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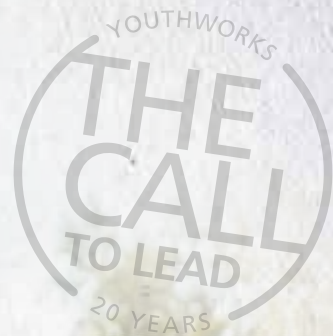
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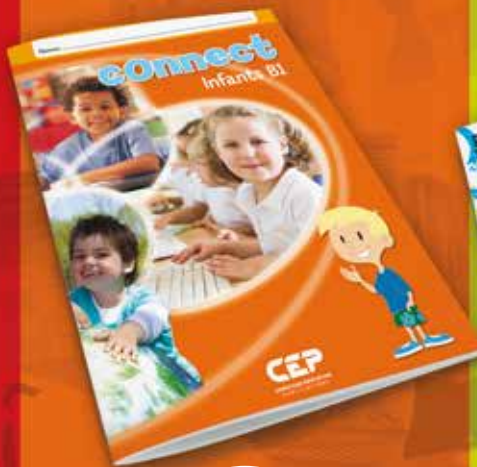
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By Peter Blair (Editor)

EDITORIAL

He couldn't have known it at the time, but as he hammered his 95 Theses into the Wittenberg church door, Martin Luther began a movement that changed not just the church, but the world. Although the Reformation was in many ways a marvellous mess of priorities, plans, personalities, and politics, at the heart of it all stood a group of pastors deeply concerned for the troubled souls of the flock that God had placed under them. It's easy to forget that these men aren't just books on our shelves; they were servants of God and his people, whose courageous stance continues to serve us in Sydney in 2017.

It's even easier to forget how privileged we are. We have been given this unique opportunity to take time out of ordinary life and ministry to prepare to serve God and his people through the proclamation of his gospel. With this privilege comes great responsibility. In 1757, the hymn-writer Robert Robinson rightly reminded the church that we are 'prone to wander'.

The 2017 *Societas* Team (left to right): Nick Woodward, Andrew West, Kathryn Russell, Glen Wilmington, Dan Clark, Kathryn Allan, Stuart Jansen, Greg Wong, Richard Glover, Peter Blair, Michael Grivas-Allison, Bethany Utber and Paul Seville (not in photo).

260 years later, the same is true of us. In our Western culture, where exclusivity is the only unforgivable sin, we will be tempted to wander — to wander from the exclusive *claims* and *implications* of the gospel. Scripture *alone* is our highest authority? We're saved by grace *alone*? We live and work for God's glory *alone*?

'Semper Reformanda' (always being reformed) is not, as sometimes thought, 'always trying to be like the 16th century reformers'. Rather, it is the principle that we must always seek to reform ourselves *by the word of God*. As we celebrate 500 years since that eccentric monk posted his debate notice in a small German town, let's recommit ourselves to 'contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints' (Jude 1:3); let's endeavour to not be 'conformed to this world' (Romans 12:2); and let's strive to preach and teach the word, that we, and those whom we serve, might be 'filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God' (Philippians 1:10).

Semper Reformanda.



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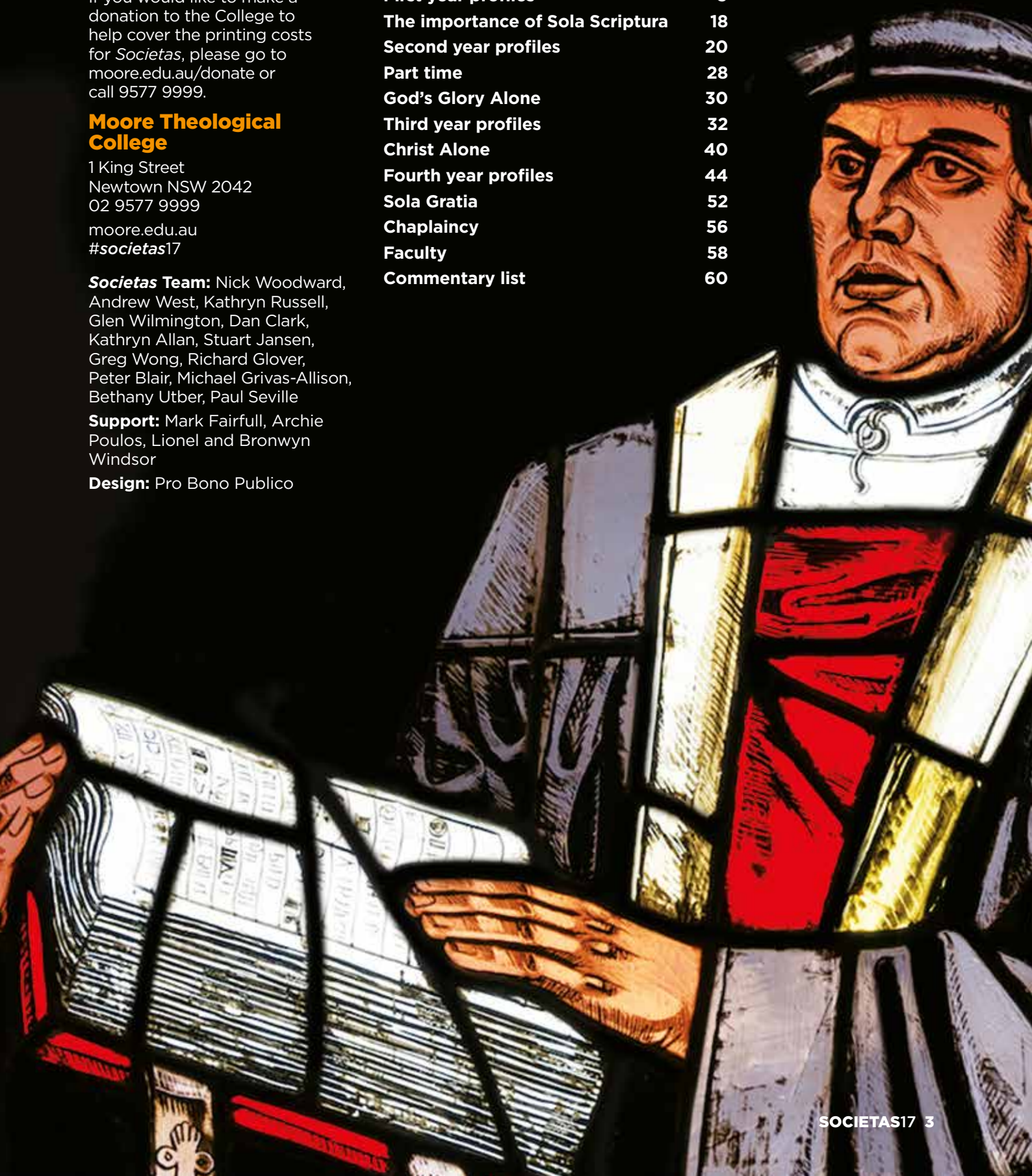
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FAITH ALONE

