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Editorial

THE FUTURE IS UPON US.

We live in a world of rapid social and technological change. And sometimes it looks – to the world around us – as though the church is standing still. Living in this world presses new questions upon us as God's people.

The world turns, yet God remains the same. His unchanging gospel is the ground for answering these questions. This year, SOCIETAS considers the shape of a gospel-inspired Church, fitted for God's service in our rapidly changing world. God in Christ is reconciling the world to himself, and the firstfruits of that reconciliation are seen in the church that Christ calls into being by

the Spirit, who sanctifies it as a vehicle to proclaim the gospel once more.

Our student writers this year explore how the Church can engage with the challenges of a changing world. What do we do with our liturgical traditions? How do the experiences of those who experience disabilities help us understand God's image? What can we learn about gospel proclamation to the nations – both 'out there' among them and right here in multicultural Sydney? How is Moore College preparing students to answer these questions and to serve in this world?

We remain hopeful that we may one day possess the jet packs the future promised us as children. In the meantime, the world

presses new questions upon us. We pray, then, that these articles that follow might spur us all – students, faculty, staff, and our partners in prayer – to throw ourselves into the service of God, confident to meet whatever challenges the world presents with the challenge of his Word made flesh. We pray that the student and faculty profiles will be an aid to prayer for those who will serve God's church and God's world. We pray that together the whole College community might proclaim the gospel, as His Church, in His world, for His glory.

Will you pray with us?

Michael Allison and Richard Glover
Editors, SOCIETAS 2015



The More Things Change

THE PRINCIPAL ON THE COLLEGE AMIDST CHANGE



CHANGE LIES AT THE HEART OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. THE APOSTLE PAUL SPEAKS ABOUT THE DRAMATIC CHANGE THAT IS THE EXPERIENCE OF EVERY CHRISTIAN: WE HAVE BEEN DELIVERED FROM THE DOMAIN OF DARKNESS AND TRANSFERRED TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD'S BELOVED SON (COL. 1:13).

The 'you were ... but now' way of describing the great transformation from rebels to sons is found repeatedly in the New Testament. The very basic Christian doctrine of repentance is all about a change: a change of mind, a change of behaviour, a change of life orientation.

So of all people Christians should be used to change. But alongside change we are committed to God's truth which is eternal and unchanging. We are about passing on and contending for 'the faith once for all delivered to the saints' (Jude 3). 'Heaven and earth will pass away', Jesus said, 'but my words will not pass away' (Matt. 24:35). God knows all things from the beginning. He has no need to change his mind and he can never be other than true to himself and his nature.

Some things will change. But some things must remain the same. That is the dilemma which often faces Christians through the ages. How do we hold firm, not budging one millimetre on the truth that cannot change, and how do we discern what can and must change? The gospel of God concerning his Son, which is and always will be the power of God for the salvation of all who believe, must be handed on without adjustment. We are not free to tamper with the gospel because it is God's gospel. It is the message he has given us. Yet the structures and forms which surround the gospel and provide the means by which we proclaim the gospel must be open to change, since they only exist to serve its clear, persuasive communication to a dying world and a redeemed people.

It seems to me that we often get the unchanging and the changeable confused. We modify what must not be modified under any circumstances and we hold far too firmly to forms and structures that are properly open to change. We can become inflexible on the things we should be flexible about, and frighteningly flexible on the message we should preserve entire, intact, and unadjusted. As we look back over the centuries we see that the Lord periodically provides his people with leaders who are able to discern the difference between the unchanging content and the changing forms and who challenge God's people to clear away everything that gets in the way of proclaiming Christ crucified and risen and living out our lives in repentance and faith.

I need to be reminded from time to time of what must not change. The terrifying words of Paul to the Galatians need to be heard regularly by us all: 'even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed' (Gal. 1:8). My responsibility is to pass on what was passed on to me and keep testing what I am saying against the teaching of the Bible to ensure I have not changed a single word.

At the same time I need to be reminded of the freedom, flexibility and openness to change that ought to characterise Christian living and Christian ministry. We preach an unchanging message in ever changing ways in order to see men and women of our own generation transferred from the domain of darkness to the kingdom of God's Son.

Why all this talk of change and unchangeableness? Two reasons in particular. Firstly, we need to keep asking these questions of ourselves, our life of discipleship, the practice of ministry, our congregational structures and practices. Do they serve the proclamation of the unchanging gospel to believers and unbelievers alike? Have we made the necessary changes that help a new generation to focus their attention upon the Lord Jesus Christ and the salvation he effected for all who call upon him? Conversely, we need to ask whether, in our concern to adapt and facilitate communication with those around us, we have added to or subtracted from the message that lies at the heart of the faith. Have we surrendered some if not all of the faith once for all delivered to the saints? I think I can point to examples of both missteps in Christian history and contemporary Christian life.

The second reason is that Moore College is currently going through a period of significant and rapid change. Our campus is a construction site as a much needed building emerges to provide part of the infrastructure for the College of the future. Our faculty includes a number of new faces and some familiar faces have left us for retirement or for very significant ministries in other places.

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The More Things Change

As I write this we have just been granted authority to offer our own PhD, which enables us to serve the churches in Sydney, Australia and the world in new and exciting ways. Our global vision and engagement has opened up doors we only dreamt of just years ago. There have been big changes and more are on the way!

However, the heart of the College remains unchanged. Our message remains the biblical gospel. Our appeal to the utterly truthful, authoritative, clear and sufficient teaching of the Scriptures, our focus on the cross and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and the

salvation that he has won for all who come to him in faith, our orientation towards the ministry of the churches, our commitment to gospel mission in all the world – all of that remains unchanged.

We want to equip as many men and women as possible to take the word of God to everyone they can reach. We want to see them grow in the knowledge of God and in their capacity for the sacrificial service of God's people. We want them to proclaim the glory of Christ and what he has done and to model what it means to be his faithful disciples. None of that is changing any time soon.

We don't need to be afraid of change. But we do need to be crystal clear on what must not change and be courageous enough to withstand the insistent call to modify the message we have been given.

I keep returning to 1 Corinthians 15 and Colossians 1:

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Mark Thompson is Principal of Moore College.



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7.3%
ALL OTHER
RELIGIONS
COMBINED

But a trendline of declining adherence

Religious change: 1976 - today

Christianity
↓22%

Church attendance
↓48%

No religion
↑269%

Population growing,
church attendance shrinking

Total population & church attendance



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47%
That's nearly half!

Camp attendance results in...

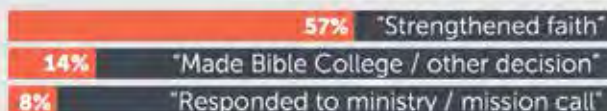
2x ↑ Church attendance weekly

2x ↑ Devotional practice daily

3x ↑ Importance of God in life most important

2x ↑ Leadership ministry role

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FIRST YEAR PROFILE

I WAS BORN IN KOREA BUT MOVED TO AUSTRALIA AGED 11. I grew up in a Roman Catholic home and attended mass on Sundays as part of family traditions. I often felt guilty and burdened by not being able to follow The Ten Commandments and having to confess to the priest almost every time that I had sinned. I thought of God as a hard master who was impossible to please and didn't really see the relevance of Him in my life.

I studied Commerce at UNSW and worked as an accountant and management consultant at a 'Big 4' accounting firm for 7 years. I felt proud to work in the 'Big 4' and was determined to climb up the corporate ladder. However, working long hours and being under constant pressure, soon made me feel confused and lost – I thought this was a dream job but I felt empty inside. During this time, I had two close Christian friends who seemed content with their lives and were very caring, which made me want to explore Christianity. It was only when I heard a sermon on Amos 8 about judgement that I recognised a desperate need of Jesus in my life and made a decision to follow Christ.

In July last year, I took a career break to grow my knowledge of the Bible and be better equipped in workplace evangelism. I enrolled in the Diploma of Bible and Missions at Moore College part-time. My initial concern was missing out on the community aspects of the college. However, I found that the staff and the students have been really thoughtful in the way they have cared for me. I am particularly thankful for being assigned a buddy on my first week and receiving ongoing support from my chaplains and my first year group. The college has also been great in stretching my understanding of the Bible.

At the same time as enrolling at college, I started a ministry traineeship with City Bible Forum, which is a mission organisation to city workers. Here, I spend most of my time at work in close proximity with colleagues who may not know much about Christianity. This was a huge 'light-bulb' moment for me: I am on mission each day as I work faithfully alongside them while showing care and sharing the Good News. I am thankful for many opportunities to get to know colleagues better and invite them to City Bible Forum's public and evangelistic talks. Taking this career break has been the best decision I have made in my life, besides saying 'yes' to marry my wonderfully loving husband, Chris. I thought initially that this would just be a one-year break from my full-time job. However, I now hope to be involved in mission to city workers on a long-term basis.

Chris and I attend Chatswood Presbyterian Church. City Bible Forum has helped me encourage others at church to live out their Christian faith at work every day and not just be 'Sunday Christians'. I have been intentional about encouraging city workers at church to be part of an evangelistic prayer team to pray for their non-believing colleagues and to do the Investigating Christianity course to build their confidence and sharing the Gospel. I've also been encouraging them to bring their colleagues to outreach events run by City Bible Forum.

I would like to be more intentional in caring for the visitors and new-comers to our church, who are often immigrants or overseas students. There are great gospel opportunities with this particular group who are eager to make friends and learn English. Please pray that God will continue to soften their hearts to accept Jesus with humility and meekness. Please also pray that they will experience God's love through our church family.



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FIRST YEAR



TIFFANIE ATWOOD

I am married to Joel, who works with AFES. We are working towards student ministry in the South Pacific. I am thankful to God for the opportunity to study at Moore, so that I can be better equipped.



BRIAN BARKER

My wife Michelle and I live in Wollongong with our son Elliot, and I'm serving at the cathedral there. We've been privileged to know the life-giving-gospel from a young age and hope to spend our lives passing it on some way or another.



KATIE BARRATT

Born and raised in Chile, came in 2012 to do MTS at St Thomas' North Sydney. I'm thankful for the opportunity to study B&Min. Please pray that this year would equip me to share the gospel in my current ministries and in the future (wherever that may be?!).



JOCELYN BIGNILL

Jocelyn is from Tamworth and has been enjoying the move to the city! She is serving at Sylvania Anglican and loving being a student again. Please pray for diligence and focus in her study and a growth to maturity in Christ through her service and training over the coming years.



DANAE BJOREM

Just moved from nursing and student ministry in sunny Queensland, grateful to be welcomed by a rich and warm community at college. Loving wrestling with God's word to understand it more thoroughly. Serving the saints at St Augustine's, Neutral Bay.



HANNAH BLAKE

Having taught primary school for four years, I'm at College to train and be equipped for whatever ministry God has prepared, possibly with families in school or church work. Church at Sylvania Anglican is both a great blessing and a great opportunity. Pray that I'll trust and serve God!



EDWINA BLOWES

Married to David (assistant minister at Barney's Ingleburn), mother to two delightful girls. In a former life I was an art teacher but nowadays my creative endeavours mostly involve finger painting and playgroup crafts. Loving spending a few hours per week immersed in the world of New Testament 1.



MIRIAM BRADSHAW

What a treat! Embarking on four years of enriching my understanding of the marvellous wonders of our God. Serving and learning at Unichurch UNSW. Excited to grow in godliness, think deeper and pray better for a world so horribly lost without Jesus Christ. Thanks for your support.



SAMUEL AND BO-JASMINE BROADFOOT

My wife Bo-Jasmine and I are blown away by the opportunity to spend hours each day preparing to serve Jesus and his people. Pray we'll be faithful every day in speaking the gospel to those around us, and growing in godliness, love and boldness.



ROBERT BROWN

My wife and I are so thankful to God for the opportunity to come and study at college. Our prayer is that we'd be really well equipped to serve the Lord back in England and that our whole family would benefit from our time 'down under'.



ZENITH CHAE

Looking forward to progressively becoming more committed and involved at College (have been part-time up till now). Continuously praying hard to discern God's vision and purpose for my near and far future, without bringing into the process personal or cultural agenda.



JAMES CHEN

I am Jian (James) Chen from mainland China. Noodles are my weakness, but Australians have gotten me addicted to coffee. I hope to be trained and equipped at Moore College to speak the truth in love to international students, particularly the students from China.



LETITIA CHENG

"Christ came into the world to save sinners, of whom I'm the worst." (1 Timothy 1:15.) Family: 1 mother, 2 sisters, 3 fathers (one being Heavenly, obviously), 4 brothers (2 are unsaved, aged 33 and 13, please pray?). Plans: Support Groupes Bibliques Universitaires (France) in giving and going if God wills.

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation

– Isaiah 52:7



SHUVAH CHEUNG

I'm so thankful to God for the privilege of learning in community and digging deeper into the Bible at College. I'm keen to return to uni ministry after College (God-willing), as I loved it when I did my ministry traineeship at Sydney Uni Cumbo Campus over the last 2 years!



SERENA CHEUNG

I'm married to Colin. Love to share with other people's journey in life and witness God. Please pray for God's almighty work to get me through the language barrier in my study. Please also pray for God to shape my heart and mind to serve Him and others.



GREG COOPER

I'm enjoying some part time study at Moore alongside working in music ministry, primarily with EMU Music and research group Effective Ministry. I'm praying that my study will better equip me to serve the church in this field. I attend Church Hill Anglican in the city.



ANDREW COURT

Married to the effulgent Merryn. We both trained as music teachers but only one of us stuck it out in the classroom. Living in Quakers Hill and doing church at Toongabbie. Desperately and earnestly want to be effective and fruitful servants of the King.



KAT COWELL

I'm married to Nigel who is a Christian Studies teacher, and we attend St Matthias Anglican Church where I'm serving as a student minister. We would love prayer that God would continue to shape us for a lifetime of ministry and grow us in faithfulness, godliness and love for Jesus.



BENJAMIN DANSON

I'm excited to be starting at Moore College this year, I'm also excited to be starting at St Stephens Newtown looking after youth group. Over the next 3-4 years I am hoping to grow in my godliness and think hard about where I can be serving God in the future.



JACK DAY

My wife Katie and I have started at a new church this year, St Luke's Anglican in Liverpool. We're loving the challenge of getting to know a whole new group of people and learning how to love them and minister the word of God to them.



KATIE DAY

My name's Katie and I'm married to Jack, who's also in first year. I'm looking forward to growing in my love for God's word over the next four years... and in my table tennis skills! When I'm not at college I enjoy hiking, camping and making lists.



PETER DENHAM

Married to Mandy, proud dad of Luke and Hamish. Full time we serve OMF International missionaries. Half of 2014 we lived in Japan supporting God's work there. I am enjoying the opportunity to study part time (Diploma of Bible and Mission). We are thankful for God's grace to Berala Anglican.



RACHEL EVANS

Baking, alternative music, people, 1 Peter. Not in that order. Member of St John's Parramatta (as of this year). Please pray that I keep growing in understanding and joy in Christ as I study the Bible, and that this would be shaping my life and ministry.



CRAIG FOREMAN

I am having a career break to do the one year Diploma of Bible and Missions course. As a result I hope to be better equipped to serve in my church. I am looking to find a job and get back into the workplace in late 2015 or early 2016.



LEAH GORRINGTON

I grew up in Brisbane and came to know Jesus at university in Sydney. I love reading, swimming, catching up with friends and exploring new places (especially cafes). Pray for me as I study and serve at Summer Hill Church that God would grow my love and knowledge of him.



JACK AND KATE HAMER

We have moved across from Adelaide to study together in first year at Moore. Please pray for us as we adjust to a new city and church; pray that we would build good relationships with those around us. Please also pray for Adelaide and the gospel work going on there.



ANDREW HAYES

Stoked to be married to Monique since May '14, living in Gosford, and churching at EV Church. Doing youth stuff, thinking about possibly church planting down the track but feeling weak and insecure. Please pray for growth in godly character, especially humility, love, discipline and faith.



LUCY HE

Privileged to be at Moore and serving at St Paul's Carlingford, as I continue to be equipped to serve God and his people possibly overseas or in Sydney. Please pray for humility, prayerfulness and that God will keep growing me in knowledge of him and love for his people.



PETER HYNES

I was born in France to English missionaries. I'm married to Rebecca. We are seeking to help the church in New Caledonia when I finish at Moore. Please pray for the sale of our house in France as a lot will depend on this.



DAVE JENSEN

Married to Sammy, dad to Sara, Jamie, Sonny and another in June. Saved by Jesus in 2009 while in the Army in Darwin: now looking forward to doing ministry wherever God takes us in the future. Go the chooks!



JERI JONES

I am a student minister at MBM (Rooty Hill), serving in Youth Ministry and managing a Sydney based Christian rapper. I live at Carillon during the week, and with my parents on the weekends. My desire is to serve in Western Sydney among young women and the Tamil people.



SARAH KANAGARATNAM

Living at Carillon, churching at St John's Parramatta, re-learning how to study! Originally from the country, experienced city life while being blessed by the ministry of Campus Bible Study at UNSW. Looking forward to continuing to delight in God's word and thinking about student ministry.



JOHN KHNANA

John, Ailsa and Matilda are serving at St George North Anglican. We hope to pursue ministry in a local church context in Australia or the UK. Please pray that the college period would mature us in Christ and equip us for a lifetime of ministry.



SOPHIA KIM

Married to Chris. Studying part-time at MTC while working as a ministry trainee at City Bible Forum, sharing the gospel with city workers. Pray God will soften the hearts of city workers, and that I will serve God faithfully as a wife, worker, and student.



PETROS KOULOURIS

I am a very proud Greek and love all things Greek- especially the food and islands. I am married to Jana, who is in part-time children's ministry, and we have two beautiful boys, Leo and Ari. Our hope and prayer is that one day we will go into full-time ministry.



SEBASTIAN LANE

I'm a PT 1st yr Moore student and this year I'm also in my final year as a full-time Howie with the Evangelical Union at Sydney University. My wife Jess is also an Occupational Therapist at Balmain Hospital and we are looking forward to coming to College full-time, Lord-willing in 2016. Thanks for your prayers!



KAREN LAWSON-SMITH

I'm really thankful for what God has done for us in Jesus, for family, friends, books and baking. I'm looking forward to how God will grow me at college and as I serve at Guildford Anglican. Please pray that I would keep trusting in our faithful God amidst much change.



TIMOTHY LEE

Married to Sammy with two children, John(3) and Noelle(1). We are so grateful to be part of the college community in Newtown. I am currently a student minister at Toongabbie Anglican Church. Sammy and I are keen to serve outside Sydney after college but we don't know where.



LI-SHIA LO

I am grateful for the opportunity to study and grow in my knowledge of Him who loves me unconditionally. I am excited to see what Christ has in store for me. Please pray that my heart will be shaped by the gospel and I would live a life that honours Him.



