



**MOORE**  
COLLEGE

**September -  
November 2016**

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## **Prayer Bulletin**

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

Jesus' prayers are a study in dependence upon his heavenly Father at every point and in every way. They are the archetypal prayers of faith, characterised by an awareness of his Father's glory, majesty and power and his sovereign control and care of his people. Above all they demonstrate his clear conviction that he had been sent with a purpose.

I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. (Jn 17:6)

He was, of course, talking first and foremost about those who followed him during his earthly ministry, the first disciples. Yet before the prayer is over he will pray for those they would reach with this word in very similar terms. Given to the Son by his Father. Given out of the world. Given in order that they might keep his word. Given so that others might 'believe in me through their word' (v. 20).

On that fateful night Jesus prayed from within the framework of the great saving plan of God settled before the foundation of the world. He prayed with gratitude for what God had done and with an eye to what God might yet do. At the heart of it all was the word of God. This is the instrument at work in Jesus' own ministry, in the ministry of the apostles, and in faithful ministry in the churches today. It is, of course, never divorced from the flesh and blood faithfulness and love of those who bring the word. But it is the word which does the work.

As you pray for us at Moore College — and we are very grateful for your prayers — will you particularly pray that we might keep the word entrusted to us, proclaim it clearly and boldly, and live it out consistently with the same love that God demonstrated in sending his Son? It is an immense privilege to be involved in this work and we are entirely dependent upon the work of God to enable us to equip the next generation of disciple making disciples. So please keep praying.

***Mark Thompson***

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# SEPTEMBER 2016

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## Focus for September

- **New Faculty for 2017**
- **New students for 2017**
- **Campus redevelopment**
- **Spring break (10-18 September)**
- **Priscilla & Aquila Centre**

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## Week 1: Thursday, 1 September – Sunday, 4 September

- Give thanks to God for the **appointment of Paul Grimmond to the Faculty**, to commence in 2017. Paul will be joining us as the new Dean of Students, and we are looking forward to having Paul and Cathy and their family amongst us. Please pray for the Grimmond family as they prepare to make the transition to College.
- Give thanks for the **College Open Night (29 August) and Open Week (happening this week)**. Please pray that God would give people a desire to study at College either full-time or through our Moore Distance courses, in order to know him better and serve him in the world.
- Give thanks for **Moore College Sunday** and the opportunity to invite parishes to partner with the College in prayer. Also, give thanks for all those who faithfully pray for the College and ask that God might raise up more people to be praying for us regularly.
- **Tom Ong (Year 1)** Thank God for a good several months of College. I'm especially thankful for a couple of close friendships made here. Please pray for me as I organise a trip to Cambodia in January to learn about ministry and gospel opportunities there.
- **Jacquie Sperinck (Year 1)** Give thanks for all the great things I learnt in semester one! Please pray that I would work hard with my eyes fixed on Jesus, and that I would continue to grow in my knowledge and love of Him.

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### Week 2: Monday, 5 September – Sunday, 11 September

- Pray for the **Moore College Evening Course** students as they prepare for and sit their exams (**6 September**). Pray that they will grow in their knowledge of God, love him more as a result of their learning and use this knowledge to serve God's people.
- **Spring Break (10-18 September)** Please pray that this will be a refreshing break for students and Faculty.
- Give thanks for the **IT Department** and all that they do behind the scenes to keep things operating smoothly. Thank God for their patience and pray for wisdom and strength as they deal with the various requests that come to them.
- **Lucy Knights (Year 1)** Thank God that he is graciously growing me in prayerful trust of him and please join me in asking him that he would help me love people, especially by listening well.
- **Sam and Bo-Jasmine Broadfoot (Year 2, p9)** Give thanks to the Lord for bringing his gospel to Australia, and for those who shared it with us. Pray for our faithfulness as trustees, that we'd bear gospel fruit in our family, through our personal relationships and in our ministry.