2017 is an exciting year at Moore College. At the beginning of the year we opened our new building and then we welcomed a new group of men and women whom the Lord has raised up to study here and prepare for gospel ministry in Sydney and around the world. We welcomed a new Dean of Students, Rev Paul Grimmond, and new part-time lecturer in New Testament, Rev Peter Tong. The action has been non-stop and there is a definite buzz around the place.

We want to see the gospel of the crucified and risen Saviour taken into all the world. We want to see Christian leaders all over the world who are crystal clear about that gospel and its implications, who know the Bible well and are passionate both about reaching those who are lost outside of Christ and about serving and building those who know him into his mature and faithful disciples. We want to see evangelism and proclamation, gospel word ministry, valued and strengthened in our city and further afield by those who love and serve God and his people. All our teaching and everything else we do serves that goal. Training the Christian leaders of the future is the contribution we as a college make to the global mission of Christ.

Which is why we are enthusiastic about celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this year. 500 years ago, on 31 October 1517, Martin Luther affixed (or had affixed) a notice of debate to the church door at Wittenberg. The notice included the 95 theses which would be debated. As far as we know, the debate was never held, but the notice was copied and distributed throughout Europe with astonishing speed. In only a matter of weeks, people were secretly poring over it in the university town of Cambridge in England.

Our enthusiasm for these events comes from the simple fact that through faithful Christian leaders like Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, Cranmer and others, the biblical gospel was recovered and unleashed in the churches and in the wider community. They spoke boldly for Christ and bore the cost. Luther was excommunicated and declared an outlaw. Calvin was run out of town (having fled his home country only a few years before). Thomas Cranmer was burnt at the stake. Each of them made mistakes but each of them provides their own inspiration to those who want to take God and his word seriously.

It is easy from this vantage point to have a romantic view of the Reformation. We can paint these men and women as bold, courageous and triumphant heroes who never doubted for a minute what they were doing, never put a foot wrong, and whose monumental achievement is worth celebrating. They literally changed the world for good. It has been just as easy in some quarters to disparage the Reformation. The resulting long-lasting split between Protestants and Catholics is a blight on the church for which they are to blame. The reformers were unpleasant, self-interested heretics who threw the world into confusion. They are responsible for centuries of sectarianism, intolerance and religious violence.

Of course they did not see themselves as either heroes or devils. They were simply seeking to move one step at a time, trusting the God who had saved them and who addressed them through his word. They knew they made mistakes. Luther was too quick to fly into a rage, in person or in print, and friend and foe alike were hurt as a result. Calvin pushed too hard too quickly in those early years in Geneva. Cranmer crumbled and recanted his Protestant faith before regaining his courage at the end. Yet each had a deep sense of the wonder, truth and urgency of the gospel and they were prepared to bear the contempt, hatred,



and sometimes even violence of those who opposed it. They saw themselves as forgiven men and women — yes, there were wonderful inspiring reformation women alongside the men we so often hear about: Anne Askew, Katherine Zell, Catherine Parr, Katie Luther. They stood at the edge of time, and spoke with a powerful urgency because so much was at stake and the time was so short. They were gripped by the truth they read in God's word and they wanted God's people and the entire world to hear it.

They had no way of knowing whether what they said and did would last beyond their own lifetimes. The Catholic armies of Emperor Charles V marched into Wittenberg just a month after Luther's death and his wife and children had to flee. Thomas Cranmer died with a Catholic queen on England's throne and she made no secret of her desire to wipe out every trace of Protestantism from the land. Calvin's enemies still held considerable political power in Geneva when he died and was buried in an unmarked grave at his request. All they knew was that God's truth could not be denied and must be taught and believed and lived no matter the cost.

500 years on the lives of these faithful Christian disciples continue to testify to the gospel they believed. They lived in the light of what they learnt from the Bible. Our salvation is entirely the work of God, a work of grace — undeserved love and mercy. It is not what we do that saves us — we cannot contribute anything to our salvation — but we trust what God has done in Jesus Christ. We have no saviour but Christ — not the church, not the sacraments, not the saints, not the virgin mother of Jesus — only Christ. The final word is always God's, not ours, and his written word, the Bible must be the sole judge of our thinking, speaking, writing and behaviour. They were convinced that it is only when the gospel is freed from all that had obscured it in the Middle Ages — and only when it is freed from all that in many places still obscures it today — that our God receives the glory that belongs to him alone.

2017 will be full of celebrations of the Reformation. Moore College will be hosting many of them. The Reformation is worth celebrating because the gospel is still worth cherishing and proclaiming. This is still the powerful way God saves people (Rom 1:16-17). Men and women are not saved by human cleverness, not by our piety or religious achievements, not by the flourishing of life and culture, but by the preaching of Christ crucified and risen. **With the reformers we gladly affirm we are justified only by faith.**

Mark Thompson

In particular we rejoice at the clarity with which the reformers proclaimed justification only by faith. *Sola fide* ('only by faith' or 'faith alone') has since become a catch-cry of reformation churches. It is not what we do, not our acts of love, nor our religious devotion, our generosity or philanthropy nor anything else, that sets us in the right with the holy and righteous God who is the just Judge of all the earth. We receive this right standing as a gracious gift from God through faith, grounded in the perfect life, atoning death and glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In each part of the key branches of the Reformation — in Germany, Switzerland, England, the Netherlands, and France — this wonderful and liberating truth lay at the heart of the renewal of gospel witness and Christian living.