TAWANDA MASANGO

My lovely wife Shupi and I come from Zimbabwe. It is such a great joy and privilege to study God's word at Moore. We hope to go back to our home country and continue serving God through student ministry with FOCUS Zimbabwe.



ANGUS MCCOWATT

Please thank God for his steadfast love and provision. My wife (Sally) and I have continued to see His many blessings in our life which we are so thankful for. Ask that He would give us energy and wisdom as we serve Him this year.



DAN MCKINLAY

Hello, my name is Dan and I am from Scotland. I am studying with my wife Kirsten this year. It is our hope to invest time building a clearer knowledge of God's Word now for a lifetime of ministry back in the United Kingdom.

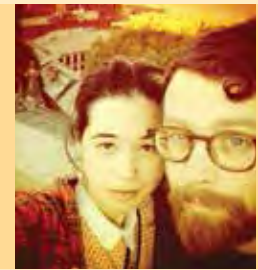
KIRSTEN MCKINLAY

Dan and I have moved from Edinburgh, Scotland to study at Moore. We are so grateful for the college community which has helped us to feel settled quickly, even though we're far from home. Our hope is to serve the Church in the UK through the training we receive here.



ERIN MCLEAN

This year I've moved to warm Sydney from less warm Melbourne. So excited to be starting college! Looking forward to learning heaps, being challenged by God's word and growing in my love of Him and his people. Also, currently serving at Chatswood Presbyterian Church doing kids ministry.



CHRISTINE MEAD

Chris, studying Dip BM, married to Thom. We live in Sydney's south west and attend St Barnabas Bossley Park. I'm at college to get equipped for a lifetime of teaching the Bible, whatever that might look like. Moore is helping me to grow so much, I'm deeply thankful.



ALISON MOFFITT

After five wonderful years of part time study at Moore I am finally finishing my Diploma of Bible and Missions this year! I'm married to Matthew in fourth year and we attend St Alban's in Five Dock where I work as a young adults and families pastor.



MARCELO MORBELLI

Thoroughly enjoying life at college. Spending time in God's word is a humbling privilege. Our year is wonderfully eclectic! Lizzie and I would love prayer for faithful dependence on God in all our commitments: work, college, marriage, church, evangelism, friendships and family. May God get all the glory and praise!



JUM NADEN

I'm thankful for the start at Moore College. I'm excited to continue to learn and grow in my love for God and His word. Hoping to be involved in ministry to Aboriginal people in whatever context God has planned.



CRAIG NAUGHTON

My name is Craig and I am married to Leigh. I am at college for one year and then hope to work with my church Soma, that meets in Marsfield, as a community Chaplain.



SAM NGAI

I am married to Kathryn (third year). I currently work full time, study part time, and serve at Grace Anglican Church, a church plant based in Roseville. After college we hope to do ministry in one of Australia's capital cities.



PATRICK O'KEEFFE

I'm Pat and I've just finished MTS at Christ Church St Ives. I am passionate about teaching kids the Bible and seeing them come to know Jesus as their Saviour and King. Immensely privileged to be here studying God's word in such depth and serving at St Mark's in Northbridge.



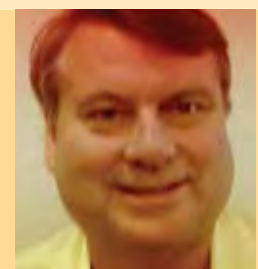
PEDRO OLIVEIRA WOOLMER

I'm married to Joy and we're eagerly awaiting our first child in March. We're currently at Unichurch UNSW doing what we love, serving university students with the gospel. We're intending to continue in university ministry after college, but hopefully, overseas.



DANIEL ONG

My name is Dan, I'm married to Frida and we have an active one year old boy, Caleb. I've been enjoying the learning and the fellowship in college so far. God willing, we plan to head to Indonesia in the future to proclaim the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus.



PAUL PAGE

Now free of the demands of full time work, I am studying part time at Moore for the Diploma of Bible and Mission, to guide me in my role as a warden and treasurer at St Stephen's Penrith and to do my part, under God, to raise mission to be the top priority of this church.



THOMAS PATTISON

Passionate about seeing Jesus' church advance in fresh ways. I'd love to play my part by supporting and leading new initiatives and revitalisation efforts. My wife Brie and I are at Grace City Church and hope in the future to find a place to meaningfully promote the kingdom.



JORDAN PETERSON

Thinker. Husband. Table tennis extraordinaire. Occasional heretic. He needs your prayer.



ANNA PETERSON

Jordan and I moved into Newtown this year from Wollongong. We're attending MBM Rooty Hill where Jordan is a student minister. Please pray for us as we lead a growth group there. This year I am hoping to be more confident in evangelism. We're interested in church planting after college.



WILLIAM QUACH

Married to Bec, expecting our first child in May! Currently serving at MBM Rooty Hill, we're from Cabramatta Anglican and Bec is working in HR at Wesley Mission. I'm excited about studying God's word in fellowship with new friends. Please pray we'll adjust to changes/stresses in a godly way.



ALAN READER

Alan and Angie are from Tasmania and moved to Sydney in 2015 as a newly married couple especially to study at Moore. Alan is studying the BD and Angie is an electrical engineer. They're eager to return to Hobart to minister once graduated, but are also considering teaching theology overseas.



LISSE REID

Lisse is deeply passionate about engaging teenagers and young adults with the gospel, and growing them through gospel-centred ministry. She loves studying the Bible, especially in the original languages! Lisse also enjoys conversation, coffee, and baking. She is married to Craig who is studying in fourth year.



BRIAN RENNIE

Last year I completed MTS at Toongabbie Anglican Church. I am looking forward to all that I will learn in my four years at Moore College. Pray that God would shape me into a thoughtful and humble servant of God's word.



ANNA RISTEVSKI

Thankful to be continuing part time study at Moore College this year, and growing in God's word.



KATHRYN RUSSELL

I'm married to Joshua. This year we've started serving at Northmead Anglican Church, particularly with the youth and young adults congregation. It's a great privilege to study God's word with His people full time and be equipped to proclaim the truth for the rest of my life.



JESSICA SIBRAVA

Jess is studying the Diploma of Bible and Ministry and is enjoying settling in at college. She is enjoying the chance to study alongside her husband Aiden (2nd yr). Please pray that Jess will learn lots about God through this study, and be able to serve others better through it.



TARA SING

Loved by Christ! Married to Soong. Church at St Barnabas Fairfield/Bossley Park. I like eating, writing and fun adventures. I'm passionate about sharing Jesus with the south west of Sydney. Please pray others would be keen on this too, and for many people to be saved.



NAOMI SMITH

My past two years of student ministry in Japan has made me thirsty to know God more deeply. I'm excited to be a student of his Word while also serving at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church. Pray with me for God's mercy on Japan and for outreach opportunities while in Sydney.



JESSICA SMITH

My 3 defining features: Jesus, orange and trombones. Born and bred in Wagga, moved to the big smoke to study music at the Con, trained as a 'Howie' with the EU, currently a student minister at Barneys Overseas Chinese Church, and keen to serve God cross-culturally, maybe overseas, long-term.



MATTHEW SMITH

Things have really whipped past in a blur. New church (St George Nth Anglican), new home (Chappo House), new suburb (Newtown – oh dear!). That I would remain faithful and godly and find good routines during this time of transition is foremost in my concerns. Thanks for praying!



PHILIP AND JANICE STOLK

Phil and Janice moved down from Townsville at the beginning of 2015 to begin study at Moore. After college they hope to be able to return to North Queensland to proclaim the life-giving gospel of Jesus there.



DANIEL TAN

It's been a great joy looking at Mark's Gospel over the past few weeks, being reminded of the heart of Christian ministry. Please pray for the ongoing efforts in Singapore to proclaim Christ crucified and that God would send more workers into the harvest for the furtherance of his kingdom.



GEORGINA TASKER

I'm married to Jordan and we live in Miranda and attend Caringbah Anglican. I'm so thankful to God for the privilege of studying at Moore and pray that I can use what I learn here to serve wherever God might have us in the future.



JOHANNA TERVONEN

I'm Johanna Tervonen, doing Bible and Missions this year. I'm from Finland, but last 4 years I've been working as a missionary in Okayama, Japan. I hope to go back to Japan to continue work there after this year. Thank you for your prayers!



EDWIN THAMBYAIYAH

I am Edwin Thambyaiyah and married to Joyce for 26 years. We are blessed with 3 daughters Deb, Jess and Mel. We worship at St John's Cathedral Parramatta. God has called me as a ninth hour workman in His vineyard. Please pray for clear direction in our future ministry.



CHRIS TOWNSEND

I'm Chris from Bali and London. I left my job in the UK to learn more about Jesus at Moore, and to prepare for a lifetime of ministry in Indonesia. I'd value your prayers in emulating Christ and growing in love for him, his people and the lost.



MARY TSANG

Thankful to God for the opportunity to study at Moore! Pray that I'd keep seeing college as an opportunity to grow in my love for God and others and equip me to take his gospel out (rather than excelling in marks). Currently attending St Paul's Anglican Carlingford and living in Carillon.



ELLEN TYLER

I am married to Matt and we moved from Newcastle to live in MooreWest. I've completed a Bachelor of Psychology and worked in mental health. We're looking forward to being taught from God's Word and prepared by God for the work he has in store for us.

MATT TYLER

I grew up in a Christian family, recently moved from Newcastle where I worked and did MTS. Married Ellen at the start of 2014. Keen to get involved in Bible translation with minority languages, maybe in Vanuatu. I enjoy reading, snorkelling and history.



LIZ WALKER

I am married to Steve (in 3rd year) and we attend St Marks South Hurstville. I am a school teacher and next year I am hoping to use my knowledge back in the workforce. At this stage our long term goal is to be serving in Queensland in university ministry.



NICKE WEBB

I'm very happily married (as of January!) to the wonderful Rebekah. Beyond College, we aim to do word ministry in a gospel poor region of the world. Please pray that we would joyfully imitate Christ, who for our sake became poor, that we by his poverty might become rich.



ANTONY WEISS

Having taught at Shore for over a quarter of a century it is another rich blessing and privilege, whilst on Long Service Leave, to study at Moore College and serve the Anglican Parish of Christ Church St Laurence as a Candidate for Ordination in the Diocese of Sydney; Psalm 103.



ANDREW WEST

Married to Christine. Before college I did a ministry apprenticeship at Sydney University and worked at St Aidan's Hurstville Grove. Currently student minister at St Johns Park Anglican. Pray that God would send us out and use us for His glory.



PIP WESTWOOD

We began our Moore journey last year when my husband Scott completed his first year. This year, I'm trying it out myself. I'm excited to be challenged in my faith and develop some skills to take into ministry in the future, whatever and wherever that may be!



EDWINA WHITESIDE

Edwina is seeking to revel in God's goodness, majesty and grace. She is one of the body parts at St Martin's Killara. Please pray that her life will be shaped by Jesus ad infinitum!



ANDREW WILLIAMS

Wife Claire and baby son Jack. We've moved from Newcastle and are stoked to be in this wonderful community of fellowship and learning. Please pray for my student ministry work at Silverwater Prison with Chaplain Steve House – that the inmates would come to know the amazing grace of Jesus Christ.



JACK WONG

I'm married to Cindy (married last Nov) and we are thankful to God for all that He has provided. I'm enjoying college so far with my mind being constantly challenged and humbled by His word, and Cindy is doing ministry training with CBS (UNSW). Do pray that we will continue to love Jesus and serve Him every day.



NICK WOOD

Nick is recently married to Rebekah, and living and doing ministry in Turramurra. Beyond college he has a broad plan of being involved in ministry that sees youth coming to lasting faith in Christ. Pray for their first year of marriage, and for faithfulness in study.



NICHOLAS WOODWARD

I'm a Tasmanian who moved to the big city in 2007 and came to Christ at Uni before doing MTS. Deeply convicted of the importance of university ministry. Serving at a new church, St James Berala, living in Chappo house – lots of great changes and adjustments!



HARRISON XU

Everyone in my family supports me to study at Moore: wife Carol, two sons Andrew and Daniel. It is big challenge for me due to English is my second language, but my sisters and brothers in St John Parramatta have been encouraging me, I trust in Lord by His guidance to start this extraordinary journey.



PAUL YOUNG

Grew up in Perth almost my whole life. But came to Moore with Bec to experience the big smoke and learn deeply about God to serve the church back home. Settling into college life, St Mark's Darling Point and learning how much we really need God.

REBECCA YOUNG

Part time student, part time dentist from Perth, WA. Enjoying exploring the city and serving at St Mark's Darling Point. Looking forward to being better equipped to serve in a church, and hoping to return to Perth to do this in the future!



ROB YOUNG

Hey friends, Melody and I are currently at Village Church Annandale. Please pray for us as we study together to find that right balance of time with God, with each other, alone, and with others. We're hoping to be trained well to serve God and His people for a lifetime!

MELODY YOUNG

Rob and I are currently studying first year together. We're serving at Village Church in Annandale. It's a joy getting to know the people of the inner west and Christians in the media – very different from the Chinese church where I grew up! No set plans for beyond college.



TOM ZHANG

I came from an Atheist family in China, and became a believer through university ministry. In my opinion, churches should focus on discipleship training and relationship building to fulfil the Great Commission. Therefore, I plan to invest in this kind of parish ministry after college for a discipleship based church.

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit.

– 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Part Time Studies

Since 2010 Moore College has been offering part time studies towards its diploma and first year degree programs. Part time students have the option of attending day classes in Newtown or Tuesday and Thursday night classes at St Andrew's Cathedral School.

PART TIME STUDENTS 2015: Jonathan Ali, Pamela Baker, Jessica Bales, Kate Baron, Timothy Berghofer, Jake Berry, Edwina Blowes, Naomi Bradshaw, Adam Breasley, Jessica Brouwer, Noella Budd, Zenith Chae, Eva Chan, Wing Lon Warren Chan, Richard Chander, Letitia Cheng, Jennifer Cheung, Shan-Shan Chrisp, Britt Cicognani, Joanna Clark, Niall Codling, Mikaela Coleman, Kristie Collins, Roger Collison, Ruth Colvin, Gregory Cooper, Peter Denham, Lauren Dewhurst, Ruth Dunn, Gabriel Dut, Justin Fung, Craig Glasscock, Sandra Harry, Scott Hohne, Richard Holman, David Hutt, Yeoum Hong Jung, Sophia Kim, Nam Won Kim, Darren Kirkegard, Konstantinos Kladakis, Petros Koulouris, Jae Yong Kwon, Sebastian Lane, Bethany Lattimore, Seong Hee Lee, Peter Lenehan, Wen Hsin Liu, Jennifer Lum, Adam McCormick, Daniel Meoli, Sasha Mills, Alison Moffitt, Sam Ngai, Joyce Nguyen, Joshua Ord, Paul Page, Eleanor Pfeffer, Hannah Pountain, Joanne Rae, Anna Risteviski, Christopher Rooleht, Sarah Rowe, Coralie Roydhouse, Brian Rumbold, Rowena Russell, Tanya Ruxton, Ruth Schroeter, Emily Shannon, David Simmons, Conor Smyth, Timothy Stevens, Elisabeth Stewart, Matthew Straw, Justine Taperell, Philippa Taylor, Marinka Terry, Jemima Trappel, Nathan Tuckwell, Darcy Vaughan, Timothy Venum, Melanie Mallinson Walker, Claire Williams, Zhuo Xiong Xu, Kylie Yip, Mitchell Zinsli



Meeting the Future

COLLEGE AND THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH

STORY: Joshua Maule

AS THE LEAD PASTOR OF A NEW CHURCH PLANT IN CRONULLA, LEE MURRAY REGULARLY WALKS THE STREETS LOOKING TO SPEAK WITH PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS.

The other day he met a 19-year-old man. “I don’t want you to sit behind stained-glass windows,” Tom told him. “If you know the way, I want to see that you’re going that way. I want you to show me that way.”

It was a pertinent moment for Murray, who graduated from Moore College with the Bachelor of Divinity at the end of last year. He saw Tom – who had never been to church, nor thought of going – as a product of a post-Christian world. “It’s a glimmer of hope for us,” Murray said. “But on top of that it’s actually a bit of a wake up call.”

Murray says his time at college solidified key convictions. Chief among them is that the gospel is powerful, and that the church will prevail. On top of such core lessons however, he learned other things. Simple things about listening to others – such as authors and voices with whom he disagreed. He also thought a lot about what it takes to engage the world with the good news of Jesus.

Murray spent time during his studies trying to make the world of evangelical academia collide with the people in the city outside: whether in cafes or at the hairdresser. “I wanted to place myself in contexts where I was engaging with and rubbing shoulders with normal, everyday people who were living through concerns in life. People who weren’t academic and people who were.” He believes this helped him stay grounded. It made him a better teacher and preacher, especially as he thought about how to reach the majority of society who do not go to church. “We need to be able to straddle both worlds,” he says.

As well as haphazard conversations on the street, Murray continued in Youth Ministry during his studies. He said it was the second factor that helped him work out how his learning would hit the trenches of regular life. “If anyone is going to challenge you, and shape you, and form you in terms of your thinking and applying your theology, it’s going to be young people,” he says.

If his experience shows anything, it’s that the years at college are a time of deep study in the word (which, according to Murray, brings “complete gospel confidence and conviction”), and a time to understand the people around us in the world. To put it alliteratively, it’s time to connect the word with the world.

The church plant Murray is leading, ‘Establish’, is part of the Fellowship of Congregational Churches. They began meeting in February and will (“God willing,” he says) publicly launch at the end of September. That moment will be – and the same could be said for all Moore graduates in “live” ministry contexts – a clarifying moment. What he has learnt will intersect with the lives of real people – believers and unbelievers. For him, it’s something he’s thought long and hard about.

A question arises here. Given that a greater variety of students are studying at Moore College than ever, and given that students are entering into a wider range of ministry roles than ever, do they have the resources to understand how the gospel can be communicated to people living today (and tomorrow?), rather than, say, the world of 16th century Geneva (à la Jean Calvin)?

Reverend Archie Poulos, the Head of the Ministry Department, says: “Yes”.

Since he came to the College, he knows various things have changed. In the last three decades, more pathways have developed than ever for students at Moore. Speaking of the old mindset, he says: “It was working in an Anglican

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Lee Murray, Lead Pastor at Establish Church, Cronulla Beach

church in Sydney, going on the mission field, and a couple of other less-worn pathways." Speaking of the new status quo he says, "These days there are a range of pathways you might go down. And it's actually less certain which one you might go down."

How has the academic program changed as a result of this shift? "Deliberately and thoughtfully, but not significantly in terms of the subjects we offer," says Poulos. Each year his department and the college think through the question: "Is what we are offering what we should be offering?"

