Moore College Distance Department** – Elizabeth Smith (Manager), Glenda Hurlstone (Student Services Assistant), Marty Olmos (Online Learning Environment) and Shane Waugh (Program Supervisor). At times it can get rather hectic as they handle the enquiries, process enrolments, prepare exams and manage the Online Learning Environment for students around the world. Pray for them as they serve the Lord in this busy and challenging area.
- **Mark & Lucy Woodhouse (Year 3, p27)** Give thanks for Lucy's new job and pray that she settles into it well. Pray that we would look to love and care for each other in the busyness of life.

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## Week 3: Monday, 9 May – Sunday, 15 May

- **Week of Prayer for Missions (9-13 May)** Give thanks for the opportunity for students to focus on prayer during this week. Please join with us in praying that God will use the Moore College Missions to bring many people to himself, through faith in Jesus Christ.
- **Moore College Distance exams (9-15 May)** Pray for the students that they will be well prepared for the exams, but more importantly, that they will have come to a deeper knowledge of the Lord through their studies.
- **Research Week (11 -15 May).** Pray that this will be a productive week for the students and that they will be able to get their assignments in on time.
- Pray that God might be preparing the hearts of those who will hear the gospel during **Mission Week (15-22 May)** and that the good news about Jesus will be preached clearly.
- **Brian Rennie (Year 2, p13)** As I go to Townsville for mission, pray that I might be able to encourage the saints and take part in proclaiming the gospel in that place.

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## Week 4: Monday, 16 May – Sunday, 22 May

- **Mission week (Sunday 15 May – Sunday 22 May)** Give thanks for the opportunity to hold College missions in many churches in Sydney and other parts of Australia. Pray that the gospel will be presented clearly in the various events and that the Holy Spirit will 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.
- Pray that **many might come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour** this week and that the commitments they make will be the start of a life of joyful service of the Lord Jesus.
- Pray that **College mission team members** will be servant hearted as they get to know their host churches and learn from the ministers, team leaders and parishioners during the week. Pray that they would be an encouragement to the saints in each church.
- Pray that God will use the mission week to deepen the **unity** of students and Faculty at College as they share in reaching out to others with the life-giving gospel.
- **Victor and Veronica George (Year 2)** Pray for wisdom to find a good balance between my second year of College and my first year of marriage. Pray for Veronica in her new job as a primary school teacher. Pray that she would be able to cope with the work load, and have plenty of good opportunities to faithfully teach the Bible during Scripture time and morning devotions. Pray also for the Sub-Continental ministry at St Andrew's, Strathfield, that God would turn the hearts and minds of many people towards him.

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## Week 5: Monday, 23 May – Sunday, 29 May

- Please pray for the **Finance team** as they maintain the College's financial records. Pray that they may be given wisdom and discernment as they relate to students about tuition fees and accommodation charges that need to be paid. Under God's grace may they pursue their work with diligence and enthusiasm as they play their part in the College's mission.
  - **Moore College Distance Graduation (27 May)** Give thanks for the students who have completed the PTC, ITS or Evening Course Awards. Praise God for their perseverance and dedication to their studies. Pray for them as they seek to serve the Lord in all that they do.
  - **Simon & Margie Gillham (New Faculty)** Praise God for bringing us safely to Moore and providing warm fellowship to welcome us to a new home. Please pray for patience and joy as we continue to adjust and establish a new home with new friends.
  - **Matt Smith (Year 2, p14)** Pray that I will grow in my service and love of others, that I will put to death pride, be slow to speak and quick to listen, mindful of the needs of those around me.
  - **Karen Lawson-Smith (Year 2, p11)** Please pray that I would be faithful in my study this year and that I would persevere in loving my family and friends, people at College and at church.
  - Pray for those churches that are running **follow up courses and events** after missions. Pray for the organisers of these activities and that many will come along to continue investigating the claims of Christ on their lives.
  - Pray that those who invited friends and family to mission events might continue to speak boldly to them about the love of Jesus.
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## Personal Prayer Notes



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## MOORE COLLEGE MISSIONS 2016

<b>Location</b>	<b>Church coordinator</b>	<b>Faculty leader and female chaplain</b>
St Peter's Nightcliff, Darwin	Josh Kuswadi	Ed Loane Julia Williams
Jannali Anglican	Neil Fitzpatrick	David Höhne Kate Bradford
Northmead Anglican	Joshua Johnston	Philip Kern Wendy Swanton
St Paul's Lithgow & St Stephen's Portland	Chris Barnett	Andrew Leslie Marcelle Rodgers
Oak Flats and Jamberoo Anglican	Jodie McNeill	Lionel Windsor Alison Blake
One1seven Church, Redfern and Green Square	Andrew Levy	Peter Bolt Juliette Antoon
Bondi Anglican	Blake Hatton	Archie Poulos Caroline Spencer
Port Macquarie Trinity Anglican	Bruce Blackbell	George Athas Deb Earnshaw
Auburn Anglican	Tim Cocks	Andrew Shead Margie Powell
St David's Forestville	Gavin Parsons	Will Timmins Anna Hu
Camden Anglican	Trent Sutcliffe	Keith Condie Cathy Smith
Ross River Anglican, Townsville	Scott Hedley	Peter Orr Lesley Ramsay
Figtree Anglican	Lachlan Edwards	Simon Gillham Isobel Lin
Coast EV, Forster	Chris Ekins	Chase Kuhn Jane Tooher