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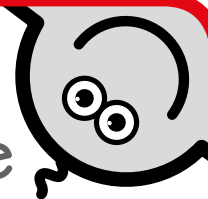
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Eliza Batten

First year profile

I'm Eliza. I'm married to John and we're both currently enrolled in first year; I'm doing the Advanced Diploma and John the Bachelor of Divinity. I am an Early Childhood Teacher by training and prior to college worked in a Christian preschool. I love a good cup of tea.

Early Childhood Education wasn't always the plan (and neither was Moore College!). During Year 12 I worked hard to get into a law degree at uni; my plan was to do that degree after taking a year off to do year 13. God however had different plans for me.

During Year 13 God made it clear to me that Law wasn't where he wanted me and he led me to Early Childhood Teaching. While completing my degree I worked in our local church doing a Children's Ministry Traineeship and Youth Ministry, both of which I loved.

From the time that I knew Law wasn't where I was headed, going to college at some stage was always on the cards. I just wasn't sure when and I was torn between pursuing paid ministry and continuing preschool teaching. When my husband John decided that it was time to go to college it seemed the perfect opportunity for me to also do a year of theological study; and it's great to be able to do it together!

Reflecting on my life up to this point, the most important sola for me has been *Soli Deo Gloria* (*To the Glory of God alone*). It's so easy to get caught up living life for my own praise, or in a way that meets society's standards and values. In making the change from Law to Early Childhood; in leaving secular work to go into paid ministry; in leaving my job to come to college — none of those were easy decisions or ones that made sense to everyone around me. But I am constantly reminded in God's word to live for him alone and to let him guide and shape me.

When it came to picking a college, I didn't really consider a lot of other colleges. I knew Moore had a strong history in faithfully teaching the word of God. I've loved the practical ministry opportunities I've had over the years and the faithful people I've learnt from. What an exciting opportunity to just have some time to sit under God's word, study it, learn from wise people and get to know my God better. Hopefully, as a result, I can better serve him.

College is certainly living up to what I was expecting, and that is both exciting and challenging! I'm really enjoying the subjects, I'm learning a lot and I'm also realising just how much learning I still have to do. It's encouraging meeting brothers and sisters who have the same desire to serve God. It's been a great opportunity to learn from their experiences, as well, discuss topics together and challenge one another.

From here, I'm not exactly sure what serving the church will look like in the long term, but one thing I am passionate about is using my teaching degree with my theology training to be better able to write teaching programs for children aged 0-5. I hope to be better able to equip others in sharing God's word with children during this formative stage in their life and faith.



FIRST YEAR



**AI LYN ADAMSON**

Lyn and RD attend Christ Church St Ives together, where Lyn works as the Communications and Systems Manager. Lyn and RD serve as Growth Group Leaders together and Lyn is studying part-time towards a Diploma of Bible and Missions.

**SETH ADOE-BOEKE**

Seth is my name. Married to Abigail with two kids. Currently in first year at Moore College studying Bachelor of Divinity. I am a member of Anglican Diocese of Sunyani-Ghana and a High School Chaplain. I have a passion to go back and continue with Chaplaincy work after college.

**KATHRYN ALLAN**

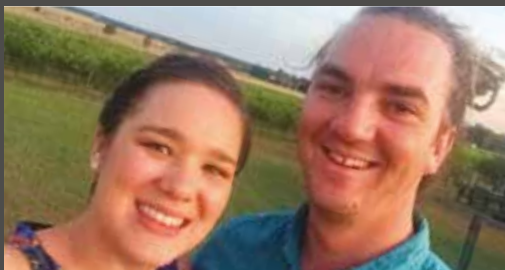
I am married to Dan (4th Year). We have loved studying God's word together and serving at Wentworthville Anglican this year. Please join us in thanking God for our time at college. Pray we will be faithful, humble servants for Christ as we graduate and head into parish ministry (God-willing).

**ELSIE ANDERSON**

Adapting to life in Sydney after moving from Newcastle, enjoying being part of a new church family in Clovelly and thankful for a faithful God who has given me this opportunity to spend some time studying his word. Praying that I would love better, think harder and keep trusting Jesus.

**MELODY BARRATT VALENCIA**

Thankful to be able to study here at college and serve at St. Thomas North Sydney Anglican Church. I would appreciate prayers for future decisions. I would love to go back and serve God in Chile. I would love to know the best time to do this and that God may continue to open opportunities to serve Him wherever I go.

**ELIZA BATTEN**

We have both moved up to Sydney to study first year together; John will then continue to study his bachelor. Praise God for our new church and pray we will continue to adjust to life in Sydney and getting back into full time study.

JOHN BATTEN

Praise God for this season of being able to study together and pray it equips us well for whatever God has planned for our future.

**PAUL BERZEKIAN**

The college experience as a whole has been challenging, joyous and rewarding. I'm thankful that God provides everything we need to be trained as Christian servants. This year, I have thought more about my character, conviction and competence. Pray that God would continue to grow me in maturity.

**KARINA BRABHAM**

My name is Karina and I'm from Darwin, by way of Wollongong. As I start my college journey, I'm excited to be learning more about the Bible and challenged to think what it means to put every aspect of my life under God.

**NATHAN BREWER**

My name is Nathan Brewer, I am married to Kirsten. I am doing the Bachelor of Divinity and hope to end up in a ministry role in Sydney but also am strongly considering overseas mission.

**WINNIE CHAN**

Thankful to be loved by Christ. Currently churching and serving at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church. Would love prayer for growth in godliness and faithfulness in all spheres of life, including College, church, family and friends. Thank you!