While some things have been changed and tweaked, a program including the fundamental elements of language learning, biblical studies, and doctrine remains core to Moore College's DNA. "In a theological college," says Poulos, "you are preparing people for the as yet unasked questions that you need to be able to answer. And so it's actually those deep soundings in theology and the Bible that enable you not just to answer today's questions, but tomorrow's questions that haven't been thought up yet." The college's commitment to these elements of study is why electives aren't an option until students reach the fourth and final year. "We're convinced this body of knowledge is an important body of knowledge to know," says Poulos.

Even with the changes to the composition of the student body, and the diversity of paths people may take nowadays, Poulos notes there are common denominators. "Regardless of what you go into, you will be a leader of God's people. So that's why we think we're doing the right thing."

He believes at least one aspect of the College program could be improved to better prepare people for the reality of serving God's people. "We have to work together better at working out what kind of student ministry experience would be best for you," Poulos says. He says students

spend three times more time in the classroom than they do in student ministry roles.

His point? Ministry placements are a key part of the experience. "Lots of people come into College as stem cells – that is, they could be doing anything in the future. Some people come into College very clearly knowing what they'll be doing at the end of College." While there's no simple answer for how student ministry opportunities might be better arranged, Poulos believes it is important for shaping students' lives and their capacity for serving God.

He has developed a catchphrase that sums up today's situation. "Everyone is on an adventure with Jesus." It's why he wants to say to all the students in first year: "Be open to where God might have you in the world."

Greg Anderson was, until recently, Poulos' colleague in the Mission Department at Moore. From the Top End, where he is serving as the Anglican Bishop for the Northern Territory, he offers an "Amen". He believes that if students want to equip themselves for ministry in contemporary society, they should be trying to experience cultural diversity during their time at college. "Absolutely. It's not culturally diverse to go from St Faith's Narrabeen to St Michael's Wollongong," he says. "But if you go to Kingswood or Belmore or Eastwood it might be very different."

Speaking about how the society has changed in the last fifty years, Anderson says there is "less and less awareness of the basic Christian message". "What college needs to do about it is to analyse and observe what's happening in culture so that the message we are sharing doesn't get misunderstood." He adds that's why it's so important to understand the Bible's message.

Having re-joined the "front lines" of church ministry recently, Anderson is thinking through these questions personally. The context in which he finds himself presents certain challenges. The population of the Territory is 220,000 and, at an optimistic estimate, about five hundred people regularly attend Anglican churches. Not many of those are in their twenties and thirties. He says he is trying to be part of "what God is doing in the world" which he defines as: "Creating one new family



"Anglican and exciting aren't mutually exclusive categories."

Greg Anderson

around Jesus from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation."

What does he think students need to know to be useful in God's mission? "We want church to be exciting," he says. "And Anglican and exciting aren't mutually exclusive categories. But I suspect a lot of people think they might be. At the same time, we need to be innovative in what we do." Anderson says traditional forms of Anglican liturgy are rich resources for shaping the identity and worship of God's people. He adds that he can imagine churches that reach all kinds of different cultural groups, from Aboriginal communities to fishermen.

Lee Murray, reflecting on what is needed for a shift towards mission, says: "I think we probably need a bit of a wake up call to realise we no longer live in a Christendom environment or a Christian context." He believes the task of future ministers is to pass on a mindset that recognises the seemingly mundane aspects of life as key moments for "everyday mission".

Archie Poulos says of the four departments at college – Biblical Studies, Christian Thought, Ministry, and Mission – the latter two are intertwined for the simple reason that church and mission cannot be separated. "You cannot be a local minister unless you're a global missionary." He says the world has come into our society's parish boundaries. "You've got to be thinking about how this life-giving, eternity-changing gospel of Jesus may go out to everybody that we come into contact with," Poulos says. "You can't fit everything into a college curriculum. But we can better leverage those things we do as Christian folk in our four years at College, including Sunday ministries, college mission, beach missions, and camps. We need to be thinking about those things as well."

Joshua Maule is in Third Year.



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- Transitions
- Leadership
- Change Management
- Mediation
- Church Strategy (Vision & Operations)
- Creating effective small group ministry
- Optimising welcoming & integration
- Recruitment
- Risk Management & Governance

The CMD Team



Archie Poulos,
Director, who
is also the Head
of the Ministry
Department at
Moore College.



Helene Tyas,
Registrar and
Executive
Officer of
CMD events.



Peter Mayrick,
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background in
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pharmaceuticals,
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SECOND YEAR PROFILE

I'M JEREMY, I LIVE IN REDFERN WITH MY WIFE MIM AND OUR CAT, DORIS.

College was always something on the horizon ever since I made the decision to give youth ministry a shot at St Andrew's Roseville, where I was youth minister for two years and where I had previously grown up as a Christian. I'm convinced from this experience that it's important to prioritise the training and equipping of youth ministers who can clearly and compellingly promote the Gospel and work hard to understand the needs and struggles of our teenagers. I often get the vibe from people that youth ministry is something that you graduate from, especially if you've a) 'done the time' and b) been through an 'academically rigorous' institution such as Moore. I reckon that's baloney. To communicate clearly a theological concept to a 13 year-old pubescent boy, for example, who has no idea who he is or what he thinks about anything, and to show him that it's actually a good and helpful thing that God is triune takes a lot of insight and study! Which is why I am where I am.

I did one year of student ministry at Roseville last year, but wasn't involved in youth ministry and instead had the brilliant experience of being part of an older congregation. It had never dawned upon me how much of an encouragement it is to the older generations in our churches to have younger people involved in their lives. Moreover, I was struck by their warmth, patience, and regular prayer for Mim and me. It was certainly the highlight of my first year of student ministry. In most cases I felt the one ministered to, which is, I guess, what Paul had in mind when he wrote 1 Corinthians 12:22-26: 'Those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour...But God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body but that its parts should have equal concern for each other'.

This year, we're at St. Mark's in Darling Point. It's the first time I've ever moved church, and to be honest, it's really hard – no matter how welcoming a new community is, and how warm a ministry team might be (and St Mark's ticks both of these boxes!). But Mim and I are really thankful that our experience is hard, firstly because it drives us to the One who can truly comfort us, and secondly because we have such wonderful memories and lasting relationships to be thankful for at Roseville. There is a lot to look forward to, though. We're already growing into new relationships and new routines. And guess what! I'm back in youth ministry again. I'm looking forward to the challenge of leading a small community of kids to own their faith and reach their mates with Jesus. There is lots to pray for, and think about, but it's exciting.

So, do I want to go back into youth ministry post-college? Yes, youth ministry is on the cards. But I'm not sure. Is youth ministry the path I've been set? Or is it just an easy decision because I've had a bit of experience there? As somebody who is never really sure about anything they choose to do, I see Proverbs 16:9 as less of a biblical cliché thrown around whenever anyone mentions 'plans' and as instead a real comfort: in their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps. We'll see. Ask me in a couple of years. I'm thankful that if youth ministry is it, I will be more equipped to explain the truth about Jesus to teenagers, and that it'll be where God has placed me.



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SECOND YEAR



DAN ALLAN

Kathryn and I got married in 2012. We live at Austral but go to church at St Aidan's Hurstville Grove. New church; new home; new jobs. Thankful for God's guiding hand and abundant provision in all things. Looking forward to growing in Him together and serving among His people.



MICHAEL ALLISON

Along with my beautiful wife Rani, I serve the Saints at St Barnabas Fairfield, while considering opportunities to serve overseas. Pray for Rani and myself as we explore our new marriage, our studies in God's word at Moore and SMBC, and our future under Christ.



ERIN ARTHUR

Super-excited about serving in St. Johns Maroubra this year as it combines four of my favorite things; Jesus, people, coffee and the beach!!!



ALEX BACKLER

Country Lad. South Australian. Bachelor of Industrial Design. Holy Trinity Adelaide. Team Sports. St Stephen's Newtown [CiG]. Imagination. Seeking Depth > Head + Heart. Music & Dance. Student Minister @ Erko. Art & Design. Chappo Boarder. May the light of Christ burn brightly in me for all to see!!!



TIM BARON

I'm married to Kate and we have a 3 year old daughter called Ellen. I'm excited to keep learning from God's word this year at college. We have a heart for the country where we hope to serve beyond college sharing Jesus with people.



TOM BARRETT

Husband of Vanessa, dad of Nathan and Talitha. Background in IT and music, now enjoying learning lots of juicy stuff at college. Student minister at St James Croydon. Exploring potential future in parish ministry. Sentences without verbs OK.



DAVE BINGGELI

At one time an exercise physiologist, Dave now loves learning more and more how God's grace renews and transforms people, communities and even societies. Dave and his wife, Eirian, enjoy fellowship at St Alban's Five Dock.



HAYLEY BOAG

After a challenging first year, I'm back for Round 2 at Moore! On Sundays, I love teaching my K/1 class at Cammeray gam about Jesus, and enjoy fellowshiping with the ladies at Naremburn 6pm. I'm still hoping to go overseas post-college, but still not sure in what capacity. Prayers appreciated!



KARL BONNER

Karl is a member of a church named Soma which currently meets in Marsfield. He enjoys working with his hands to relax; painting, brewing, cooking and crafting of all sorts. Karl is married and lives with his wife Lani in Mona Vale.



MURRAY BORDER

I'm married to Sarah with 3 kids, Malakai is 2, Emma and Lucy turn 1 in March. We're excited to have moved to Newtown so we can grow together with those around us. Pray that I will continue to mature and guide our family to further love and serve our great God.



AMY BROWN

I've just moved into 2nd year and Carillon House, transferring from Youthworks College. I'm passionate about children's and family ministry and am keen to help churches partner with parents in discipling their children at home. I'm currently serving as Student Minister at St Swithun's Church, Pymble.



VINCENT CHAN

I'm married to Mei and we would love to keep working out better how to serve God in all aspects. We are currently hoping to be involved in some sort of overseas ministry after college, so please pray for us in that respect.



MICHAEL CHIN

I am married to Mercie and we have enjoyed our first year of marriage together. Please pray for perseverance as we consider where to serve at church next year and look for another great opportunity to be trained as a student minister.



SAM CHRISP

We're serving as student minsters at Yagoona Anglican and learning how to be parents to our little girl, Jasmine. Sam is studying for a BD and Shan-Shan is trying to complete a Diploma part-time. We're thinking about the possibility of ministry to Mandarin speakers in future (guess who speaks the language already!).



MARTIN CHUNG

Married to Pearl with two children (Nathan and Jemima). Please pray that we'd adapt well as we join the Korean congregation at St Andrews Strathfield in 2015.



ROSS COLLINS

Married to Kristie, serving at Sylvania Anglican. We love being in a community of people seeking to know Jesus better. Living in Newtown and building relationships as we study together. Prayerfully thinking through ministry in Sydney after College. Pray that we will continue to develop in our faith.



BEN CONNELLY

Although my wife Alissa and I have had a tough year last year we are glad to be back at college and joining the community at But-Har-Gra. We are looking forward to seeing what God will teach us, and where He will call us to serve Him in the future.



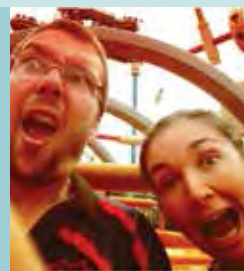
TRISTAN DALLAS

I'm married to Anthea, and have a daughter, Miriam. We've loved being back in Sydney this past year, where we attend at St Barnabas' Anglican Church, Broadway.



VANESSA DE SAUTY

Walking down King St, it appears that most people have an agenda. Other than trying to scope out the best Soy Cappuccino my agenda is probably less out-there; wanting to learn the depth of the Word and how to apply it to ministry, church and vocational settings.



JARED DUNN

I am married to Ruth, and we welcomed little Elsie into our family in December 2014. I am currently enjoying learning Greek and Hebrew, and I like playing handball. I am currently working as a student minister at St. Annes Anglican church in Strathfield.



HELEN FULLER

Love the beach, being an Aunt, and serving with the church family at St Andrews Wahroonga. Thankful for the opportunity to delve deeper into God's word whilst here at College. Excited about ministry to women and children in the future, or whatever else God may have in store!



BEN GEORGE

Currently at St Andrew's Cathedral, I hope my time at Moore will help me to grow in the knowledge and love of Christ, delve deeper into the Word and develop my skills in preparation for future ministry.



MICHELLE GERUNGAN

Currently churching at Chatswood Presbyterian. Always learning how to love and serve Jesus more. I bake, drink too much coffee, play with watercolours, and experiment with analogue photography. Please pray as I consider ministry outside of Sydney.



RICHARD GLOVER

I'm married to Alison, a social worker. We church at Cottage Church, a congregation of St. Stephen's Anglican, Newtown. After College I'll be doing one (or a combination) of parish ministry, university ministry, or theological education. Pray for diligence in my studies and wisdom about the future.

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come.

– 2 Corinthians 5:17



SCOTT GORMAN

A country boy from Wagga enjoying the big smoke and College life. Miriam and I serve at Wentworthville Anglican. Exciting times, with our baby Rose born in April! Please pray that I faithfully learn and apply God's word as I seek to grow as a father and a servant of Jesus.



FI HENDERSON

Hi everybody, I love Disney, Taylor Swift, doing kids ministry and my church Soma, Macquarie. At only one week into 2nd year, I am still planning on continuing into 4th year even with languages. Fare thee well!



KEITH HILL

Keith, Kate and Ethan love life at College, and the saints at St Matt's in Botany. After College, we'd love to leave Sydney and serve God in country NSW.



RICHARD HOLMAN

I am married to Rhonda with a son Mark. I enjoy working as a student minister with St Thomas, Enfield. Studying God's word is a fantastic privilege and one I love to share with those I meet.



KITTY HOLT

College is a blessing where I can grow in knowledge and love of God while battling depression. I'm excited to delve into His word, to live for Him, and to use that knowledge help others. Pray that God can challenge me to seek His calm in the centre of the storm.



EDWARD HUNGERFORD

Married to Stephanie and ministering in Turramurra. Looking to be a Pastor who feeds Christ's flock on God's Word as I learn to live by it and handle it humbly and correctly.



TALAR KHATCHOYAN

Excitedly studying God's word to know him better while serving at St John's North Ryde, working particularly with children and youth. Pray that I will be faithful in my studies and constantly amazed by the wonder of the gospel.



BRAD KONEMANN

I'm married to Katherine. We have a beautiful little girl, Eva (2), and we're expecting baby #2 in July 2015. We love being part of the community at Anchor Church Sydney and seeing God at work in our city. I love soccer, cooking and exploring new places.



BEN LATTIMORE

I'm in second year, the husband of one wife (Bethany), father of one toddler (Evie) and one newborn (Josiah). Looking forward to being in at Newtown this year after moving in from the west. Looking into rural church ministry post college.



NATASHA LEONG

I'm excited about joining the Focus International congregation at UNSW and looking forward to another year of God teaching, rebuking, training and growing as I share life with those around me. Please pray that God would sustain me and provide rest through this time of transition.



JOSH LEWIS

Home: John Chapman House. Church: St Andrew's Wahroonga. Likes: bad poetry



JEN LUM

Thankful to study God's Word in community. Pray for growth in Christian maturity, diligence in studying God's Word, boldness, discernment, perseverance, deeper loving relationships with God and others, and wisdom in managing time as student, wife, mother, daughter, parishioner and worker.



LAUREN MAHAFFEY

Follower of Jesus loving being trained for a life of ministry (and all the perks that come with doing so in Newtown!) Please pray that God will use and train me well in my new church this year.



KATHERINE MARRIOTT

I have enjoyed putting what I've been learning into practice as a student minister. I look forward to continuing to do that this year. Jason and I look forward to him working with youth as a chaplain in the future.



BEK MARSHALL

I'm married to Luke, who is in his final year of MTS at UNSW. Please pray for us this year as we consider how we can best serve God in the future. Please also pray that as I learn more about God this year that it would not be for the sake of exams but that I might grow to love God more and continue to grow in godliness.



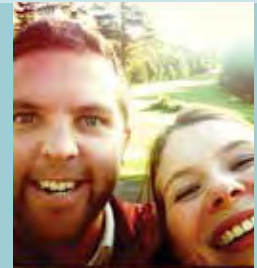
CAM MAXWELL

We've moved from Adelaide and I joined the second year cohort, after studying for a year at an Adelaide college. Carine and I are thankful for God's provision in bringing us here, our church family at St Matthias and for all that lies ahead as we prepare for gospel ministry.



KEITH MCPHERSON

Keith, Emma and young Evie still live in Penrith. They are still settling in and soon hope to settle into a new church for 2015.



JEREMY MORRIS

My name is Jeremy, and I'm married to Mim. We're at St Mark's Darling Point this year, and live in Redfern. We would love prayer as we get stuck into this new community this year and as we enjoy the wonderful environment at Moore.



JOSHUA ORD

Hi, I'm Josh. I've been part time for the last few years. I look forward to seeing The Lord's working again this year. I'm especially excited to see him work in the lives of the Youth and young people at my church.



SARAH PALMER

I am continuing to serve at Summer Hill Church. Last year I was reminded of how great the hope we have in Christ is. Pray that I will continue to grow in my love and knowledge of God and that this knowledge would shape all that I do and say. I look forward to how God will use me this year and into the future.



CANDY PANG

Pray God would continue to grow my relationship with him as he grows my understanding of his word this year. Pray such growth would always express itself as a deepened love towards God, his people and the lost. Also for wisdom and trust as I consider overseas mission after college.



TOM POUNTAIN

Along with my beautiful wife Hannah and Ellie (1) we are enjoying serving at St Marks Malabar and learning lots from Moore and the wider diocese. Please pray for us as we consider where we can best be long-term, here in Sydney, back in the UK or somewhere...in between.



MARTIN ROBINSON

Emma and I love Sydney and are keen to share the gospel with its inhabitants. Pray that God might equip us for gospel ministry. Pray that we will be mission minded, characterised by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control...as well as humility, wisdom and maturity.



TIM ROWE

Along with Sarah and William, I thank God for the opportunity we have to live and study amongst Christian brothers and sisters. Please pray we would continue to grow as servants of our Lord, depending on Him through prayer and knowing Him more deeply through His word.



PAUL SEARLE

Praising God for a wonderful college experience so far, praying that He will help me be the best husband (to Marcella) and dad (to Byron, Eloise and Holly) that I can and trusting that he will prepare me for whatever post-college plans will glorify Him!



PAUL SEVILLE

Husband to Bethany, and father to Cadence and Alexander. I have really enjoyed the community life out at But-Har-Gra and the original language studies as a part of the OT/NT courses. Soy latte.