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### Week 3: Monday, 12 September – Sunday, 18 September

- **School of Theology (15 September)** Out of the Depths: exploring the connections between God and his world. Please pray for the speakers Chase Kuhn, Chris Thomson, Will Timmins, Tony Payne and David Höhne as they prepare for the conference.
- Pray for **library staff** as they plan and prepare to provide high-quality collections and services in the new library from early next year.
- Thank God for the progress made on the **new library and teaching centre**, and pray that work would continue to move forward with minimal delays. Thank God for the safety of the workers and pray that he would continue to keep them safe. Pray for good relationships amongst everyone involved in the project.
- **Sebastian & Jessica Lane (Year 2, p11)** Give thanks for God's abundant grace in helping us to settle into Vine Church, Surry Hills. Please pray that we finish the year well in godliness, pastoral ministry, study (both), beach mission and Jess' work as an Occupation Therapist.
- **Marcelo & Lizzie Morbelli (Year 2, p12)** We are grateful to God for how settled we feel at our new church family in Rooty Hill. We would love prayer for wisdom and discernment as we make decisions about the future, and for continued investment in relationships outside of College.

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## Week 4: Monday, 19 September – Sunday, 25 September

- **Term 4 commences (19 September)** Please pray for energy and enthusiasm for all students as they return for the final term of assignments and exam preparation.
  - Pray for the **Priscilla & Aquila Centre** evening seminar (**21 September**), with Phillip Jensen speaking on the topic of Polygamy. Pray for Phillip's preparation, and that those who hear will be equipped to bring the gospel to bear on this topic.
  - **Jonty & Bethany Perrett (Year 1)** Praise God that we can both study this semester, and pray that we would grow in our godliness as a result.
  - **Open Day and Spring Carnival (24 September)** Pray that this will be a great day of fun for the College community and that those attending the Open Day will have their questions answered and be better informed about the benefits of studying at Moore College. Pray that many will decide to join us next year.
  - 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 as, under God, they plan for the future of the College.
  - **Katrina & Callan Pritchard (Year 1)** Thank God for the things he's been teaching me at College this year. Please pray for Callan and I as we make decisions regarding work and living for next year.
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## Open Day & Spring Carnival

**Saturday 24th September 2016**

9.30am to 2.30pm in Moore College grounds

(go to 15 King Street Newtown for directions)

BBQ lunch provided at 12 noon

## Focus for October

- **Diocese of Sydney Synod (10-12, 17-18 October)**
- **Week of prayer (17-21 October)**
- **Finance Department**
- **Scripture teaching**

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## Week 1: Monday, 26 September – Sunday, 2 October

- Give thanks for those students who have finalised **ministry positions** for 2017. Please pray for discussions for those who are still looking.
- **Jordan & Anna Peterson (Year 2, p13)** Thank God for the generosity of the brothers and sisters who are supporting us whilst we study at College. Please pray for us as we consider quite a few options post-College including missionary work, church planting in a gospel-poor part of Australia, returning to our home church in Wollongong or helping a growing church on the mid-north coast.
- Give thanks for the response so far to the **Capital Campaign** to raise money for the new library and teaching centre. Pray that people will continue to respond generously. Pray particularly for those assisting in a voluntary capacity with the capital raising.
- **Nick & Rebekah Wood (Year 2, p15)** Thank God for giving us everything we've needed to both be studying at the same time. Pray for a growing dependence on Christ and for our marriage in current and future ministry.
- Thank God for the provision of students for our **Distance courses** – they continue to come from all over the world to learn more of God's word.
- **Luke Sinclair (Year 3, p26)** Please pray for me as I continue to settle into St Andrews Anglican, Strathfield. Pray I would get to know and love the saints there well and serve them diligently
- Please pray for all the **staff** that they may be encouraged in the contribution they make to training men and women for lifelong Christian ministry. Pray that their particular skills and knowledge may be used effectively and efficiently.

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## Week 2: Monday, 3 October – Sunday, 9 October

- Thank God for the members of the College's **Finance team**. Pray for perseverance, accuracy and timeliness as they maintain the College's financial records and that they might be enabled, under God, to encourage each other as they work together as a team.
- **Rob & Alice Brown (Year 2, p9)** Give thanks to God for making it possible for us to come from England to study at College. Pray that we would be deeply grounded in the Scriptures while at College and continue to be doers of the word and not just hearers.
- **Peter & Emma Orr (Faculty, p67)** Please give thanks for our church family at All Saints Petersham and particularly for our new senior minister Ben Gray who has settled in very well. Please pray that as a family we might be able to 'discern what is best' (Phil. 1:10) regarding commitments to College and church and might serve the Lord wholeheartedly in both contexts.
- **Yvonne Zheng (Year 1)** Pray for my daughter settling in at Macquarie Uni, pray for her closer relationship with the Lord through EU and Bible study. Thank God for the establishment of a Chinese Church plant in Penrith. Please pray for this new church and my faithful work as a student minister there.