**LETITIA CHENG**

Francophone. Enjoying Greek. 1 mum, 2 sisters, 3 dads (one Heavenly plus a biological and a step-), 4 brothers. Hoping to afford second/third year, and to support Groupes Bibliques Universitaires (GBU France) by praying, caring, giving and ideally going.

**DANIEL CLARK**

Husband to Kat, father of Ainsley (and another on the way!). If you're keen to pray, pray for wisdom as we serve at Jannali Anglican and as we witness to our friends and some of our family who are not yet followers of Jesus.

**CHARLES CLEWORTH**

I am thoroughly enjoying my first year of studying at Moore, along with my wife, Ash. So far, I have been reminded afresh that it really is all about Jesus! I would love people praying that I would be both humble and hungry – ready to do my best by grace!

For we live by faith, not by sight.

– 2 Cor 5:7

**PAUL COOPER**

I am a first year student married to Bronwen. We have three children, Erin (12), Lachlan (10) and Tristan (8). College life has been good and the family making the change quite well. Its been a very busy but good year for all of us learning more about God's Word.

**ANDREW COPEMAN**

Love Christ, Cricket and Coffee, (hopefully in that order). Currently serving God's people at St Johns Anglican Camden and looking into serving Jesus overseas amongst unreached people groups. Please pray that as I study God's word at Moore I'd be convicted afresh of the gospel and mature in Christ.

**JOHN COSTIN**

My (very recently married) wife Veronica and I live in MooreWest. We've just started serving down at Menangle Anglican and would really value your prayers to survive this year, that as every other part of our life changes, that our foundation in Christ would not be shaken but grow.

**NIGEL COWELL**

I attend my home church of St Matthias. I've worked in chaplaincy in boys schools for five years and hope to continue doing so after College. My wife Kat is also in 3rd Year at College. We'd love prayer for managing church, family, study and marriage this year.

**WISAM DARMO**

Hi I am Sam (Wisam) married to Tania since 2000 with three gifts from God, Grace 10, Marcus 6, and Matthew 3. Assyrian refugee from Baghdad in Iraq. Worked in IT sales before joining Moore. Saved 11 years ago.

**LEONIE DAWSON**

Studying part-time and transitioning into full-time. As a youth leader at Waitara Anglican I felt the call to do theological study. Engaged to Matt in second year. My hope for the future is to grow the youth under the hope of the Gospel. Thanks for your prayers!

**JAYNE DEDRICK**

I'm a retired teacher and excited about completing the new Advanced Diploma. I thank God for the amazing opportunity to study at Moore for a second year, and pray that He will continue to equip me for future ministry in aged care or hospital chaplaincy.

**PETER DENHAM**

Peter is married to Mandy and completing a Diploma this year. We have two boys, Luke and Hamish. We have been serving the Lord with OMF in the Australian office for the past five years, and attend St James Berala. Please pray for us planning for life after College.

**BETHANY DOWNES**

I'm serving at the Healing Service at St Andrews Cathedral, and studying the B.Div with the hope of sharing the good news of Jesus to women in gaol through prison chaplaincy. Please pray that God will grow me in depth of knowledge and love for him and his people.

**LAUREN DRISCOLL**

Before college, I worked as an ESL teacher and then did MTS with the university ministry at UNSW. I met Steve my husband there, and we got married in January. We're excited to both be studying full-time, and to be thinking more about how we can serve God's people long-term.

**STEPHEN DRISCOLL**

My wife and I have both just started at Moore in 2017. We are here hoping to be equipped to do any sort of future Christian ministry. I previously worked in finance, and briefly in ministry for Unichurch UNSW.

**RHYS EWING**

This is my wife, myself, and our cat. I care about them in that order. We've only been married a year so please pray that we would continue to grow in love for one another and for Jesus as we consider our long term plans of serving in rural NSW.

**MICHAEL FREEMAN**

My name is Michael Freeman. Both my wife and I are excited and thankful to be part of the Moore community. Please pray that God's will be done through our time here and we would be shaped and equipped for a lifetime in ministry.

**JUSTIN FUNG**

Justin is married to Jen and has a new baby, Marcus. After working as a lawyer for over 13 years he is excited about being trained theologically at Moore College. Having grown up not knowing God for most of his life, Justin is passionate about seeing non-Christians come to faith as they grasp the reality, hope and power of the gospel.

**STEVE GIBBINS**

My wife, Hayley and our two boys, Tommy and Harvey, moved back to Sydney so I can study at Moore. The past 12 years I've been serving in the RAAF and am currently sponsored by them to study here. The end goal is to serve in RAAF chaplaincy. D.V.

**CAROL GILBERT**

Praising our heavenly Father that I can study despite mobility challenges. Jannali Anglican is my home church and am now ministering at St Andrew's Cathedral. Please ask for dependence on Him, wisdom, strength and growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour. Also to faithfully share Jesus.

**CRAIG GLASSCOCK**

Married to Samantha and have two boys (Will 5 and Josh 4). I'm grateful for the opportunity to study at Moore. After college I hope to continue at Vinegrowers. Please pray that God would use Vinegrowers to grow his church and for wisdom in juggling my roles as a husband, father, worker, student etc.

**NAN GUI**

Married to Natalie, we have two children Catherine 10 and John 5. Serving at one 1 seven church Redfern. Will continue to serve God anywhere he sends me.

**NICK HACKETT**

Married to Libby, living for Jesus. Massively privileged to be learning more about Him at MTC and excited to see how God will use this for His glory in our futures. We'd love prayer for ongoing health and direction as we move forward in faith.

**MONIQUE HAYES**

I'm married to Andrew in 3rd Year, and I have been loving the opportunity to spend so much time learning from the Bible. Please be praying that I will be living like Acts 20:24 and would not lose focus.