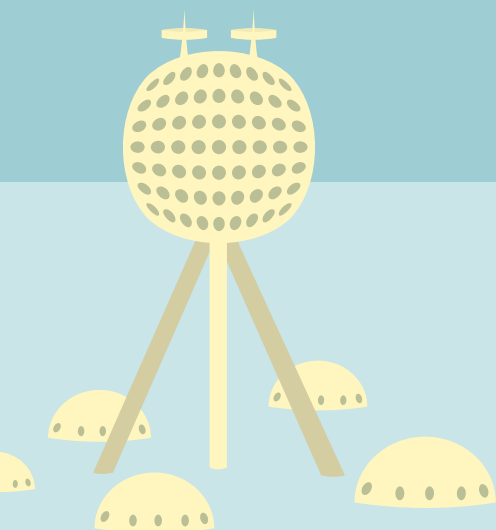
ELIZABETH SHEHATA

I'm really looking forward to learning more in 2nd year. Please pray that my knowledge of God will deepen my love for Him. Also, please pray that I would serve the people at my new church well which is Chatswood Presbyterian Church. Grateful to be there.



JIMMY SHEPHERD

I love: God, family, friends, and surfing. I am entering into 2nd year, starting this year as a student minister at St Pauls, Chatswood. Pray that I settle in and serve the saints at Chatswood well.



LUKE SHOOTER

Hi my name is Luke. I would value prayer for time management, language studies, clarity on how God's gifted me and direction for the future. I attend Vine Church in Surry Hills and would like to work as a pastor in urban centres around the world. Thanks, Luke.



AIDEN SIBRAVA

I'm married to Jessica, and we live at MooreWest. I'm currently a student minister at St. John's Cathedral, Parramatta. Jess and I enjoy the view over the green grass of All Saints, and spending time with our Westie friends. We both enjoy cool weather, good food, and meaningful Anglican liturgy!



LUKE SINCLAIR

Resident of Chappo; Student Minister at St Augustine's; Possessor of a beautiful New Zealand accent; and a Knower of God's goodness towards me in Christ who is passionate that the world should know it too.



DEBBIE STANLEY

Please pray that I would put my confidence in Christ and trust in His goodness. Also that I would persevere in learning Greek, which has been challenging! It is wonderful to have this opportunity to learn more about God and I look forward to seeing how he will use me for His glory.



EDWARD STOCKS

I currently attend Soma church, a small congregation meeting in Marsfield. In addition to long walks on the beach, I enjoy reading, watching movies and the NFL. A Chappo boarder, I'm hoping this year to be matured by teaching and community to grow in devotion to Christ.



MATTHEW STRAW

Working at Church Hill Anglican. Studying toward ordination. Testing the call to parish leadership in Sydney. And having fun.



SAM TERRY

So, our little family is growing. There's me, my wife Marinka, Theodore (3yo) and Freya (1yo). We like each other. Please pray that our kids would love the name of Jesus more than Thomas the Tank Engine, and that we would teach them to be bold in sharing the gospel.



TIM THAMBYRAJAH

Hi I'm Tim, married to Hollie. It's great to be studying at a place where we get to know God's word better – please pray that I continue to appreciate that!



JONO WARD

Husband, new dad, saved sinner. Really looking forward to second year, it's such a privilege to keep learning about how much God loves us and how much he has given us in Jesus.



SCOTT WESTWOOD

We're back for round two and looking forward to it! This year Pip is also doing college. Pray for us as we learn, think hard about where to serve Jesus in the future and lead the youth group at our church.



GLENN WILMINGTON

Here for a year, now here for at least another. College is both challenging and encouraging, but being surrounded by people who wrestle with trusting and communicating God's word (and more than that praying) is SO helpful. So I thank God for being here and for partnership in Christ.



GREG WONG

Married to Aileen and we have a son Zachariah and another child due in March 2015. We grew up in Melbourne but have moved here for me to study the BD at Moore. We're hoping return to Melbourne in the long term to serve in parish ministry. Currently serving the saints at Chatswood Presbyterian. Pray for us to grow more Christ-like every day.



MARK WOODHOUSE

I'm married to Lucy, and we're thankful for the job she has close by at RPA. We love serving with the ever-colourful, sometimes-challenging, and always-encouraging family at St John's Darlinghurst. I'm thankful for another year of getting to know God better with this College community.



JONATHAN WU

I'm from Singapore, and will be heading back to work for my home church. I'll be serving at Focus Church this year, where I hope to build up fellow Singaporeans in the Gospel. While I miss the food back home, I'm very much enjoying the superior coffee at Newtown!



KYLIE YIP

By God's grace I am continuing part-time study this year. I am looking forward to being stretched and challenged by God's greatness in the midst of human weakness. Please pray for patience, humility and prayerfulness as I seek to love my husband, Andy, and daughter, Kara (cf Titus 2:4 etc).

In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have; but do this with gentleness and respect.

– 1 Peter 3:15

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Liturgy in the Modern Church

STORY: Matthew Moffitt

LITURGY. THE MERE MENTION OF THE WORD CONJURES UP IMAGES OF ARCHAISMS: CASSOCKS AND SURPLICES, ORGAN MUSIC AND MUSTY OLD BOOKS, STAINED GLASS AND HARD-BACKED PEWS.

Why would any self-respecting publication considering the mission of the church in the twenty-first century include a reflection on something as old-fashioned as liturgy?

But perhaps there is a more pertinent question we should consider: What are we trying to do when we meet together? Which is to ask, what kind of people are we trying to form? What will they love and desire? However you answer, you will need to give consideration to the place of liturgy.

Technically, liturgy as we think of it has to do with the prescribed rituals and patterns of what happens in church. This sense of liturgy has become a vexed issue, caught up

in the so-called worship wars of the last three to four decades. But there is a more general sense in which liturgy refers to any formative habits and patterns. The premise of the latter reference would therefore suggest that there are secular liturgies. For instance, retail-therapy would be a liturgical moment. Each time I feel down about work, I head to the nearest shopping centre and find consolation in that box set or the cardigan I purchase. But this is more than a means of assuaging our desires and emotions – it turns out that as people of disordered desires our habits and patterns train us in what to love, believe, or do. In this instance, retail-therapy with its liturgy

of consumption shapes and trains us into certain kinds of people whose desires are tutored toward ends that are antithetical to the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Our liturgies – whether secular or ecclesiastical – are formative, shaping our hearts, imaginations, and desires. The practices and habits of our regular routine tell us something about what we understand the nature of human flourishing to be. Theologically: if the old adage is true that we become what we worship, our liturgies will tell us something profound about what, or who, we worship. Humans have been created in such a way that they cannot help but worship. Comprehending the liturgies of our society and culture will go some way to helping us expose and defenestrate the idols of people's hearts.

Returning then to our more pertinent question, the way we arrange our church services reveals something about the kind of people we want to become. More

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significantly, the form of our worship tells us something about the character and identity of the God who we worship. There is a theological and anthropological imperative to the construction of Christian liturgies. A congregation which worships the God of grace and therefore seeks to live with one another by grace will understandably seek to form a liturgy that is itself resplendent in grace. How we worship makes a statement about who we worship, and what we hope to become. This is fuelled in the week-by-week celebration of Jesus' lordship in corporate worship. As Christians listen together, stand together, and sing together, making confession of our sins and giving thanks to God for his graciousness towards us, the word of Christ dwells richly amongst us. Grounded upon the gospel and charged by God's word and Spirit, faithful liturgy leads us to worship the true and living God, and thereby grow more and more as his fully devoted children.

It is a curious thing actually to observe where we currently sit with liturgy. The reaction to the

rote liturgical practices which accompanied the nominalism of a previous generation resulted in our grand liturgical experiment of recent times: the non-liturgy liturgy. In his essay on fellowship, Broughton Knox recognised the inevitability of liturgy; it is necessary for congregational life. The great trick of the last 50 years is the belief that by getting away from formal liturgy, we were escaping liturgy altogether. Yet compared to the pattern established by Cranmer, in particular the great feast of reading and praying scripture through the service, our contemporary liturgies can come across looking malnourished. Rather than reading through scripture systemically, and inducting the congregation into redemptive history, we are left open to the fleeting and varying whims of the service designer. It is for this reason that our evangelical forbears a century ago and before loved liturgy. It guarded the good deposit of the faith. More recently, surveys of 'millennials' in the United States by the Barna Group reveal that there is an increased appreciation and desire for a thick and beautiful gospel deposit in historic liturgies.

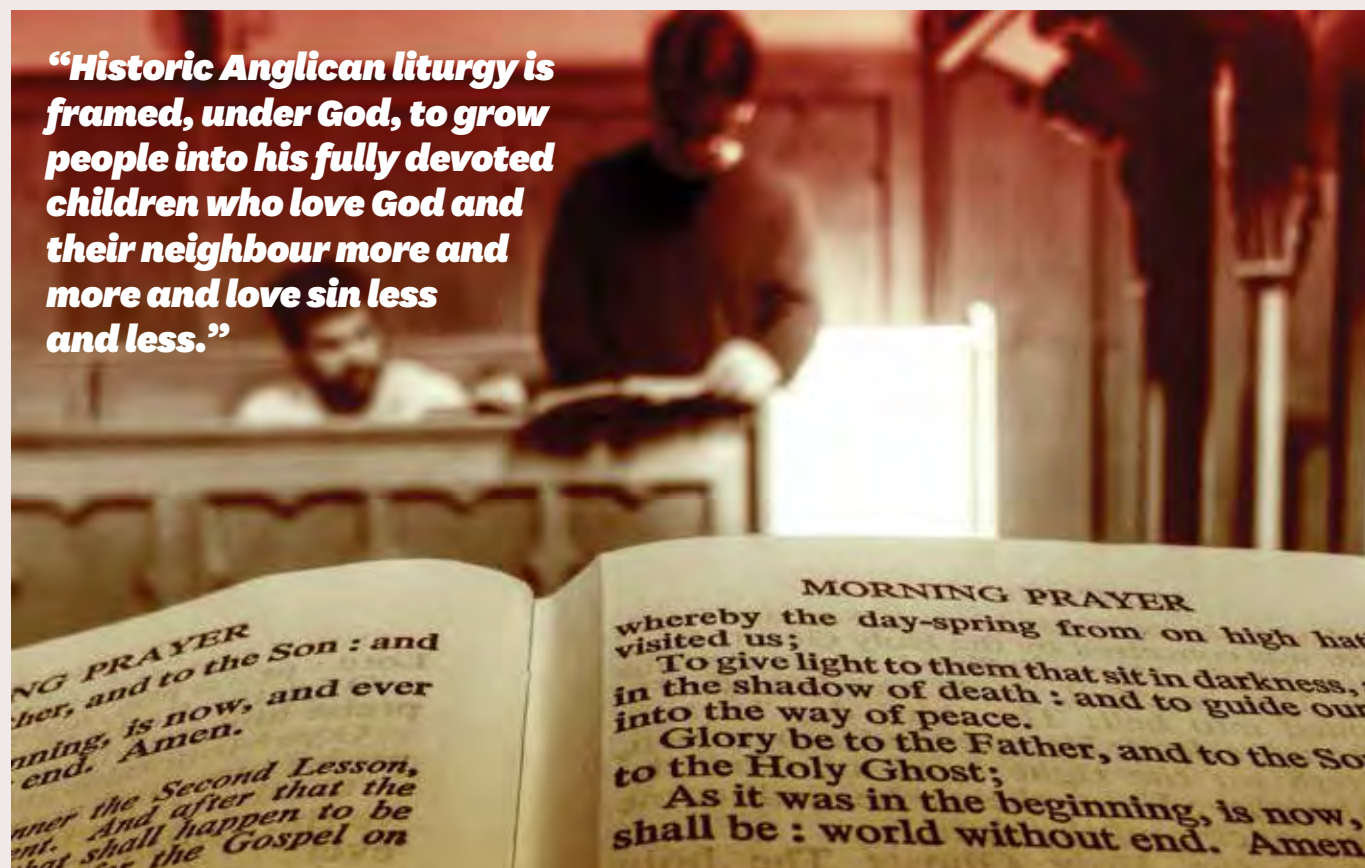
If you turn to the second page of *Common Prayer* you will find a quote from Anglican scholar Ashley Null. The quote originates from a paper presented by Dr Null at GAFCON 2008 in Jerusalem, and describes the heart of theology found within Anglican liturgy:

"Divine gracious love, constantly communicated by the Holy Spirit in the regular repetition of Scripture's promises though Word and Sacrament, is to inspire human love, drawing believers towards God and their fellow human beings in the pursuit of lifelong godliness."

You might like to take a moment to read over the quote again, because if Dr. Null is right, this is saying something profound and beautiful about the *Book of Common Prayer*, which remains, after Holy Scripture, the foundation for Anglican theological and liturgical reflection. Charged with such power by the word and the Spirit, the prayer book is designed to cause you and me to love sin less and less as we grow more and more in love for Jesus Christ and those made in his image.

Notice three features of this Anglican theology. Firstly, Anglican liturgy is grounded upon and regulated by Scripture. The Bible permeates the prayer book, and in this saturation of the word, as the congregation hears again and again of "God's inestimable love in the redemption of the world in our Lord Jesus Christ", their hearts and minds are directed towards the Triune God. This is pre-eminently God's initiative, who gathers his people to will and to work for his good pleasure. As the Spirit works through the word, the heart and mind are renewed in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

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Rev Dr Ashley Null (left)

Secondly, there is the pedagogical function of the prayer book. The goal of the liturgy is more than communicating information. As people engage in the service, they are pursuing lifelong godliness, training their mind, heart, soul, and body in habits and practices that seek the renewal of moral agency and reordering of our desires. In short, the prayer book is purposed towards helping us to love rightly.

This brings us, thirdly, to the evangelical nature of the prayer book. Inside the *Book of Common Prayer* you arguably find the most successful articulation and embodiment of the Reformers' gospel of salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone. It is a testament to our justification apart from works. In doing so, Cranmer unequivocally asserted that the church is a fellowship of justified sinners through Christ's sinless oblation on the cross. On this basis, Anglican worship was so ordered by the crucified and risen Lord, that its worship was to display the joy, thankfulness, and humility which accompanies the gospel, and thereby bear much fruit to God's praise and glory.

Historic Anglican liturgy is framed, under God, to grow people into his fully devoted children who love God and their neighbour more and more and love sin less and less. This reordering of our desires happens on a week-by-week basis, as we move through the gospel drama of confession, absolution, the hearing of God's word and praising his name, praying for the needs of the church and the world, responding to God's tender mercy and kindness to us in thanksgiving, and sending one another out to serve him in the coming week. But it would be remiss if we forgot that this induction into the faith also occurs on a larger level. The macro frame which brings together our weekly corporate worship is the liturgical year. Many of us still celebrate Christmas Day and Easter Day, but you'll be aware that often what we celebrate in our current context is dictated by the whims of Hallmark. Rather than focusing on consumption, the pedagogical intent of the church calendar is to build our social imagination. The various seasons of the Christian year build into our worship a biblical theology, with a particular focus on the events of the gospel: Christ's incarnation, death, resurrection, and ascension. The reading of God's word across the year systemically moves through

these events, and indeed teaches the whole counsel of God. And when this is a lively kind of response to the God in whom we live and move and have our being, it shapes us, by God's grace, into people who long for the coming kingdom.

Where are we to go from here? One avenue would be to simply revert to running *Book of Common Prayer* services each Sunday. Dr. Null was in Sydney earlier this year, and, when I asked him, he did not think that would be the best way forward. According to Dr. Null, we can learn from the 16th century for our embodiment of the eternal gospel without thoughtlessly replicating them in the 21st century:

‘We can be informed by what they did. We can look back and see how they struggled to proclaim and enculturate the gospel in their era. We can learn from their successes and failures. But we need to do that afresh for ours. We need to pray scripture, and then the message of scripture will have its affect in us, and then we will be transformed into the image of Christ. It's God's initiative in us, and it's our hope for holiness – it's his promise to make us holy.’

‘It's so much easier to simply do Cranmer's BCP. Or throw it out and just do what feels good, than try to faithfully, systematically, encounter God's word in such a way that the Spirit works through his word to open our eyes to him, unite us to him, to strengthen our unity in him, and therefore one another, and stir our wills to love and serve God and our neighbour.’

One unfortunate outcome of the last 50 years of liturgical revision – our rush to strip back our services in an attempt to make them more accessible and intelligible – has been that we can forget all too easily not only why we meet together ‘on the first day of the week’, but also the rich resources we have at our disposal to grow and mature people. As the 1978 Australian Anglican prayer book put it,

‘...to give thanks for the benefits we have received at his hands, to offer the praise that is due to him, to hear his holy word, and to ask what is necessary for the body as well as the soul.’

Or in the exhortation of Psalm 95, which Anglican congregations have read or sung since Cranmer formulated Morning Prayer:

‘O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!’

If you are involved in the designing of church services – or someone who participates in services – ask yourself the following questions. Is this service edifying the congregation to grow more and more as God's fully devoted children? Are we learning, in the words of Cranmer's collect for the Fourth Sunday after Easter, to ‘love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise’? Is my heart being transformed by the Word and the Spirit so that I love sin less and less and love God more and more? When we have moved away from the heart of Anglican theology, we have been less able to answer those questions affirmatively. Whether driven by an embarrassment of forcing people to deal with their sin and brokenness, or a liturgical cringe which assumes that formality is inaccessible to outsiders, we are robbing ourselves of an opportunity to ground people in the history of redemption and growing them in the gospel.

According to Null:

‘The first step for the church of the twenty-first century is to take Cranmer's pattern of faithfully praying scripture, and see how that might work. And if you want to improve it, fine. Maybe you have a different idea that fits our culture better – great. But make sure it's an improvement.’

In spite of all the archaic images that it espouses, liturgy will be indispensable for the congregations of this century. Likely it will not involve the repetition of words like ‘thee’ and ‘thou’; but that is not what liturgy is about. Liturgy is not about spectacle, though aesthetic quality will be a valid consideration as we apply the gospel to all the senses. Liturgy is not about ritual, though habitual practices of prayer, praise, and proclamation will be necessary for provoking worship from the whole person. Liturgy that is not artificial will bring the gospel to bear on reordering the desires and reconfiguring the imagination for Christ's Kingdom. Liturgy may only ever be a means; but in the twenty-first century after the coming of our Lord, it is a means for the stirring of the heart, so that the Word and Spirit might have effect in enabling us both to will and to work for God's good pleasure.

Matthew Moffitt is in fourth year.

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THIRD YEAR PROFILE

HOW DID I END UP AT MOORE?