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## Week 3: Monday, 10 October – Sunday, 16 October

- **Diocese of Sydney Synod (10-12, 17-18 October)** Pray for Faculty involved in Synod. Pray that they will make valuable contributions to the debates in Synod and for energy as they lecture during the days and attend Synod in the evenings. Pray that wise decisions will be made.
- **Jemima & Robbie Nichols (Year 1)** We got married earlier this year and are very thankful to God that we seem to have adjusted well to married life. Please pray for wisdom in knowing how to manage ministry alongside our study commitments.
- **Evening Courses (11 October – 29 November)** Pray for those delivering the lectures that they will prepare the required material well. Pray also that it will be a time where students are stimulated and stretched in their thinking.
- **Marlee Green (Year 1)** Give thanks for growth in relationships and ministry clarity at church. Please pray for insight and wisdom to discern priorities with my studies, and diligence to apply myself to the right things.
- **Scott Monk (Year 1)** Give thanks for open doors for a shy person such as myself to proclaim Jesus' name. Pray that the hearers repent and surrender to Christ, and that even bigger opportunities arise. Please also pray for me to have a warm and zealous heart, and energy to serve him fruitfully.

### Week 4: Monday, 17 October – Sunday, 23 October

- **Week of prayer (17-21 October)** Give thanks for the privilege of bringing everything to God in prayer and for the opportunity to suspend many regular activities at College this week to delight in this privilege. Pray that the students, Faculty and staff will be encouraged by this week of focusing on prayer.
- **Archie & Ainsley Poulos (Faculty, p67)** Thank God that Archie's PhD research on developing clergy capability is progressing to the next stage, and pray that it would be really valuable for the clergy of our Diocese. Give thanks for the provision of an excellent school for Archie James' (12) special needs, as he began Year 7 this year, and for the continued growth of Georgia (19) and Zoe (16).
- Give thanks for the **Ministry Department** at College, with the exciting additions of Paul Grimmond, Simon Gillham and Chase Kuhn. Pray for wisdom in the re-structuring of the program with these changes.
- Please pray for our final **Centre for Christian Living** event for the year on **October 19**. Andrew Shead will be speaking on Psalms in the Christian life. Pray that the night will be a great encouragement to many.
- **Evan & Madi Moses (Year 1)** Praise God for the way that he continually provides for us, especially when things look bleak. We are thankful that we can trust God's plan for the future.

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

- Give thanks for the staff in the **Registrar's Department** and pray for God to strengthen them in the demanding work of dealing with end of year exams while preparing for next year.
- **James Vigar (Year 1)** Please pray that I can continue to grow in maturity in Christ as I study. Also pray that I would be able to be diligent in study, faithful in ministry, loving in relationships and reliant on God in life.
- **David & Amelia Höhne (Faculty, p66)** Please give thanks for the congregation that we have all been attending at Newtown (Church in the Graveyard). We are greatly blessed by leading a Bible study for this congregation and they have made us all feel very welcome. Give thanks for the Youth Ministry of Petersham Anglican church that has welcomed our boys this year. Please pray that we will all find ways of serving in these new communities.
- **Timothy & Sammy Lee (Year 2, p11)** Thank God for the grace of Christ towards me, a sinner, and providing for all that I and my family need. Please pray that my studies at College would result in greater love for God and people.
- **Erin McLean (Year 2, p12)** Thank God for the great support I have at College from loving friends. Pray that as I learn more of God and his word, he would be transforming me to be more like Christ.