**JOSHUA HESFORD**

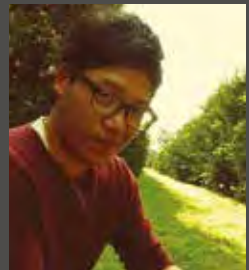
Nikki and I hope to be trained then faithfully serve a congregation, possibly in a rural area. Please pray that we will be dependant on God as we plan, and that I will be continually humbled by my shortcomings and vividly aware of my need for grace and mercy.

**CHIM HO**

Chim Ho is an international student from Hong Kong. St John's Parramatta is her family here. She is a music therapist and would like to integrate theology and music therapy. Her plan is using music or hymns to proclaim God's word to God's people.

**JAMES AND MELODY HOEY**

We have moved from Melbourne to study at Moore. We're serving at South West Evangelical Church and hope to return to Melbourne to serve in a local church. Pray that God would shape us and mould us into the likeness of Jesus for a lifetime of service to the Gospel.

**JIREH JANG**

I'm a Long-black drinking, table-tennis playing, Korean food-craving Christian. My first year has been full of realizations that God is a lot bigger and better than I thought! Thankful to God for new friends. Pray for my growth in godliness and for our year group's Gospel Partnership.

**MARTIN KERR**

Hey, my name is Martin Kerr. I'm really enjoying maturing in Christ through God's word in community at college. Please pray that I continue to be faithful to Christ through my studies and sharing the gospel with people, that people would be transformed by the Gospel.

**VICTOR KHOR**

A Melburnian who enjoys brunch with a good coffee. I also love a hit of tennis and a swim at the pool. Planning to head back to serve the Church in Melbourne. Please pray for my life and character.

**EMILY LANE**

Having completed two years of university ministry it's been great getting into formal study. Moving into Carillon is a big change but it's been wonderful getting to know our year group, we like to laugh a lot, and the study is very stimulating. I'm excited for the years ahead!

For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed – a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

– Rom 1:17



STEPHANIE LLEWELLYN

Hey everyone, I'm around for the diploma this year in hopeful preparation for cross-cultural mission overseas. I'd love to be a midwife who stands out for her faith, and who reads the bible with women. Not sure about the specific context yet, but God is the one leading.



AVRIL LONSDALE

Serving at St George North Anglican Church where I became a Christian. I am particularly passionate about kids knowing and trusting in Jesus. Please pray that God continues to grow that desire in me but also equips me for a lifetime of ministry to all people wherever that may be.



KATRINA LOW

I'm thankful for the opportunity to dig into God's word and serve as a student minister at St Marks Freshwater. I'm loving living at Carillon.. possibly a bit too much! Please pray that I'd be diligent in my studies and that I'd grow in love for God, His word and His people.



KURTIS MCCABE

Please pray that my time at college will equip me to lead God's people and teach the bible more effectively. I intend to pursue full time ministry in the future to reach more people with the gospel. My wife and I are still to decide where and how.



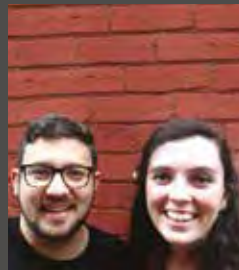
MEAGAN MCGILVRAY

I am thankful to God for the people I've met and the opportunity I have to study God's word. I've loved growing in my love and knowledge of our Lord. I am trusting in God's glorious plan, and I'm so excited to see where that takes me after college.



HOPE MILES

I'm very thankful to be studying at College and look forward to growing in God's word and being further equipped for ministry. I love being a part of Anchor Church Sydney where I am on staff one day/week. Please pray that I will do all things in Christ's strength!



ELIZABETH MORBELLI

This year God provided the opportunity for me to study and I'm so thankful for the chance to study with Marcelo, and spend time in God's word! We're a part of a church plant in Smithfield. I'm so encouraged by the growth and enthusiasm of our brothers and sisters there.



MONIQUE NEW

Having previously studied music education - I love singing! This year I'm living at Carillon and serving at St Andrew's Strathfield, having just finished as a trainee at Campus Bible Study UNSW. I'm looking forward to the great joy and privilege of studying God's word over the next 4 years!



PAUL PAGE

Now free of the demands of full time work, I have been studying part time at Moore for the past three years for the Diploma of Bible, Mission and Ministry, to enhance my lay ministry roles at St Stephen's Penrith. I aim to conclude the diploma this year.



SHEILA PANG

I am thankful to God for the privilege of studying at college. I have great joy in learning God's word. Please pray for my study and that I would grow in knowledge and love of God and others. Pray that I will be faithful in proclaiming the gospel.



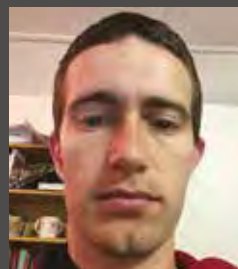
JOSHUA PHILLIPS

I'm thankful for spending so much time in God's word and learning how to do cross cultural ministry at St James Berala. Please pray that while I grow lots in knowing God that I will work hard at godliness and applying God's word in my life and ministry.



TODD PARRY-JONES

I'm Todd, I am from a family of 6 and am engaged to Sophie. Please pray for my father, recovering from a spinal injury, for my fiancé and I that we would serve God better married and for my decisions in future ministry to become clearer through my time at college.



JAMES PIGGOTT

I am married to Sarah who works as a music teacher. We attend Petersham Baptist Church and are the Youth Workers at Flo Harris Lodge, a residence of about 50 students. Please pray for our ministry there that we would share the gospel clearly in word and deed.



BEC POULOS

I'm a part-time student, and I began the Diploma in 2016. When I'm not at college, I'm doing my PhD in cancer research. I came to college because I'm passionate about evangelism and apologetics and I want to be better equipped to do this, especially in a scientific setting.



JOSEPH PUN

Married to Shuvah and currently serving at St Mark's Pennant Hills. Enjoying studying with my wife (she's in 3rd year) and getting all her notes! Love seeing people grow towards maturity in Christ. Pray that God will use what we're learning to shape our lives and equip us for ministry.

**BEN PURDY**

We're living in Parramatta, at Church in Rooty Hill, Bron is an Occupational Therapist. We're thoroughly enjoying community life at MooreWest and at college. The opportunity to grow at college is great!