Well, I grew up and went to school in Sydney, and moved churches and schools semi-regularly because my father was (and is) a minister in the Anglican church. As I finished high school I was interested in pursuing ministry, but I didn't want to be just like my Dad! Well, I did, and I didn't – ministry shouldn't just be a 'family business.' So after a year of ministry straight after school, I decided to do the uni thing. For me, getting a degree (in maths/education) was really just an excuse to be on campus for 5 years and join the ministry there, and I'm so thankful to God for it! Plus, I ended up marrying my bible study group co-leader. After uni I worked for one year as a maths teacher, in which we got married, saved some money, and made the decision to come to College (after 2 years of MTS at UNSW, that is).

Why ministry? Three reasons convinced me back then and still convince me today. The first is that Jesus Christ is a beautiful saviour worth proclaiming. Second, the need for the gospel in the world is urgent. Third, others around me encouraged me that I was suited to the task.

When I started at Moore, Joanne and I moved back to her home church to try and reduce the amount of life-changes at that time. And that's how this anglo-saxon Anglican-clergy-kid joined a Chinese Baptist Church, and is still there!

At church we're part of the English congregation, which is mostly youth and young adults. I'm always encouraged and thankful when I think of Christ's faithful servants in our church. They are a testimony to the power of the gospel and it's a joy to live and serve amongst them. We are seeing people mature in Christ, and also a number of people have come to know him for the first time. And this is whilst our congregation has no pastor! What a testimony to God's work by his Word.

Growing up, I had an interest in cross-cultural mission, inspired by the CMS missionaries I knew. Now I'm involved in a bit of a cross-cultural experience every day, and I'm enjoying it. You can't get much more of a contrast in Sydney than moving from Narrabeen to Hurstville, and whilst I miss surfing up north, I love the Hurstville area.

Our plan for ministry after Moore – as it stands now – is to serve in a church that reaches people with the gospel, whatever their cultural background. That said, it will probably involve Chinese people, since that is our context at present. In my mind there's always the option for overseas ministry, but in the immediate future we plan to stay in Sydney.

Third year has been fantastic so far – crucial theological questions are coming up again and again, and we are getting deeper and deeper into the nature of the gospel and the salvation we have through Christ. Sometimes my beliefs are challenged and strengthened, and sometimes they are challenged and changed. I get a little worried about what I might have taught people if I hadn't been through all this study! We've covered a lot, yet at the same time there's still so much left to study and understand – but that's for the rest of life to fill out. I hope and pray that during my time at college, the foundations are being put in the right place firmly, for my own sake and for the sake of those I will teach.



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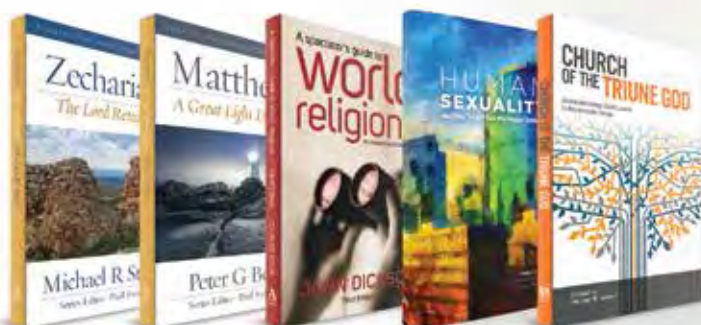
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BEN ALLEN

Jess and I have three children: Sophie (5), Amelia (3) and Zachariah (1). Learning to love each other is a constant reminder of sin and grace. Pray that we would love and serve the saints at Toongabbie Anglican with joy.



GREG ATKIN

Married to Suzie. 3 children Mia, Ava and Tom. We are all excited about serving God somewhere outside of Sydney in regional NSW or QLD in 2016 (so appreciate prayer that doors open and our kids adjust).



SAM ATWOOD

Married to Kirby and father to twin boys, Oliver and Linden, I have loved spending time thinking and developing skills that will help me teach the truth of God better. I hope to do this with university students – now and after college.



ALAN AU

Hope to be exploring ministry in the west, preparing for marriage to an awesome gal, building theological muscles, nurturing a pastoral heart, with a growing dependance on the grace of God (and less so on caffeinated beverages).



PAUL AVIS

Tamworth-raised, Canberra-trained media nut. Married to Zoe, looking at Uni-student ministry beyond College.



SUSANNA BALDWIN

Life has been full of changes since I arrived in Sydney from the UK in 2009. Sunny days became the norm; two years morphed into six; Nescafe was eclipsed by Campos; and a settled career path gave way to full-time theological study and a vision to serve in Bible translation. Thank you for your prayers.



TOM BATTY

Married to Madeline with 2 young girls, serving at Youthworks Year 13 gap year, churching at Jannali Anglican, thinking about evangelism and wondering when I can go for my next run.



STEPHEN BEATTIE

This year I'm serving at Merrylands Anglican Church where I'm focussing on youth, music and the Sunday gathering. Also, half way through this year I'm getting married to Miriam. Please give thanks and pray with me for these challenging blessings.



COL BERNAYS

Colin has started a student minister position at St Stephen's Penrith and is looking forward to learning lots and being stretched in this role. In December Annabelle was born, little sister to James, please pray as we adjust to being a family of four. Lyndell hopes to continue studying part-time.



LUKE BIRD

Luke married to Gemma, with our newest arrival Ruby. We're so grateful for college, can't believe we're half way! Excited to be joining St Marks Pennant Hills this year. As for the fast approaching end of college, we're thinking and praying about Uni ministry. We greatly appreciate your prayers.



MARK AND KYLIE BOLAS

Mark and Kylie are excited about 3rd year at college after getting married in the summer holidays. They will both be serving in ministry at St Andrew's Cathedral this year. Beyond college Kylie is hoping to serve in hospital chaplaincy while Mark is hoping to serve in parish ministry in Sydney.



CHRISTOPHER BOOTH

Chris is having difficulty typing this as his 19 month old son, Daniel, is jumping all over him. Prayer for continued preparation for ministry in South West Sydney and the Army would be appreciated. Chris loves Jesus, his wife Laura, Daniel, child #2 (July), food, running, food and Hebrew.



GRANT BORG

Clare and I have been blessed with a gorgeous little girl we named Leah! The 3 of us, in the guidance of God, are pursuing our goal to grow Jesus' Kingdom by starting a church in the West of Fairfield post-college. #settingheartsonfire



DAVID BRACKENBURY

Samuel was born in October and it has been a great joy for Michelle and I to watch him grow. We pray that he will love Jesus all his days. Please pray that we will be wise parents who learn from our mistakes and faithful gospel ministers at Northbridge Anglican.



JENNY BRADSHAW

I'm enjoying getting deeper into the Bible with each year of college and looking forward to Psalms this year. I'd appreciate prayer as I settle into Randwick Presbyterian Church this year and consider where I might serve God after college, hopefully mostly working with women.



DALE BROWN

In January, Dale married Amy – what is up! They are looking forward to going hard for Jesus together for the rest of their time on this earth. They serve at Vine Church in Surry Hills and wanna see kids saved and growing in Christ. Woop woop!



MICHAEL BURGESS

Living in Newtown. Serving with the saints at Rouse Hill Anglican Church. Trying to use the last two years of college to lose the weight I put on in the first two.



LAUREN BURN

After college I plan to further study education so that I will be able to go into school Chaplaincy. I am currently serving at St James Anglican Church Turramurra.



BRENDAN CARPENTER

Now accepted Newtownians, Kat and Brendan are keen to continue in ministry with the family at St Luke's, Miranda and would love your prayerful support as they try to fit in at Newtown and plan for the future!



DAVID CHANG

Married to Annie, currently serving at St. Mark's, Granville. I am thankful for the opportunity to study God's Word closely at Moore; and I look forward to another good year of training, not only in theology, but more so in loving God and in loving people.



JENNIFER CHEUNG

Loves Jesus, Nate (4th Year), Josh (8 months), experimental cooking, running to explore new places, introducing people to Jesus, and seeing God mature his people at Bossley Park Anglican. Soaking up 3rd year part-time. Not sure where God will have us serve him post-College, but looking into South-West Sydney.



TOM CONYERS

I'm originally a Wagga boy, but came via Canberra where I did a degree in Music and a ministry traineeship. I'm currently a student minister at St Augustine's in Neutral Bay. After college I hope to head overseas



PETER CROWTHER

We have three children. We are considering working missionally in a physiotherapy practice on a part-time basis. We desire to minister Jesus' love to people in their daily lives and to equip the saints to be more effective ministers of Christ through a part-time teaching role in a church.



DAZ DIENER

Love Jesus.wife.son. churchfamily.thelost. Enjoy coffee.cycling. bush. 2015=move into Newtown. Pray for deeper joy.trust.



SETH FELLOWS

Luxuriating in Parramatta paradise, Seth and Kate enjoy their daily foray into the towns (New or Banks, respectively). Kate works at UWS, daily proclaiming Jesus, which makes Seth a bit jealous. But they both serve as Student Ministers at Marrickville rd! Pray for godliness, guidance, and reliance on God's grace!



TIMOTHY FLINT

I'm married to Tiana and we have two delightful daughters, Grace and Laila. We're originally from the bush and have a heart to see the gospel proclaimed clearly in places where solid Bible teaching is currently lacking. Pray that God would keep us unshakably faithful to His word and direct our steps post college.



JAMES FOLEY

I'm married to Rachelle, we both love Moore College and Burwood Baps. I like trains, board games, college sports, and the piano. I finally understood some doctrine last year, and pray I'll understand more this year. We hope to return to Adelaide and minister in a Baptist church there.



RACHELLE FOLEY

I'm looking forward to all I'll learn during my final year. I've loved the past two years studying God's word alongside my husband and new friends. Please pray that I would grow in my love of God and his people as I decide how best to serve him post-college.



LINDSAY FOSTER

I'm married to Merryn and my daughter is Isabelle. We're hoping to serve God outside of Sydney either in Queensland or overseas. I'm excited to delve deeper into God's word so my life can be transformed and so God can work through me in future ministry.

**JAMES GALEA**

Married to Charlotte. Father of Audrey. Part of Church by the Bridge, Kirribilli. Passionate about Aldi, instant coffee and middle-eastern food. Even more passionate about my family, the local church and most of all Jesus.

**LAURA GRAHAM**

Loving college, life in Newtown, church in Clovelly and family in Newcastle. Thankful for another year to dig in to the Bible and do life in this special place. Praying for a soft heart as God continues to shape and challenge me. Please pray I might love and serve for his glory alone.

**TOPHER HALLYBURTON**

We have recently moved to St. John's Anglican Cathedral in Parramatta. I am happy to be in third year, Daniel is enjoying Preschool and we all love living at MooreWest!

**JOHN HANLEN**

Ally and I live on the Central Coast where we attend EV Church. I'm involved in Welcoming and Youth ministries and my wife serves in Evangelistic ministries. While I'm studying Ally also works full time as a preschool teacher and brings home my bacon.

**STEPHANIE HAWKINS**

Please thank God for the opportunity to serve as a student minister this year at Narremburn-Cammeray Anglican, for time to keep growing to know God, and for the gift of living and learning with godly friends. Beyond college I'm thinking through going overseas, please pray for wisdom in this.

**KATE HENDERSON**

Pray that I would serve well at St Augustine's Neutral Bay, and that I would enjoy living and studying at college throughout third year.

**MITCHELL HERPS**

An Avid enjoyer of Jesus, the ocean, surfing, sunshine and the idea of sand.

**CHRIS HOLDING**

Married to Mel, father to Calvin and (still) passionate about Youth Ministry. I have grown so much in my time at college and trust God will continue to show me grace so I may grow more.

**LIZ HOOPER**

I have recently begun working at Village Church in Annandale as I complete third year at college. In September, Ben George in second year and I will get married. I am looking forward to the new challenges of 2015.

**PAUL HUYNH**

My family and I moved from Melbourne to be trained for full-time ministry. We have two kids, Raphael and Cosette, and are currently serving at Chatswood Presbyterian. Our hope and prayer is that after college, we would head back to Melbourne to serve.

**STEPHANIE JUDD**

Immersing myself in thought and discussion at MTC. Student minister at St Barnabas, Broadway, where my husband Andrew is the Assistant Minister. Pray I would make the most of my opportunity to study, and that I would heal successfully from spinal surgery I had at the end of 2014.

**DANIEL AND JESSICA KONG**

We got married in first year at college and are thankful to be at All Saints, Petersham this year. We have enjoyed learning from the church fathers as we've studied church history and are seeking God's guidance in where to serve post college, in particular, regarding overseas mission work.

Not that I have already reached the goal or am already fully mature, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus.

– Philippians 3:12



KON YEW KWEK

Ashley and I are grateful to God for His providence and grace in sustaining us at Moore. We attend church at St Andrew's Cathedral and Kon Yew is a student minister at the Healing Ministry. We are still clueless about what to do ministry-wise next year.



BRONWYN KYNGDON

I am thankful for the college community, for learning about God and the bible and how to serve Him in all that I do. Handcraft coffee is great too. I am starting as a Student minister at St Stephen's Newtown, and am looking forward to serving God there.



ANDREW KYRIOS

Married to Sally, a physiotherapist. At college with a view to Anglican Parish ministry. Enjoying taking time out full time to 'think' in particular about philosophy and doctrinal matters.



EZ LAU

Hi I'm Ez, I'm married to Winnie, and we're expecting our first baby this year. Right now we're part of St Barnabas Anglican Church Bossley Park, and we'd love to go back to our hometown of Brisbane to preach the gospel there!



JASON LAW

I got married to Sylvia just last year! We are currently serving at St George North Anglican Church while keeping Colossians 1:28 in mind. We are uncertain of what lies beyond college except that God is in control.



YOKE LEE

God has a deliciously wicked sense of humour and irony. How hilarious that I've been at college for as long as I have. Love being part of a mission-minded team reaching multicultural Rockdale. Almost feels like heaven worshipping with saints representing so many nations.



JAMES MACKENZIE

I'm currently the student minister at Dapto Anglican. I love Jesus, my family, long term youth ministry, older people getting alongside younger people, studying God's Word and the mighty sport of Rugby Union. And I would love your prayers as I seek to serve the Lord in all these things.



LIZ MAHER

Third year seems to have snuck up pretty quickly, but I'm looking forward to another year learning and growing. Pray that this year I'll grow in love for God and become more like Jesus. Pray that I would love and serve well in my second year at St Aidan's Hurstville Grove.



JOHN MAHONEY

Only this and next year to go! John is eager to get out into full-time ministry. Pray for patience and that he would get lots out of his final years at college. Pray also for his wonderful wife Laura as she studies a Masters degree and puts up with John.



MELANIE MALLINSON WALKER

I am really looking forward to the challenge of being part of the Moore College community full time this year after 5 years of part-time study. My husband Rod and I are thankful to God for bringing us to this point and are excited to see where He will lead us in the future.



JASON MARRIOTT

I have the privilege of learning more of our God's awesome glory and my wretched wickedness as I study at college with my wife Katherine. I look forward to, God willing, sharing this Gospel as a high school chaplain when I finish college.



JOSHUA MAULE

I had the chance to work in writing before college; I am often thinking about how to share Jesus with a media saturated world; and my main desire is to be a disciple-making disciple. I would love your prayers for God's help in knowing where to pass on his message of grace.



JONATHAN MCCONCHIE

Please ask for wisdom on what to do after college. Also for the kids (Ben 10yo, Poppy 8yo, Jacob 6yo) to adjust to life after college back in Melbourne.



DAN MEOLI

Sarah and I, with Rachel and Isaac, enjoy the mix of study at Moore and life at church. Please pray that we would continue to grow in strength as a family unit as we serve God, using well the different gifts and opportunities he gives to us.



STUART MORGAN

I'm from England, married to Chew Chern from Singapore, and we plan to head back to Singapore next year to work with a church there. This year we are at Focus International Church, enjoying serving the students there.



SIMON NAGEL

After 2 years, Simon is aware of how much more there is to learn before he finishes. We (including Jo and Evelyn) are part of an English ministry at a Chinese church in Hurstville, and seek to present everyone perfect in Christ.



KATHRYN NGAI

I'm married to Sam (part-time first year). During my final year of college I'm hoping to make the most of this great privilege of learning from God's word! After we both finish studying, God willing we would like to serve in a church in one of Australia's capital cities.



TASHI NICHOLAS

Tashi is a student minister at St Mark's Darling point. She likes drawing and youth ministry.



CAMERON NOAKES

Not much has changed this year, except a new church (Glenquarie Anglican), new wife (Rachel, also 3rd Year) and new home. Ok, so there's a few changes after all to be praying about. Please also pray for gospel opportunities with my cycling contacts in the Sydney Uni Velo Club.



MATTHEW PEARSON

Husband to one, father to two. We're still in Sydney - Living in Newtown. Enjoying Salt in my coffee #moroccanstyle and can still hear the call of Greg Anderson to the Northern Territory.



SIMON PEI

Married to Lilian, and we have four children - Enoch, Samantha, Amelia and Janelle. Student minister at Cabramatta Anglican Church this year. Candidate of Sydney Diocese. Please pray for my study and growth in Christ.



ALEXANDRA PHILLIPS

This is my last year at college. I'm still keen to move into Bible translation so that more people can read God's Word in their heart language. Please pray that I finish up my last year well, cherish friendships made here, and never cease to enjoy learning about God!



PHIL RADEMAKER

I'm married to Laura and we live in Newtown. We came to college from Canberra via Darwin and hope to eventually head back north after college. I'm currently a student minister at St Peters, St Peters.



RACHEL ROUTH

This is a year of change: entering third year, marrying Cameron in April and starting at Glenquarie Anglican as student ministers. Please thank God for these changes and please pray for us as we adjust to married life, get to know our new church family and continue our studies.



BETH RUSSELL

I want to be more thankful and be more still in my life and learning this year.



JACKSON STACE

Readying myself for years of ministry ahead. I also really like watching Survivor and hope to go on it one day with Jamie Mackenzie.



BEN STAUNTON

After hearing the good news about Jesus through Young Life Australia, Ben became a Christian at unechurch, Armidale during his first year at uni. His pet hates include cockroaches, brussels sprouts and hipster bars. He loves free food, summer and talking to young people about the real Jesus, especially those outside the church.



MARTIN SYMONS

My wife Fiona and I have a big year this year, our son Zach 5 starts school and our daughter Adeline 4 starts a new pre-school, please pray they will settle and make new friends. Also this is my last year at Moore so please pray for an appropriate position to be available for myself and my family.



TAMARA TAYLOR

Serving with the saints at Earlwood Anglican. Looking forward to a lifetime of sharing the gospel with children and youth. Thankful for Jesus' faithfulness every single day.



MIKE TAYLOR

Pip and I love studying at MTC and investing in the Newtown community. We're keen to prioritise evangelism and discipleship while we study. We love the culture of training at St. Andrew's Strathfield and are exploring how God might use our complementary gifts and personalities to proclaim the gospel.