# NOVEMBER 2016

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## Focus for November

- **Stuvac (7-10 November)**
- **Students sitting exams (11-17 November)**
- **Graduating Students' Dinner (17 November)**
- **Final Friday: Lord's Supper and Community Lunch (18 November)**
- **Registrar's Department and Faculty with exam marking**

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## Week 1: Monday, 31 October – Sunday, 6 November

- **Moorewomen Night on the Green (3 November)** Pray that this will be an enjoyable time for the women of the College as they farewell those who are leaving.
- **Chris Thomson (New Faculty)** Please give thanks that I am settling in well to Sydney and College, and pray that I grow daily in the knowledge and love of Christ and serve him faithfully and effectively.
- **Benjamin Danson (Year 2, p10)** Give thanks for the provision of a paid student ministry position for the next two years. Pray that God will provide the finances that I need over the next two years and that I will trust God with this.
- Give thanks for the opportunity for College students to teach **SRE Scripture** classes in two local schools, North Newtown Public School and Darlington Public School. Pray that many children in these schools might come to put their trust in Jesus as a result of what they hear in Scripture lessons. Pray that this wonderful opportunity might always remain in our public schools.
- **Nathaniel (Jum) Naden (Year 2, p12)** Thank God for his faithfulness during the time I have spent studying so far. Pray that I would be able to balance my studies, student ministry commitments and the planning of a wedding with Pip for January next year!
- Give thanks for the **property team** and their continued support of the College residents and staff. Give thanks for the recent work to rebuild the terrace house at 20 Little Queen St for a student family, prepare a residence for our newest Faculty member Chris Thomson, and other ongoing works. Please pray for wisdom in being good stewards of our properties.

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

- **Stuvac (7-10 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 appropriately. Pray that this week will be a worthwhile time of drawing together what they have learnt and that all, particularly those who find exams stressful, might know the peace of God at this time.
- **Faculty Conference (8 November)** Pray that this will be a refreshing time for the Faculty as they share their current research.
- **Matt Morrison (Year 1)** Give great thanks for the opportunity to study at Moore. Please pray for my studies and working out where God would like me to serve him at the end of College.
- **End of year examinations (11-17 November)** Pray that students will be able to recall all they have learnt. Pray that they will cope well with the stress of exams.
- **Moore Distance PTC and ITS Course Exams (7-13 November)** Pray that the students will be well prepared for the exams, but more importantly, that they will have come to a deeper knowledge of the Lord.

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

- **Term 4 concludes (18 November)** Give thanks for all that the students have learnt from their lectures throughout the year.
- 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 consistently and that they will be just and compassionate in their marking.
- **Andrew & Felicity Leslie (Faculty, p67)** Give thanks for the privilege of teaching the students here. Give thanks for healthy pregnancy, so far, for Felicity and pray for the rest of the pregnancy, a safe birth and settling into new routines.
- **Graduating Students' Dinner (17 November)** Give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate all that the students have learnt in their time at Moore College and the friendships they have made. Pray that this night will be an enjoyable and memorable time for the students.
- **Lord's Supper and Community Lunch (18 November)** This day marks the end of the College year for students. Give thanks for the opportunity for the entire College community to share in the celebrations of this day.

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## Week 4: Monday, 21 November – Wednesday, 30 November

- **Lionel & Bronwyn Windsor (Faculty, p68)** Thank God for his kindness to our family in big things and small things this year. We're especially thankful for the youth groups and school Crusader groups that our children are enjoying very much. There are so many opportunities to serve around us, please pray that we would be able to discern what is best, for God's glory.
- **Amy Thomason (Year 1)** Praise God for his generous provision and his faithfulness in demonstrating that he alone is sufficient for me! Please pray that he will give me wisdom as I seek to pastorally care for youth and young adults at my church.
- **Moore College Evening Course exams (29 November)** Pray for the students in their preparation and ask God that they might remember that what they have learnt during the course is more important than exam marks.
- **Rachel Evans (Year 2, p10)** Give thanks to God for the great joy of studying his word in this community. Please pray that I would be a good witness to Jesus in my friendships at the gym and at the school where I teach music.
- Pray for Faculty and students preparing to be involved in **Christmas events at their churches**. Pray that they might be able to focus on all that is needed and that God would be glorified in the midst of the busyness of the end of the year.

# Personal Prayer Notes

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