**HUGH RONALD**

I've been thankful that I've been able to set aside a year to surround myself with people committed to proclaiming the gospel. God has answered prayer in giving me advice and wisdom from peers about how I can best serve His purposes post college.

**SARAH ROWE**

I'm married to Tim in 4th year and am studying the diploma part-time while I look after our two young boys. Please give thanks with us for the opportunity we've had to study at Moore and pray with us as we make plans for how we serve the Lord next year.

**COURTNEY RUSSELL**

I worked as a legal secretary before college, and am thankful to be freed-up this year to spend my time in the bible! Church is St Andrew's Cathedral, where my husband, Andy, works as the building manager. Please pray for our marriage, love for the Cathedral's people, and bold evangelism.

**DANIEL SAWYER**

I'm in first year, keen to grow in my knowledge and love for God's word, and to be better able to teach others. I've come from research in environmental science, and don't know where God will send me afterwards, but pray that He will grow my trust in Him. Thanks!

**ISAAC SCHUMACK**

Moving down from Newy I was pretty unsure of what to expect, but God has provided yet again. I'm thankful for lecturers who have given me a new excitement for God's word and mates at college who I'd actually hang out with in the real world.

**JANET SCHWARTZEL**

Please pray for my husband Warren and 4 children, that I will be a faithful wife and mother. Please also pray that I will be faithful in serving the Lord in the ministries that I serve in namely kids church, missions coordinator and one to one bible reading.

**TIMOTHY SCOULA**

I'm married to Lauren and am ministering to the youth of Norwest Anglican in Baulkham Hills. I would value your prayers as I seek to be further equipped to serve Christ's church.

**JAMES SEYFANG**

My wife Aiesha and I moved over from Adelaide at the start of this year. I've started study at Moore and Aiesha has started work as an OT in Annandale. Please pray for us as we settle into a new city, new church and new relationships.

**JESS SHEELY**

Hi, I'm Jess and I've moved down from Newcastle. Thank you for your prayers!

**MATT AND FELICITY SHERIDAN**

I'm married to Flick and we have a baby girl named Bethany. We're loving the start of our time here at Moore. I'm excited about learning the original languages that the Bible was written in and I'm hoping to gain a better understanding of God through them.

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

– Rom 5:1-2



JORDAN AND MILLIE SMITH

Jordan is in his first of four years at college and his wife, Millie, is also studying part time in the evenings while working as a social worker full-time. Coming to college has been in our plans for a long time, so it's great to be here!



MARINKA TERRY

I am married to Sam in 4th year and we have Theodore, Freya and Anastasia - all under 5! Pray that I won't submit a recipe and cook an essay. Pray for us to be useful in Greenacre and to joyfully share Jesus!



DAN TOOMA

My name is Dan, I'm married to my beautiful bride Belinda, and we have a daughter named Scarlett. We attend Gregory Hills Anglican. Our prayer is that God would grant us wisdom from above, being pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.



SIMON TSANG

I'm married to the lovely Fiona! It's a blessing to be studying together this year. It's exciting to learn how the great richness of the Bible helps us to love God and his people more! Pray that God would grow our missional heart in our time at college and beyond.

WAN KAR TSANG

My husband Simon and I have left our workplaces this year to study at college. We look forward to growing together with the college community and church community at Chester Hill Anglican. Please pray that our love and service for God will grow as we entrust our lives to Him.



MARY-ANNE WICKS

I am excited to be at college and love learning and being equipped to serve God. I'm adjusting well to studying full time and living in Newtown after coming from an AFES apprentice in Newcastle. I am greatly enjoying serving as a student minister at Guildford Anglican.



OSMAND WONG

I'm heaps excited to be at Moore to know and love God more, and to serve his people better. The college community (and the growing number of Asian stores on King Street) has been such a blessing! Currently serving at Dundas Anglican. Pray I'll keep maturing in character and servitude.



ROBERT WRIGHT

I am married to Paula and we have three adult children, Ben, Michael and Elyse. Please pray that I will be active in sharing my faith in Jesus.



JIE SHENG YEO

I have a brother, sister and am getting married in July! I'm not sure where my wife and I will serve after college but there's nothing better to do than tell people about our Lord and Saviour Jesus. A highlight is studying biblical theology and seeing how faithful God is :)



KEVIN YEUNG

I'm thankful to be at college after doing a ministry apprenticeship at ECU (Cumbo). I have no idea what God has planned after college, but I look forward to continue dwelling richly in his word, loving people at college and church (St George North Carlton) and getting married in July!

This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

– Rom 3:22

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The importance of Sola Scriptura

Ross and Lyndal Webb have served with Wycliffe Bible Translators since 1982. They spent 17 years in Papua New Guinea with the Irumu people, translating the New Testament and the Psalms. After returning to Australia for just 3 years, they relocated to Vanuatu where they served as directors of Bible translation for 11 years. Since 2015, they have continued in Vanuatu in a small language group on Epi Island. They have helped to finish a translation that was started over 30 years ago for the Lewo people.

Why are you so passionate about Bible Translation?

We are passionate about Bible translation because without Scripture there will be no new Christians, and existing Christians won't be able to grow. People need to hear God's word in as close to perfect communication as possible, in a language that makes the best sense to them. This is important so that they can work out how to respond to Jesus in ways appropriate to their culture. It needs to be the local Christians who work out what it looks like for someone in their culture to live as a Christian. Missionaries can help them to figure this out, but they shouldn't have the final say; what will do it best is for local Christians to have a good understanding of God's word.

This year we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the reformation. Why is sola scriptura so important?

Scripture alone is important because there is nothing else worth standing on. The only legitimate authority that a Christian missionary has, or any Christian for that matter, is the word of God. If we don't take Scripture as our supreme authority then we are wasting people's time; in our village it would be our word against their tradition and any NGO who breezes through. But if the arguments come from Scripture, then the culture must answer to it, missionaries aside.

What does a person gain when they surrender themselves to the supreme authority of the word of God?