RICHARD THAMM

After college I am planning on entering university student work with AFES outside of Sydney (perhaps Melbourne). I will be quite busy at my church Resolved in Newtown preaching, leading a bible study and leading the ministry team among other things.



SARAH THORBURN

Well hello to you! This year I'm continuing at St Mark's Pennant Hills, learning lots as I teach kids about Jesus, and reading the Bible with women. Excited to be studying Psalms and ethics (among other things). Please pray that I would keep marvelling at God's love for us in Christ.



ANTON TRIYANTO

I'm a design nerd, computer geek, and coffee aficionado, who loves Jesus. Why college? I want to learn more about Jesus so that I can tell more people about him. Student minister at St. Marks Sadleir/Green Valley Anglican. I love seeing people embrace Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.



MEREDITH TWEDDELL

I'm loving studying at College, so thankful for the opportunity to learn more about our great God in the company of wonderful brothers and sisters. After college I hope to serve God overseas and am currently at church in Lakemba learning about ministering cross culturally.



JEANETTE WADDELL

I'm thankful to be continuing at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican this year, teaching at Kid's Church and serving at the Japanese congregation. It's wonderful to be reminded of God's generosity, and his excellence in Christ. Please pray for wisdom as I decide what to do after college.



STEVEN WALKER

My wife, Liz, has come to College this year. Please pray we would continue to learn and grow as we make plans to serve in University ministry in Queensland. Thank you for your prayers.



MICHAEL WEEKS

Loving college, working at Trinity Chapel Macquarie, hoping to one day do ministry in regional Australia. Desiring to learn how to love God more every day.



PAUL WHITE

Lauren, Joel (2) and I are really enjoying our time at Seaforth Anglican. Please pray that we'd grow in our love of Jesus and each other this year, that I'd make the most of every moment at College, and that God would affirm and guide us to whatever he'd have us do next.

**LORD, Your word is forever;
it is firmly fixed in heaven.
Your faithfulness is for all
generations; You established
the earth, and it stands firm.**

– Psalm 119:89–90



IGGY WONG

I am blessed to have a family who includes my beautiful wife Li Qing, my two cute kids Natasha and Nathan and my ever encouraging college family of brothers and sisters in Christ. We are loving our time at Moore whilst being trained up to return and do ministry in Brisbane.



ANDY YIP

I am married to Kylie and I have a 1 yr old daughter Kara. I am serving at St Martin's Anglican at Kensington and St Stevens Anglican at Eastlakes this year. Please pray for wisdom, patience, godliness, and that I would be a good listener, ready for all kinds of ministry for the glory of Christ.



ED YORSTON

Bridget, Tommy (4), George (2) and I live in Erskineville, and in 2015 we are looking forward to the arrival of our next child in July, investing in College friendships, attending Church by the Bridge, Kirribilli, and training with Evangelism; New Churches as a John Chapman Foundation Evangelist.

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STORY: Naomi Smith

WE WERE THE LUCKY CHURCH. AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE TOLD ME WHEN THEY HEARD WE HAD 20 "YOUTH" (MEMBERS AGED 18-30) IN OUR CHURCH OF AROUND 100.

Young Christians are so scarce that one student who grew up in a dwindled congregation of four – him, his mother, the minister and the minister's daughter – thought that he must be the only university-aged Christian in all of Japan. You can imagine his delight to finally meet other Christians through the KGK.

Not only are congregations in Japan old, they are also small. The average size of a Japanese church is less than 30^[1], and the average age of the minister, 60^[2].

Why are Japanese churches so depleted of youth?

While Japan's aging population is one reason, another cause is the all-encompassing busyness of school and work. During high school, students typically join athletic clubs that train every morning and evening and compete on Sundays. Deprived of weekly fellowship, many students drift away. Occasionally they reconnect with church while at university, which is what makes university ministry strategic.

"I realized that in a context where the church feels weak and small, to encourage others to persevere could be more powerful than any structured program."

After graduating university, however, it is the workplace that saps people of their time. One church friend worked from 8am to midnight most days, and sometimes on weekends. Incredibly, he still managed to attend a workplace morning Bible study, but he was not the norm. Many workers find it difficult to commit to a weekly church service, and it is not uncommon for keen Christians to give up on church after marrying a non-Christian workmate.

While high school students and young workers are overworked, it is the women and the university students who have opportunities to serve and evangelize. They are the ones who clean the church, cook lunch on Sundays, run Sunday school and facilitate outreach events.

I had the privilege of running a 30-minute evangelism training course at 9am on Sunday mornings which was mainly attended by mothers. They prayed earnestly for colleagues, friends, and family, and enthusiastically completed homework questions. One lady was so emboldened by the course she invited her friend to a Christian art exhibition. There, she took the plunge to talk about the afterlife and commented to me afterwards. "It's not as scary as I thought it would be. You've made me realize I can do it".

The lack of gospel resources and ministry-minded church members in Japan means that when training becomes available people are committed. My course on evangelism was far from perfect (one member criticized it for being a bit "Western"), but by God's grace it did have an impact on members' Christian growth.

Another area where I found myself useful was in the training of Bible study leaders on



Naomi worked with KGK, one of the Christian groups on campus in Japanese universities.



various campuses. One first year student, who had never been in a Bible study (ever!), took up the challenge to pioneer a group. “I’m really nervous! Do you really think I can do it? I guess I have to do it.” She was a timid leader, but we would meet weekly to discuss how to read the Bible and lead others to grow in it. She was also supported by a monthly prayer meeting of campus groups in her area. “God truly answers prayers! I was so nervous about starting a group, but other Christians prayed for me, and now we’re meeting regularly and even non-Christian friends are coming!” She is one of many students who are equipped through IFES to be initiative-takers in sharing the Word of God with their communities.

Often, I would worry about my effectiveness in training students. “Am I being helpful? How can I best serve you?” I once asked a campus group leader. His response: “Just keep coming. That’s encouragement enough!” I realized that in a context where the church feels weak and small, to encourage others to persevere could be more powerful than any structured program.

Church in Japan is small. Less than 0.6% of the population is Christian (by the same measurements, Australia is 14.3% Christian)^[3] After two years in Japan, I began to feel the effects of this decrease in Christian fellowship. It was tiring to always be the leader of Bible studies. It was tiring to keep meeting Christian students who were unsure of their salvation. It was tiring when friends were too busy with work to meet up and pray. I started to realize that the energy I had, the Bible confidence, the love for God and his world, stemmed not from myself, but from a rich heritage he had deposited in me through a gospel-rich family, university ministry, and church in Sydney. Seeing how my energy gradually drained over the two years, I gained new respect for my brothers and sisters who labored on in a setting that was often against them.

“There is something we can learn from the resilient believers in Japan who continue to stand firm despite opposition from society, family, friends, and culture.”

There is something we can learn from the resilient believers in Japan who continue to stand firm despite opposition from society, family, friends, and culture. In Sydney, you might know multiple people who could lead Bible studies, evangelize, or give talks. In Japan it is more likely that you are that person, simply because there is no one else who could do the role. To continue to serve, however, takes courage and requires ongoing encouragement.

As I reflect on the church contexts of Japan and Sydney, I have become more convinced that there is presently an opportunity for Sydney to share its gospel resources abroad. Sydney has stored up for itself many years of faithful Bible teaching, various methods of pastoral care, leadership, outreach, and models of training, and although not all of Sydney’s resources are compatible overseas I think there is an opportunity to bring some of the energy of Sydney’s evangelical bubble to places where Christians may be feeling tired. There is an opportunity for partnership, in which one of the biggest contributions Sydneysiders can make is simply to be present and to pray with our brothers and sisters.

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9). Jesus’ life was poured out for us. May Moore College be a place that sends people out to pour out their lives for others.

Naomi Smith is in first year.

[1] <http://omf.org/asia/japan/about-japan/>

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“There is nothing more encouraging than sitting under God’s Word together as women and growing in him.”

Susan An

FOURTH YEAR PROFILE

I WAS BORN IN SEOUL, KOREA AND MOVED TO AUSTRALIA WHEN I WAS EIGHT YEARS OLD.

I grew up in the leafy suburbs of Sydney’s North Shore and worked as a Speech Pathologist in South West Sydney. After that, I did a Ministry Apprenticeship at Christ Church St Ives before coming to College. I enjoy reading fiction, watching Korean dramas (purely for ministry purposes, of course!), spending time with my adorable nephews, and baking.

I decided to come to college because I have always loved learning more about God and sharing that knowledge with other people. Of course, I also had a lot of fears about coming to College, among them that I would need to give up my job (which I enjoyed enormously). I also knew that it would involve a lot of sacrifices that I wasn’t sure I was prepared to make. Nonetheless, the most important thing in the world to me is that Jesus died on the cross for my sins. This is the foundation for who I am and how I am going to live my life. Despite my convictions, I needed a lot of convincing from other people, that I had the character and conviction for gospel ministry! I’m very thankful to God that he surrounded me with godly people who gave me sound advice in making this decision.

I am currently a student minister at St Andrew’s Strathfield and Enfield, and was previously a student minister at Church@the Peak, a church plant from Beverly Hills Anglican. At first, being a student minister was quite an adjustment because I was only at church one day a week, in contrast to being there full time whilst I was doing my ministry apprenticeship. Over time, I have been surprised by how much people have trusted me with their struggles and have allowed me to be beside them in their Christian walks. I feel like I am only able to invest a relatively small amount of time in student ministry and that has been a humbling experience. My involvement in people’s lives at church is a testament to their generosity towards me. I have learnt so much from how they have demonstrated hospitality and genuine love for God. But being a student minister can sometimes feel as though I am standing with my feet in two worlds. I love serving at church and want to be more available to invest in relationships and make a greater contribution in the gospel ministry that is occurring. But at the same time, I’ve chosen to be at college full time, so that I can be better equipped to do those things that I love in the future. So even though I feel divided at church, it is also a good reminder of why I am at college.

I have always loved being part of a church family and that is where my passion remains. God willing, I would like to be a women’s worker within a church setting. There is nothing more encouraging than sitting under God’s Word together as women and growing in him. I am also lucky enough to have retained my Korean to the extent that I can converse functionally with native Korean speakers. Although I haven’t had the opportunity so far, I am excited by the idea that God might use this particular gift that he has given me. Regardless, I know that God is sovereign and I trust him to send me wherever he has prepared work for me!

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FOURTH YEAR

**JOSH ACKLAND**

Married to Nicola with three children, Ollie (3yo), Eva and Lily (2yo). A highlight of 2014 was learning how God's word can bring so much to bear on contemporary ethical issues. We are currently planning to serve God in Indonesia possibly in a teaching role at a Bible college.

**DAVID ADAMS**

Family: Jacqui, Joel (4), Annalise (1). – grow in our faith and understanding of Jesus in our lives – we would set healthy patterns for loving each other. Job: – guidance and revelation on where as a family we can best serve. Thanks: – a wonderful restorative and enjoyable break.

**JOSH ALLEN**

Hi, this is Josh, Sarah and Annie Allen. We're preparing to move to Footscray in Melbourne at the end of this year, and we're praying God would use us to evangelise new churches into existence in Melbourne's West. Want to come?

**SUSAN AN**

Praise God for all that he has, and continues to reveal about himself throughout my time here at Moore! Excited and looking forward to hopefully working as a Women's Worker in Sydney post college, but in the mean time, looking forward to finishing my journey here strongly.

**SAM ANDERSON**

Sam, Paula, James (5), Isobel (4), Edmund (2) and Allenby (6 months) all love living in Australia. We are grateful for the opportunity to do 4th year. We are looking forward to returning to The Land of the Long White Cloud (New Zealand).

**ASH AYLING**

This year I'll be working alongside the saints at Sans Souci Anglican Church. I'm really looking forward to finishing up at college at the end of the year so that I can be engaged in full-time pastoral ministry. I'm keen to see how God will use me for his glory.

**MATT BARTLETT**

Along with my wife Gemma, and my children Georgia and Thomas, we are committed to long term Youth and Children's Ministry in our diocese and beyond.

**MEAGAN BARTLETT**

I've really enjoyed my time at Moore and am excited about what this final year will bring! I currently serve out at St Toms Cranebrook and love meeting with the people there. I'm excited to use what college has taught me to, God willing, minister full time in 2016!

**CANDICE BERGAMIN**

I'm very thankful to God for the ways he's grown and sustained me during my time at Moore. Please pray for me as I study this year and serve at St Matt's in Botany, that God would give me an ever-deepening joy in him and prepare me well to proclaim Christ in university ministry.

**BEN BROADFOOT**

Ben, Katie and Trevor (24/7/14) are excited to be returning next year to a great church and team preaching the gospel in Newcastle. 3rd year was a fantastic year of thinking deeply about truths like, 'Justification by faith alone', central to the gospel. 4th year will be even better!

**ANDREW BRYAN**

College has been an excellent time of learning and growth. Our hope is that this continues as we wrestle with God's word for the rest of our lives.

**MICK AND KATHRYN BULLEN**

Married to Kathryn and serving at Campbelltown Anglican churches as student ministers. We'd appreciate prayer for the arrival of our first child (July 2015); prayer that we would continue to grow in love, wisdom and faithfulness to God and prayer for an opportunity to serve God in West/South-western Sydney into the future.

This grace was given to me – the least of all the saints – to proclaim to the Gentiles the incalculable riches of the Messiah, and to shed light for all about the administration of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things. This is so God's multi-faceted wisdom may now be made known through the church to the rulers and authorities in the heavens.

– Ephesians 3:8–10



NATHAN CHEUNG

One wife (Jen). One child (Josh). One team (Manly). One Lord (Jesus). One passion (to see all people recognise Jesus as Lord). One fun project this year (about work – what continues and what discontinues into eternity).



TRAV COOK

Apart from Jesus, I love my wife Meredith, and my daughter Lucinda. I'm looking forward to graduating this year (God willing) and entering into full-time ministry with a passion to teach and communicate the gospel somewhere in Sydney through words, creative arts, and multimedia.



SIMON COWELL

Ciao! Jessica and I (and Lydia) have LOVED studying at college. We've particularly loved living in Newtown the last year or so, amongst the college community. God willing, we'll be heading to Italy after college with CMS, ministering to and with university students. Please pray for us and for soft Italian hearts!



ABE DOBBIE

Whilst I enjoy cycling, movies and board games my real passion is telling people about Jesus. Please pray that I will serve God faithfully this year at Sans Souci Anglican, and that I will be shaped by God for the works he has prepared for me next year.



MATT FONG

My wife, Bonnie, and I are excitedly expecting the first addition to our family in May. At the conclusion of fourth year we are considering a move interstate to Brisbane to serve the saints there.



LACHLAN GRICE

Jesus is my King, my rescuer, my brother, and my God. I'm looking forward to getting to know Him better this year and telling more people in Bellevue Hill and Newtown just how good He really is. After college, I'll keep making Jesus famous wherever He sends me.



MIKE HANBURY

I serve the saints at St Michael's Newport in preaching, music, and pastoral ministries. Who knows what God may have for me next year, but I hope to be a minister in Sydney, with a view to plant a church outside Sydney in the cause of making Jesus known.



BLAKE HATTON

Sarah, Blake, Herbert(4) and Adelaide(2) are looked after by God at Bondi Anglican where they like swimming before church. Pray with us this year that we'd grow deeper and deeper into grasping God's grace to us in Jesus. Pray too for talks with Sydney and Newcastle Dioceses about 2016.



HUGH JONAS

Jess and I were blessed by the birth of our son Daniel in January. Please pray that our family would grow together in Christ. We're looking forward to the changes of this year – the challenge of fourth year, motherhood for Jess, and preparing for life after college.

Lord, who will we go to? You alone have the words of eternal life.

– John 6:68



GLADWIN JOSEPH

Student Minister at St. George North Anglican Church. This is my last year at Moore before I head back to India for Gospel Ministry. Pray that God would use what I have learnt here for his glory and honour, I would be faithful, loving and humbly persevering to this end.



MICHAEL KINSEY

Married to Helen. We have Phinehas (2yrs) and another baby due July 2015. We hope to serve in the greater SW of Sydney by helping churches reach their local communities with the gospel. Maybe down the track we will start a new church somewhere in the SW where there isn't one.



ALAN LAM

Alan, Glorya, Josiah, Carina and Anastasia Lam are part of The Lamb's family. May God work in and through us so that many will joyfully depend, deny themselves and declare the glory of the Lamb in Newtown (our residence), Engadine (church) and beyond.



MICHAEL LEITE

Thank God for my wife Emily and my children Sebastian, Adelle and our third due in April. Please be praying that God would give us great energy as we seek to serve and glorify Him in the ministry He has given us to do. Pray that we would be good and faithful servants who seek to be disciple making disciples.

**PHIL LUI**

Becky, Calvin and I currently serve with the saints at Guildford Anglican. Pray that God would work His will through us as we make plans to head out to the South West of Sydney next year, that He would put us in a place that will bring Him glory.

**STEVE MACKENZIE**

Married to Julia and blessed with three daughters, we're enjoying our time here at college learning more about Jesus and getting ready for full time ministry next year.

**SAM MANCHESTER**

We go in faith, our own great weakness feeling, // And needing more each day Thy grace to know: // Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing, // "We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go."

**MICKEY MANTLE**

Mickey and Ellie along with Jono are at St Thomas' North Sydney. Please pray that they make the very most of the great opportunities at College and St Thomas' this year, and that they would be well prepared for the ministry they are due to begin in London in 2016.

**DAVID MESSIEH**

I'm an able bible speaker and Emily a passionate manager and social worker. Pray for us as we pursue leadership pathways at our church and as we work with a Christian org raising awareness and driving change around domestic violence in Australia. Thank you and God be with you too!

**SCOTT MILLAR**

Final year! Susie and I are looking forward to serving the college in various ways this year and to growing in our knowledge of the love God has for us in Christ. Pray that God would continue to prepare us well for parish ministry in 2016 and beyond.

**CRAIG MILLS**

I am married to Sasha and we have four children: Claudia (11), Jonah (9), Juliette (6) and Micah (3). Currently in my fourth year at MTC my family and I are serving the saints at St Matthias Paddington. As I am an Anglican Candidate for ordination in the Diocese of Sydney, God willing I will be serving a parish in 2016.

**MATTHEW MOFFITT**

I'm married to Alison (first year), and we have much to be thankful for: fellowship with the saints at Christ Church Inner West; the students and staff I work with at the Sydney University Evangelical Union; God's common grace in providing rain for our vegetable garden; and God's redemptive grace in uniting us to Christ.