It's a total game changer; you gain the kingdom! It happens slowly though. In Vanuatu, people don't question the authority of God's word intellectually as we do in the West; the major worldview change that needs to happen here is seeing God as having exclusive ownership of them, and his word as the supreme authority over them. This is where amazing freedom is found. We have seen people come to realise that they aren't bound by the traditions that their culture dictates. It is a slow process of chipping away, but to see people surrendering themselves to the supreme authority of God's word is what we long to see more of.

How then do you help people move from having God's word in their hands to having it in their hearts as their ultimate authority?

Ah! This is the million-dollar question and as Bible translators it's really the goal from the very beginning. You can produce a Bible for a language group, but the only people who will buy your Bible are your friends. That's an overstatement, but it means that in our context the job is really about building relationships and about discipleship. It's about helping people to look at the Bible and listen to it, to take it seriously as a message from God and to see that it is life changing. We try to help people see that it is all about relationship with God, and to raise up locals who will evangelise their communities.

Helping children read the Bible and love Jesus is strategic. If children grow up with the word of God, then their impact on the village could be quite profound. But overall the task is huge; we live in one village of 300 people, and there are seven other villages just within this language group. It is especially difficult because these are oral cultures. People don't particularly value books; many don't read, or can't read easily, so it's very counter cultural to live by reading a book! We must keep remembering, like any ministry, that this is part of God's doing; we must keep trusting him and praying.

Psalms 40:3 has been of particular comfort to us as we persevere: 'many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.'

We Australians have access to lots of great English translations. Are there any dangers in that?

We Westerners have an abundance of English translations, just like we have an abundance of everything! The first danger is taking our wealth and resources for granted. These are a gift from God and something to be grateful for, but there is a danger of sitting back and loving our luxury of plenty without seriously asking ourselves what we will do with all of our resources.

Secondly, it is probably true to say that the more you have of something, the more critical you become of what you have. We are fortunate to have an abundance of good and overall accurate translations of the Bible, but there is a danger of becoming petty and idealistic about the translations we have at our fingertips. Really there is no such thing as a perfect translation and there are many people in the world who don't have a single one in their language.

How do we guard against losing our value for the authority of Scripture?

We must keep reading it humbly, listening to Jesus and actively choosing to live by it. It's precisely because we have such good resources for understanding Scripture that we are all the more responsible to do this.

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How might Christians in Australia support the work of Bible translation so that more people might come to know that Scripture is supremely authoritative?

First of all, don't discount it as a career! Learn about it, contemplate it, and pray about it. Encourage others to do the same. If you decide it isn't for you, then be an advocate for Bible translation and keep mission on your Church agenda. The lead pastor needs to be the one commending mission and showing that this is what God is on about in his world, otherwise your congregation will just view it as another church department. Most of all pray with us, that through the work of Bible translation many more people will see Scripture to be God's authoritative word for this life and the next.



Robert Abboud

Second year profile

I'm Robert, I'm married to Sally and we're from Western Sydney. I grew up as a non-Christian in a semi-Christian household but through the faithfulness and forcefulness of my mother and siblings I came to Christ when I was about 23 years old. Sally, on the other hand, was born in Kenya into a missionary family and has loved Christ ever since. We've been married 5 years and we love coffee, skateboarding, sports and food! We especially love doing them all with other people. We are constantly learning from each other how sinful we are and how gracious our God is!

Understanding God's costly grace was a huge thing for me becoming a Christian. In the years after school I lived a very "non-Christian" lifestyle. For a long time before properly understanding grace, I had been going along to church and had come to a point where I was happy to call myself a Christian. I became convinced that there is a God, that we're all going to face Him, and that unless we have given our lives to Jesus, it is going to be bad news! I had accepted His grace, but I still had a cheap view of grace! It took a few years before I was slapped in the face with the phenomenal price Jesus paid for me to belong to Him. I felt like I had started life all over again! I realised how serious my sin was, but how great a saviour Jesus is. After that I had a deep conviction that if a sinner like me could be saved by God's grace, anyone could be. That made me a ruthless evangelist in the first few years, though I still had a lot to learn about how to do evangelism with love.

I was convinced that our whole world needed to know the love of Jesus, so I wanted to serve Him in the most effective way I could. So, getting trained theologically was the obvious step for us. I made the decision to come to Moore based on the testimony of my mentors who had been trained at Moore. For me, being at College has been great, but tough at the same time. It is a glorious gift to spend four years with like-minded Christians, thinking through God's word and how we can best serve Him in His world. On the other hand, it's always a struggle to balance the workload with two languages, assessments, exams and so many good books to read! I want these truths we're learning to really sink in, but it can be difficult to stop and reflect well, while also prioritising time to serve at church and invest in family and friends. I can see how working out this important balance will be very beneficial for a life of ministry. I also left school before the end of year 12 and didn't attend university, so a lot of the academic side of college has been a big learning curve for me. All that said, going into second year and being able to dig deeper into dense bible passages in the original language has been a real joy!

Sally and I are passionate about going overseas to help equip struggling churches so that the saving message of Christ can reach the ends of the earth. We're not sure where, but we're open to anything, and we're always praying for God to direct our path. If that doesn't happen, we are also keen to head back out to Western Sydney where people from so many nations are coming to us.



SECOND YEAR



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ROBERT ABBOUD

My wife Sally and I are excited to be heading into second year to continue building life-long friendships and building on biblical foundations for ministry. We are praying that God sends us out into the mission field over seas to take the gospel to the ends of the earth.



ANDREA ANDY ABEYASEKARA

I'm currently serving at St Barnabas Broadway as a student minister and also serving on the Domestic Violence team within Common Grace, a Christian movement that is passionate about Jesus and Justice. I'm a big fan of hip-hop, double-strength lattes, and anything written by Tennessee Williams.



REBECCA ANTAW

Married to Daniel, moved from Perth, serving in North Sydney. Thankful for God's goodness in teaching me about himself and providing for all our needs. Please pray that we'll grow in our knowledge and trust of the Lord.