**LACHLAN ORR**

This year Lachlan has moved from serving alongside the saints at Drummoyne Anglican Church to those at FOCUS International Church. 4th year looks like it will be an intense but joyous year. Lachlan would also appreciate prayer for wisdom as he works out where he can best serve post college.

**TIMOTHY PURSER**

I've moved from my Chappo family and created a new family with my beautiful wife, Elaine. We are both looking forward to ministering together this year at Church by the Bridge. Please pray for God's provision of a job for me in 2016.

**CRAIG REID**

Craig is passionate about engaging and growing both youth and young adults through gospel-centred ministry. He enjoys studying the Bible, drinking coffee and hiking. He is also married to Anna-Lisse.

**DAVE SHANNON**

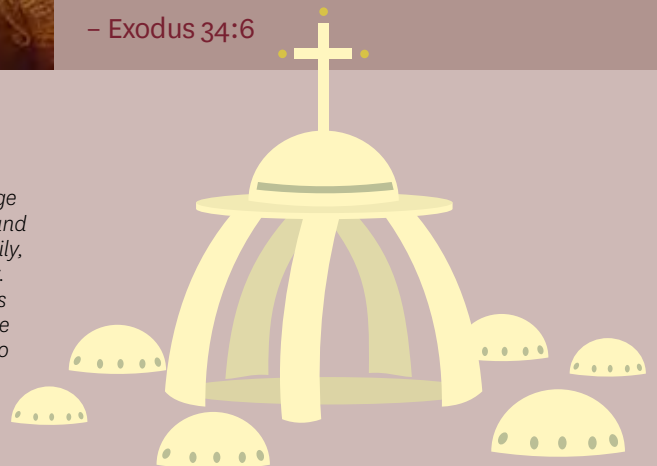
College has been shaping us well and we look forward to serving God away from this slice of heaven. We're praying for an assistant position in a capital city next year and if possible some involvement in ministry to deaf people.

**JAMES SNARE**

I will be pursuing Anglican ministry in Australia after college with my wife Fiona and our three children, Lily, Daniel and Matthew. Please pray for God's wisdom on where the best place is for us to serve Him.

Yahweh - Yahweh is a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in faithful love and truth.

- Exodus 34:6





JAMES SNEDDON

Amy, Harley (2) and 'expecting' (o) are loving being a part of the College community, as well as serving at St Peters Anglican Church, Cooks River. Please pray with us that God would use us to advance the gospel in the best place and with the right people, in 2016.



LAURA SOUTHAM

I'm thankful to be continuing to serve with God's people at Christ Church Inner West in 2015, and asking for God's help to keep growing in joyful trust in Jesus through my fourth year studying at Moore.



LILY STRACHAN

I'm excited to be studying a 4th year at college and to be serving at Church by the Bridge, Lavender Bay. Pray that I grow more in my knowledge and love of Christ this year and that God would make it clear to me what I should do post college.



NATE SWIFT

I'm married to Tara and we have four children: Charlie, Lucy, Annie and Tom. We are from Canberra and plan to return home after college.



LUKE THOMSON

Married to Jennifer and father to Emily. Keen to serve Jesus in long-term kids, youth and family ministry in Sydney. Currently serving at Christ Church St Ives in 2015.



DAVID TRILL

Married to Janelle, father to Bradley and one expecting. Serving in Oatley West. Please pray that we would rest comfortably this year amid the stresses of subjects and job hunting by seeking God's Kingdom first and letting Him handle the rest. Nervously excited about what He has planned for us.



MATT VARCOE

I am thankful that it is Jesus who will build his church and not me. I love church planting and am looking forward to what that might look like for Shell and I over the coming years. Right now we are part of Grace City Church, a new church plant in Waterloo. You should come, we love it!



STEVE WATT

Steve, Lauren and John currently meet with the saints of Point Church Anglican. They're hoping to head north to Newcastle or Port Macquarie upon graduation. Please pray that we will always correctly handle the word of truth and be wise in how we interact with believers with diverse views.



DANIEL WILTON

Praise God that in my four years at Moore He has grown and humbled me in so many ways. Despite being sad about the prospect of leaving next year, I'm looking forward to serving God and His people alongside my new wife, Nicky, in whatever capacity He places us in.



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Learning to See God's Image

THE CHURCH AND DISABILITY

STORY: Vaughan Olliffe

'IT'S THE EQUIVALENT OF WINNING THE GOLD MEDAL.' THESE WERE THE WORDS OF THE GENETIC COUNSELLOR TO MY WIFE AND I FOLLOWING OUR TWELVE-WEEK ULTRASOUND. IN OTHER WORDS, IT MEANT IT WAS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT OUR CHILD WOULD BE BORN WITH DOWN SYNDROME OR OTHER RELATED GENETIC DISORDERS. I WONDERED IF SHE WAS AWARE OF THE IMPLICATION OF HER WORDS: THAT TO HAVE A 'NORMAL' BABY WAS TO 'WIN GOLD' WHILE HAVING A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY WAS TO LOSE THE RACE.

For me this experience highlights the strange relationship that our society has with people with disabilities. We affirm their equality, yet we abort two-thirds of fetuses whose scans do not 'win gold'.

This societal discomfort with people with disabilities is largely because they are different. As such, those who do not have an 'impairment' often make assumptions about the lives of those who do. Stanley Hauerwas suggests that the basic assumption is that the lives of people with disabilities are ones of suffering, meaning that we would not want to live like they live.

In our churches we would like to think that we embrace all people. But disability theologian Deborah Creamer argues that when people with disabilities have been considered it is either as symbols of sin, images of saintliness, signs of God's limited power or capriciousness or personifications of suffering.^[1] Her point: it is very rare for people with disabilities to be considered as people first.

If we are to consider the relationship between people with disabilities and the church then we need to start by thinking about what it means to be human. Our understanding of what it is to be human will shape how we relate to people with disabilities. Disability theologians have pointed out how traditional understandings of what it is to be human often exclude people with disabilities. For example, Hans Reinders suggests that Augustine's linking the *imago Dei* to the intellect can justify the creation of different classes of people depending on their intellectual capacities.^[2] If we are to be churches that truly seek to welcome all, then we need to make sure that we have a view of humanity that truly does embrace all.

A Christian understanding of what it is to be human starts in the Genesis creation accounts. In Genesis 1:26-28 God creates humanity, both male and female, in his image. The image is not given to one particular individual or one sex. Nor are there any conditions set for someone

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to have the image. The imago Dei is the gracious gift of God to humanity. To be a person is to be made in the image of God. This is something that all people share in. Augustine – though he has been criticised by disability theologians – makes the point that all children of Adam and Eve are truly human. There is an equality among us all as we are all persons created by God.

While we continually seek to discover what characteristics mark us as being in God’s image, Oliver O’Donovan argues that rather than deliberating over what it means to be a ‘person’ or who qualifies as one, we first need to approach people in brotherly love. This entails a commitment in advance to treat all people as persons even when we may not recognise in them the qualities that we believe make a human.^[3] When we commit to knowing and loving someone, working from an ethical framework that draws on the biblical injunction to love your neighbour (Matt 22:39), O’Donovan maintains that we will then discover in them the personhood that all people possess. When we take this approach, we can recognise that people with disabilities are human and, therefore, deserve our respect and care and should be regarded as infinitely valuable. This may be an inconvenient and foolhardy demand, but the way of Christ shows that love exceeds pure logic.

When we rightly recognise people with disabilities as fully human then it should affect the way that our churches gather together. We do not want our churches to

merely include people with disabilities, we want them to be places where people with disabilities feel they belong. Theologian John Swinton notes the following differences between inclusion and belonging. Inclusion makes sure there is a ramp for people with disabilities to come into a room. Belonging means that there is love and acceptance waiting as the person with a disability enters the room. When someone belongs, they know that they are wanted.

Take Stephen, Swinton’s friend with Down Syndrome, for example. His love for Jesus would lead him to shout out “Jesus!” during church services. Stephen was moving to another home and Swinton went to help him find a church in the area. During the service of a church they visited, Stephen yelled out “Jesus!” several times. A church member eventually came down and suggested to Swinton that perhaps Stephen would be better off leaving or joining the Sunday School so that people could “worship in peace”. This type of attitude places a greater emphasis on “the way we worship around here” than on loving those made in the image of God and welcoming them and their ways of worship. Welcoming people with disabilities will not always be easy but we must not reject them because it is more comfortable for us.

To welcome people with disabilities means that we treat them as we would any other member of the congregation. We should recognise that they are sinful just as we are and that they are saved through Christ just as any other member of the church. This means that we should also seek to find the ways in which they can serve the body. For example, Stanley Hauerwas writes of a young man with some intellectual disabilities who would read the Bible at their church.^[4] He points out that the man was slower than a ‘regular reader’ but that the very act of his reading challenged the way that the congregation thought about the importance of time. The disabled, then, have much to teach the so-called able-bodied.

This is of prime importance given our tendency to be drawn to people just like us. Our churches should not simply be reflections of certain small groups of people. Swinton points out that the reality of life is that we become persons-in-relation with other people who are similar to us. But in the church we have the opportunity to forge relationships with people who are significantly different from us. In relationship with people with disabilities, we recognise difference and celebrate that people with

disabilities are equally in God’s image. When we do this it allows us to broaden our thinking, theology and practice.

Many disability theologians point to L’Arche as providing an example to the church about how to be with people with disabilities. In 1964, John Vanier started the first L’Arche community by living with two people with profound intellectual disabilities. These communities are where people with disabilities and the ‘able-bodied’ can live and share life together. Within L’Arche, disabilities are not viewed as a problem to be solved but rather as a particular way of being human. The communities recognise that all people are made in the image of God and in need of relationship with others.

The way that L’Arche is set up assumes the dignity and importance of people with disabilities. In other words, the organisation understands at heart that they are no less in the image of God than anyone else. Vanier identifies three things that are vital for community within L’Arche: eating together, praying together, and celebrating together. The emphasis on togetherness counters our societal obsession with autonomy and reminds us that we are made for community. Vanier points out that it takes time to become friends with people with disabilities. Seeking to experience friendship with people with disabilities will make demands on us that challenge our individualism.

If we truly believe that people with disabilities are created in the imago Dei then we should consider how the practices of L’Arche could be replicated in our churches. We may not all be able to live in community with Christians with disabilities, but we can eat, pray and celebrate with them. Dining with and alongside Christians with disabilities allows us to understand that we belong together in the body of Christ, that we are bound together, and that we need one another. When we pray with them it reminds us that we all stand together before God, that we are people made in the imago Dei who have been saved by his Son to experience relationship together. Our celebrations together point us towards that time when we will all celebrate together in praise of God before the throne. Eating, praying, and celebrating together, then, are things that we can do as a community in our churches. It is about having an attitude of welcome that should be shaped by our understanding of all people being made equally in God’s image.

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If we are to change our churches to seek to make them more welcoming then we need to do this in consultation with people with disabilities and their carers. Those without disabilities need to hear the voices of people with disabilities about how to ensure that our gatherings are places where they feel they are wanted and belong. This could be as basic as not offering communion in an area where you have to walk up stairs, or having a Braille Bible available. But we should also not inadvertently disqualify people from serving merely because they have a disability. These steps are only a start, and even these are ones that many churches have not made. This is at the core of how we think about people with disabilities. We need to regard them as people with needs to be met and gifts to use. It is not that we 'allow' them to serve us but that we acknowledge that we need them.

These convictions should also affect how we think about mission. We can offer the love of Christ through the way that we treat and interact with them. The Anglican Diocese of Sydney recently approved a vision document for mission for the five years leading up to 2020. In this document there are mentions of children, families, and the elderly, but no specific mention of people with disabilities. To note this absence is not to single out one church body for criticism, but to show how commonplace it is for people with

disabilities to be overlooked. When mission is discussed in our churches, it is often done with a focus on verbal proclamation and intellectual assent. Little thought is given to those people with disabilities who cannot make an intellectual assent. Swinton argues that just as God has accommodated himself to us throughout history, revealing himself through his word, he reveals himself in the communication of love to those with severe intellectual disabilities through loving relationships.^[5]

We as a church need to do a better job of reaching out to people with disabilities, holding out to them the love of Christ. While we acknowledge some of the shortcomings of the attitudes of the early church fathers to people with disabilities, we could do far worse than to take up their call to care for them because we recognise them as being made in the image of God. We can care for them in a way that values them as individuals with gifts for the body. We also recognise that they have special needs and that we as a body should seek to ensure that those needs are met. We should not simply wait for people with disabilities to seek us out before we change what we do. Instead we should take steps to seek them out so that they may know the glorious news that Jesus died for them, and invites them to come into his kingdom as they put their trust in him.

Vaughan Olliffe is a graduate of Moore College.

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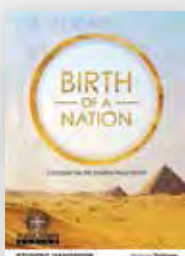


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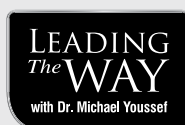
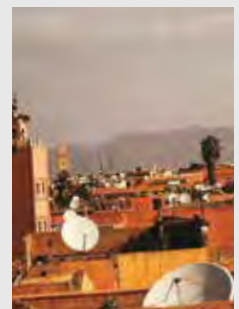
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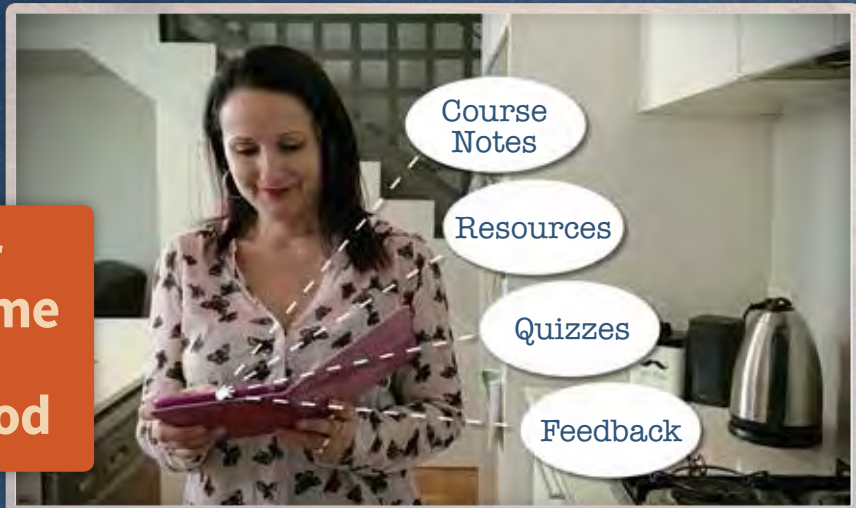
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JULIETTE ANTOON

Juliette has been the Women's Minister at St Michael's Cathedral Wollongong for 8 years. She was also involved in beach mission, student ministry and children's ministry for a number of years. Juliette grew up in the South of Sydney and heard the gospel at a young age, had the blessing of good bible teaching at church and university (UNSW). She is passionate about encouraging the priesthood of all believers and is currently involved in refreshing the pastoral care systems so that God's people will be more empowered to use their gifts to serve others in Christ's name.



ALISON BLAKE

After 21 years in local church ministry at Narellan Anglican Church with her husband Michael, they've moved this year to part-time ministry at St Mark's, West Wollongong. Thank God for their new home, church family and ministry opportunities. They would value prayer for patience, spiritual energy and prayerful wisdom as they look, listen and learn in this new season of life and ministry. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom as Alison looks for ways she can be involved in making and growing disciples of Christ in her church, community and family.



KATE BRADFORD

Kate Bradford ministers as an Anglican within the Sydney Children's Hospital Network and teaches chaplaincy for Anglicare. Prior to chaplaincy, Kate and her husband Steve worked at a remote rural hospital and Bible College in Tanzania for 10 years as CMS missionaries. Kate and Steve attend Darling St Anglican Church, Balmain with their family.



DEBORAH EARNSHAW

Deborah enjoys being a chaplain on Wednesdays with George Athas. She is deeply encouraged by the girls in their chaplaincy group as she meets to pray and chat and hopes that it's equally encouraging for them! During the rest of the week she works at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church particularly with women and kids. When she's not working she loves being in or near water. Please pray for many opportunities to share with people around her about Jesus and the courage to take up those opportunities.



ISOBEL LIN

Being a chaplain has given Isobel the opportunity to reconnect with a place that shaped her when she was a student – and continues to challenge her now. She enjoys getting to know and meeting up with the women students. And although it might sound cliché, she really looks forward to Friday Chapel. Isobel is married to Peter and has three teenage daughters. Home is Sydney's southwest where Peter is now Bishop of Georges River. She also serves with some of her best friends in the ministries of EQUIP women. Pray that she'll continue to love and serve Jesus in every season of life.



MARGARET POWELL

When not at Moore, Margaret works in south-west Sydney among people of other faiths and cultures. She loves the diversity, the opportunities to learn new things daily, the way many people are enthralled by Jesus as they are told stories of him from the Bible – and the food! The challenges are similar – the diversity, the constant surprises, the resistance in engaging with the Bible and the daily needs that make life a struggle for so many. The possibilities to serve are endless. She wouldn't want to be anywhere else.



LESLEY RAMSAY

Lesley is very thankful for the privilege of sharing in the lives of the students at College as a chaplain! The rest of her week sees her travelling with her husband, Jim, to encourage independent church-planting pastors and their wives, working in ministry at her church, EV on the Central Coast, and working on loving her far-flung family. Please pray that she and Jim would reflect God's glory to their friends and neighbours, and that they would remain faithful to the end.



MARCELLE RODGERS

Marcelle will be joining her husband, Peter, on some of his CMS Pastoral visits to CMS missionaries in the Middle East and South America this year. Please pray this will be a time of great encouragement to those missionaries. Pray also that they can still be a significant blessing in their church, Marrickville Road Anglican, despite being away for multiple blocks of time. She hopes to bless God's people as she completes her studies in pastoral care this year.



CATHY SMITH

Having worked in Japan as CMS missionaries for 18 years, Cathy and her husband Grahame continue to minister to the Japanese through the Sydney Japanese Evangelical Church at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church. Cathy enjoys meeting up with newcomers who often have never met a Christian before, welcoming new arrivals through English for Life, leading a Bible study with Japanese women, and encouraging a mission mindset in the wider church. She also loves spending time with her family of four adult children, especially as they engage in gospel ministry at Uni and church.



CAROLINE SPENCER

Caroline is the Women's Program Manager and Trainer at City Bible Forum. Please pray for the new initiatives they are undertaking to help businesswomen hear of the difference following Jesus makes. Please pray for the businesswomen they know who are seriously considering the claims of Jesus. Give thanks for those who are making professions of faith. Please pray for their team (including Grace and Sophia) for energy, creativity, integrity and faithfulness as they seek to reach these women.



WENDY SWANTON

Wendy is working for Two Ways Ministries, a new initiative which was launched at College in May. The priority of this ministry is to encourage preaching the gospel as passages are faithfully expounded while keeping the two closely connected. Wendy would appreciate prayer in two main areas. Firstly faithful and prayerful care of the nine women in her chaplaincy group throughout the year. Secondly, wisdom as she manages the many opportunities for staff and consultants as they model and train evangelistic preaching from the Bible.



JULIA WILLIAMS

Julia has been married to Malcolm for 26 years having accumulated six children and a son-in law in that time. Their 22 years in student ministry to the Visual Arts has been a great joy, along with the church plant that grew out of FEVA, Urban Grace. She is also enthusiastic about women's ministry, running church events and supporting Fair Trade. Julia works for the Mothers' Union part-time with Bible studies and family wrangling taking up the rest of the week. An ideal day might include a delicious brunch with a real newspaper, a family walk with the dog, a swashbuckling BBC petticoat drama, and dinner with friends.



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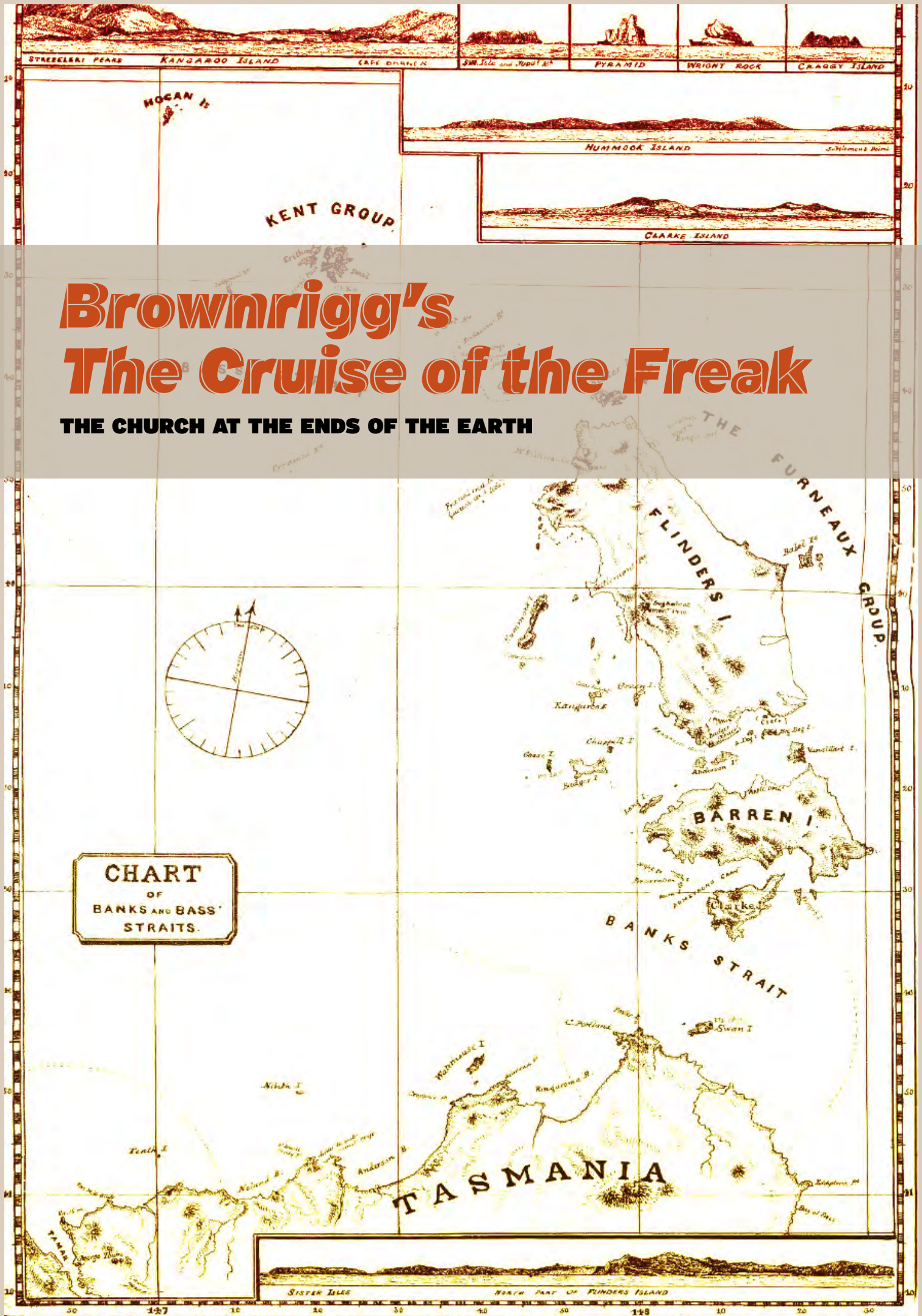
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Brownrigg's The Cruise of the Freak

STORY: Tristan Dallas

ON 7 FEBRUARY 1872, MARCUS BROWNRIGG, THE THIRTY-SIX YEAR OLD RECTOR OF ST JOHN'S, LAUNCESTON, BROUGHT HIS CUTTER, THE FREAK, WITHIN VIEW OF THE FURNEAUX ISLANDS IN THE BASS STRAIT, HAVING SAILED THROUGH THE MOUTH OF THE TAMAR RIVER THE PREVIOUS MORNING.

While the craft laboured in the heavy seas, the high peaks of Flinders Island came to dominate the horizon, while overhead the sky blackened with the beating wings of the migratory birds whose annual slaughter constituted the chief part of the islander economy.

Educated at Stroud and Cambridge, Brownrigg had emigrated to Sydney in 1856, in which year he enrolled as part of the first intake of students into the newly established Moore Theological College at Liverpool. As with the majority of the first generation of students at the college, Brownrigg left Sydney upon completing his curacy, serving first in the Lachlan district, and then in Tasmania.

The community towards which Brownrigg was headed was one of the most marginal in

nineteenth-century Australia. Its genesis lay in the 1830s, when sealers operating in Bass Strait began to coerce Aboriginal women from the Tasmanian mainland to live with them as wives on the various islands dotting the strait. Sadly, by the time Brownrigg settled in Launceston, the mainland aboriginal community was all but destroyed. The mixed community which grew up about them was thus poised in a delicate balance between two worlds and they became, throughout the latter part of the nineteenth century, increasingly vulnerable to the encroachment of white settlers, whose sheep and goats threatened the mutton bird rookeries on which their livelihood depended.

Brownrigg's account of his journey, *The Cruise of the Freak*, is thus of twofold interest, capturing as it does both a community on the outermost fringe of Western civilisation, and the beginnings of an evangelical's ministry in a setting as far removed from evangelical Cambridge as can be imagined. The voyage was, in fact, the first of thirteen, and began a relationship that would stretch over fourteen years. During those years Brownrigg came increasingly to play the role of mediator between the islander families and the Tasmanian government.

In this first voyage one registers the sensitivity of a nineteenth-century evangelical to social injustice: he was critical of attempts to encourage islanders to purchase spirits on the basis of expected income from the nesting season, and wrote *The Voyage*

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principally in order to raise funds for the poorly resourced government school on Badger Island. A good proportion of the journey seems nevertheless to have been taken up with Word-based ministry: Brownrigg pronounced himself satisfied on the several occasions he was able to catechise islander children, and his delight was evident upon hearing of one family's daily gathering for prayer in the absence of any outside encouragement for a period of seventeen years. The Sunday services at which he officiated were joyful affairs, with Brownrigg evidently much pleased to find himself fulfilling a need of which the islanders themselves were keenly aware.

Having said that, it is the islands which form the truly engrossing element in his account, and which comprise the real focus of the narrative. The changeable seas, exposed anchorages and snake-infested islands well suited its author's taste for high adventure; their soaring cliffs, and the white sand of their beaches, his feeling for the picturesque; the





neat, thatched cottages with their gardens of gooseberries and flowers, his admiration. Yet in several respects Brownrigg knew himself to be travelling through a degraded landscape. A solitary seal flashing red and brown alongside the Freak brought to mind the rapacity that had brought to an end the industry upon which the early colony had relied so heavily. A visit to one of the rookeries showed the effects of arson. A number of islands had been stripped of their trees.

One of the most vivid portions of the narrative concerns Brownrigg's description of Settlement Point, the site to which the surviving Tasmanian Aborigines had been exiled in 1832. The settlement was abandoned in 1847 in consequence of the high mortality rate of those whom it imprisoned, and by 1872 Brownrigg could write, 'it would be difficult to conceive of a more weird, melancholy and desolate scene than that which now meets the eye.' The ruins of the once-bustling village form the backdrop to a reminiscence of the Aborigines' first contact with the site, for which Brownrigg was dependent upon the work of a contemporary, the colonial historian and anthropologist James Bonwick: 'when they saw from shipboard,' wrote the latter, 'the splendid country which they were promised, they betrayed the greatest agitation, gazing with strained eyes at the sterile shore.' Upon arrival, they discovered that 'the winds were violent and cold; the rain and sleet were penetrating and miserable... rheumatism and consumption diminished their numbers, and thus added force to their forebodings that they were taken there to die.'

By the time of Brownrigg's journey, Truganini – or Lalla Rookh, as she was known to the islander community – was the sole surviving member of the Settlement Point Aborigines, and was then living in Hobart. She formed the subject of conversation between Brownrigg and Lucy Beedon, who seems to have been the dominant member of islander society in Brownrigg's day. She told Brownrigg 'how much and how often she had longed to offer Lalla Rookh a home where she might spend her remaining days among the descendants

of her own race.' That offer is telling, for while Beedon's father had been a London Jew sentenced to transportation in 1817, her mother was a Tasmanian Aborigine of the Cape Grim tribe. One wonders with what justice one might extrapolate from it, and ask to what extent the islanders thought of themselves as Aboriginal—a tantalising question to which the narrative will not return.

What estimate, then, are we entitled to form of its author? There is much to admire in the picture of Brownrigg that emerges from a reading of *The Cruise*. Everything interests him—everything, that is, save himself. And so, while we are treated to nauseatingly fulsome descriptions of the 'oiling' and 'fattening' of mutton birds for market, Brownrigg is characteristically silent about his own attainments. He neglects to specify that the illustrations enlivening the narrative were in fact his own work; his own skill as a shipbuilder – the vessel in which he would sail to the islands in later years he built himself in his rectory at Launceston – goes similarly unmentioned. He speaks of the islanders without the least hint of superiority or condescension. (Would that all ministers were as godly in speaking of their parishioners!) If *The Cruise* reads at times like travel literature, then we must remember that that is what it is: it was written to inform, to delight, and, above all, to sell. Reports of subsequent trips published in the *Launceston Examiner* show abundant evidence of gospel work. As mentioned above, the narrative suggests that Brownrigg was able quite naturally to hold together both the spiritual and the social needs of the community. And lastly, in an age which estimates – no doubt correctly – the value of ministry in strategic urban settings, it is humbling for us to read of a man who, in obedience to God's command, went to such lengths to reach a community living, quite literally, at the ends of the earth.

Tristan Dallas is in second year.

The Cruise of the Freak may be accessed online at the following address: <http://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-39549935>



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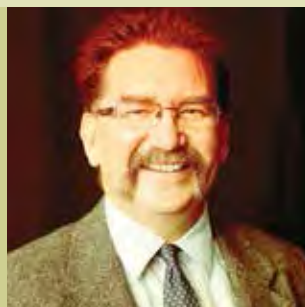
GEORGE ATHAS

George is married to Koula and they have two daughters, Hosanna and Josephine. They live at the But-Har-Gra community, and attend Earlwood Anglican Church. George has been on the faculty since 2006, and lectures in the Old Testament department (and occasionally in Early Church History). He's also Dean of Research, overseeing the College's postgraduate research programs. George is a history and archaeology buff, a Formula One tragic, a Facebook enthusiast, loves good coffee, likes a wide range of music (especially jazz), and enjoys travelling.



COLIN BALE

Colin is the Vice Principal and Academic Dean. He works in the fields of Church History and Ministry. His current research interest is bereavement in Australia caused by the deaths of service personnel in World War Two. Colin is married to Gillian and they have three adult children – Robert, Elizabeth and Edmund. The Bales live at But-Har-Gra. For relaxation Colin likes to cycle, read, watch movies and attend live theatre with Gillian, walk his Australian Shepherd and travel.



PETER BOLT

Peter Bolt teaches New Testament and Biblical Theology, with a special research interest in Jesus and the Gospels. As a hobby, he has written a biography of two prominent Christians in the early Colony of NSW, Rev. William Cowper and Thomas Moore, the college benefactor. He has four adult daughters, and enjoys God's good gifts in creation, redemption, and human company.



KEITH CONDIE

Keith is married to Sarah and they are blessed with three adult children – Michael, Susannah, and Jonathan, and a lovely daughter-in-law (married to Jonathan), Shelley. He lectures in ministry and church history and has pastoral oversight of the student body in his role as Dean of Students. His research interests include the history and theology of Puritanism, and theological and psychological perspectives on marriage. Keith enjoys family dinners, spending time with Sarah (including walking and watching movies), cooking, and holidays on the beautiful NSW coast.



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DAVID HÖHNE

The Höhnes have been part of the Moore College ministry for seven years now, attending Newtown Anglican Church. Prior to ministry at Moore we served in Anglican churches in the Shire, Canberra and Cambridge, UK (not on staff). Depending on which adult is in charge we like riding our bikes together or watching movies and playing videogames. David's main research projects are in the areas of Eschatology and Apologetics while Amelia also teaches students in the area of basic adult education.



PHILIP KERN

Philip and Amy were married in 1984, and have four children, Alexandra, Philip Stephen, Eliot, and James. They attend Abbotsford Presbyterian Church. Philip came to Moore in 1998 to teach New Testament. His current research interests include Galatians, Christology, and the patriarchal narratives. During his spare time he likes to follow the NFL, ride long distances on his motorcycle, and watch his children play sports.



ANDREW LESLIE

Andrew is married to Felicity with two children, William (6) and Tessa (2). He lectures in Christian Doctrine, having recently returned from Scotland upon the completion of postgraduate studies in early Reformed theology. His current project is a book on John Owen's understanding of scriptural authority and its relationship to the Christian life of faith. Besides the joy of teaching about God and his work in the world, Andrew likes to spend time with his wife, music, reading, and rest.



ED LOANE

Ed joined the faculty in July 2014 to lecture in Doctrine and Church History. He and his wife, Jocelyn, and their four children (Jemima, Sophie, Ben and Sam) are getting used to living on King St again after 3 years living in an English village with a population of 800. The family are enjoying getting to share their lives with students and their families as we all seek to grow in our service of our Lord.



PETER ORR

Peter is married to Emma and they have four sons, Ben, Ollie, Jonny and Daniel. They enjoy church at All Saints Petersham together. Peter is originally from Northern Ireland and understood God's grace for the first time as a teenager through reading Jesus' words to the thief on the cross in Luke 23. He joined the faculty in 2014 to teach Greek, New Testament and Biblical Theology. Peter loves spending free time with the family and watching and playing (badly!) cricket.



ARCHIE POULOS

Archie, Ainsley and their three children, Georgia (17), Zoe (14) and Archie (10) have been part of the faculty for over a decade. Archie teaches in the ministry department and directs the Centre for Ministry Development. Archie's research interest is how we may best reach our lost world with the life transforming message of Jesus, and his heart is in ethnic church planting.



ANDREW SHEAD

Andrew has been on faculty at Moore College since 1992. Between teaching – which he never tires of – he spends time with his students, preaches, and writes on the Old Testament. His major research interest is the book of Jeremiah, but he also pursues interests in the Septuagint (Greek Old Testament), Psalms, Hebrew poetry and church music. He is excited about the richness of the Old Testament as a source for Christian theology. Andrew is married to Jean and they have three teenage children who fill their lives with excellent conversation.



TARA STENHOUSE

Tara serves in the Ministry Department, team teaching in various areas of ministry and missions. She also teaches church history to our Diploma students. Tara is the Dean of Women, overseeing the pastoral care of the female students (alongside 12 fantastic part-time chaplains), two women's chapels and the Carillon House residential community. She and Ian love being part of the Randwick Presbyterian Church family, where Ian serves as the senior minister, as well as relaxing down south at the stunning Jervis Bay.



MARK THOMPSON

Mark is the Principal of the College and lectures in Christian doctrine (with cameo appearances in Church History). He is keen to see men and women grow in their knowledge and love of God and in their effectiveness in proclaiming Christ and caring for his people. His current research interests include the doctrines of Scripture, Christ and justification by faith. He is married to Kathryn and they have four daughters: Elizabeth (15), Anna (14), Rachel (12) and Mary (9). On Sundays they can be found meeting with God's people at St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney.



WILL TIMMINS

Will joined the Faculty in June 2014 and teaches in the New Testament department. Originally from the UK, he has spent time both as a pastor and lecturer. His academic research has been focused in Paul's letter to the Romans, and last year he completed a PhD on Romans 7. He is married to Lizzy and enjoys music, rugby (watching), cricket (also mainly watching nowadays!), good food and the natural world.



JANE TOOHER

Jane joined the faculty in 2009 after serving in parish ministry for 20 years in Sydney and London. She primarily teaches in Ministry and New Testament and is the Director of The Priscilla and Aquila Centre (P&A), which stimulates research and discussion about women serving in ministry in partnership with men. Jane would appreciate prayer for wisdom as she serves on the faculty, and as she continues to think through the richness and variety of complementarism in her role as Director of P&A. She lives in Newtown with her niece and nephew.



PAUL WILLIAMSON

Paul is married to Karen, and has served as an OT lecturer on the faculty since 2001. Paul and Karen have two adult sons, Matthew and Andrew. Both are currently studying at Uni – Matthew in Sydney and Andrew in Vancouver. Paul and Karen are members of Newtown Baptist church, and in their spare time enjoy relaxing walks and basketball.



LIONEL WINDSOR

Lionel is married to Bronwyn and they have three children: Adelaide (13), Harry (11) and Ellie (8). Lionel started full-time on the faculty in 2015 after working in parish ministry in Wollongong and Sydney. He teaches in New Testament and biblical languages (Greek and Hebrew). His doctoral research explored the relationship between Paul's apostolic ministry and his Jewish identity. Lionel loves seeing people grow in joy and confidence in understanding God's word and speaking it others.



DAN WU

Dan is married to Chrissie and they have three sons, Liam, Archie and Harry. He has been on the faculty since 2013, and teaches in Old Testament and Biblical Languages. His doctoral research explored the relationship of honour, shame and guilt in the book of Ezekiel. Dan also loves fishing, all forms of footy, fishing, basketball, and fishing.





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– Colossians 1:19–20