DAVID ANTHONISZ

Married to Michelle who is working full-time as a Learning-Support Teacher while studying Pastoral Counseling part-time. Our children Matthew and Kate are in Year 11 and 8. Pray that God will protect our family. As I start at the Cathedral pray that I will serve faithfully and grow in faith.



DANIEL BISHOP

Husband to Shannon, Father to Ezekiel and Jedidiah. Planting a youth ministry at Church at the Peak. I enjoy beekeeping, slacklining and biohacking. Pray that we will be proactive in godly parenting, grow in godliness and for God to call our children and church youth attendees into His family.



PETER BLAIR

Jodie and I are very grateful to have settled into Sydney, having moved from Belfast, Northern Ireland in 2016. Please pray for me as I continue my studies, that I would be well equipped for a lifetime of Anglican ministry in N. Ireland, and for Jodie as she works part-time and studies part-time.



TIMOTHY BONES

Hi, I'm Tim. My wife is Jess. Pray for us both that we would seek to honour God, serve him and his people wherever we go, while we are at college and afterwards.



ANDREW BOOTES

Married to Miriam and we have two boys, Mathias and Tommy. Thankful for the privilege it is to study God's word deeply and to be student ministering at Church by the Bridge. Praying that we would be equipped to serve God in ministry wherever God takes us in the future.



DANIEL BUDD

I'm married to Lily and we have a little baby boy named Elijah who keeps us on our toes! We serve at Newtown Erskineville Anglican Church, and are looking to be involved in parish ministry after college. Please pray that my study this year would deepen my joy in Christ.



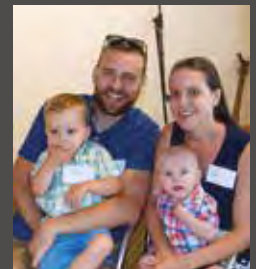
POLLY BUTTERWORTH

I'm a high-school teacher who's at college hoping to become a school chaplain. This year I'll be a Student Minister at St Catherine's school and my husband will begin work as a Maths teacher. We would love prayer as we seek to preach the gospel to students this year.



CAROL CHAN

I'm thankful for how God has been working on my humility and dependence on Him through life at college. I'm excited to be a part of St Barnabas, Fairfield this year. Please pray that my love for Jesus and His Word will grow as I study and prepare to serve Him faithfully in all things, and God willing, on the mission field overseas in the future.



SIMEON CUMBERLAND

Kristen and I, along with our two boys Jude and Benji are looking forward to our 2nd year at college and our 1st at Vine Church in 2017. Please pray we would learn and grow, both at church and college, and that God would keep our eyes fixed on his glorious plan.

**SUSAN DUC**

Back for a second and likely final year at College. Student minister at St Barnabas Bossley Park and am excited about growing relationships and skills and in love. Nervous about failure but incredibly privileged to learn and serve with God's people. Dislike celery intensely but hopeful for change one day!

**LAUREN FRANCIS**

Hey, my name is Lauren and I am currently in second year. So far at college I have really enjoyed the opportunity to think deeply about theology and learn with other peers. Please pray that I would continue to serve and love God and the church throughout my time studying.

**LYNDON FROST**

Abi and I enjoyed our first year in Australia. We feel settled and excited for second year. We're looking forward to another year of training and growing as we prepare to head back to New Zealand in two years to do ministry. Please pray that we make the most of the next two years over here.

**DANIEL GALE**

I work at Soul Revival Church as a student pastor and my wife Renee is the registrar at Youthworks College. Both working in youth and music ministry at church, with a great team, trying to grow a thriving group of young people who are ready, passionate and equipped to share the gospel in love and action to people from every stage of life.

**MARLEE GREEN**

I still love Jesus, youth and university ministry and the beach. Now, I also (surprisingly) love some of this manic place called Sydney - people and learning are great gifts! Keen this year to grow in gospel trust, steadfastness and thoughtful love of others. Would love your prayers for God to act to this end!

**JENNY GRIFFIN**

Married to Dewey, living in Cabramatta, churching at St Barnabas' Fairfield. Proud local of the South West of Sydney. Please pray that I'd keep working hard at communicating the gospel to the diverse community God has brought to Fairfield. Pray that college would equip me in this task.

**WILL HE**

Thankful for the opportunity and blessing to study God's word and be equipped for a lifetime of service. Excited to proclaim Jesus and make disciples at universities, locally or internationally. Keen to see how God continues to teach, rebuke, correct, and train me.

**BEC HITCHCOCK**

Thankful to God for the opportunity to continue studying his word at college. Please pray that I will delight in it and be grown in my knowledge and love of him.

**JOHNSON HO**

I am married to my lovely wife Cherry. We just moved to a Chinese Church where I am a Student Minister. We are looking forward to gain experience in doing ministry in Chinese Church as we are planning to go to Hong Kong after College. Please pray for wisdom and love for us as we strive to balance Church, College and family life.

**STUART JANSEN**

I've transferred into second year from Youthworks College. I'm passionate about teaching kids the gospel and hope to keep on seeing families won for Jesus throughout my life. Please pray that I'll keep growing in love of God.

**JERI JONES**

I'm so passionate about ministering to people with God's Word when life is hard. I hope to work with young people in a chaplaincy/counselling capacity after college.

**LUCY KNIGHTS**

Moving from Newcastle to Sydney last year was big but I've loved college and my church family out at Auburn. As I head into my second year of study please join me in praying that God would keep growing me in reliance on him especially in the face of stress.

**JOSE LAM**

Married to Vincy and father to Tobias. Currently serving with St Barnabas and Grace Anglican churches in Roseville. Pray for us that we might model well what it looks like to live and serve God and His people together as a young family.

**CARMEN LAU**

I'm so thankful for this season of learning God's word in community and praise God for the brothers and sisters here and the godly example they are to me. Would love prayers for another year of knowing God and seeking first his kingdom and righteousness. Thank you for praying!

SECOND YEAR



BRIAN LUONG

G'day, I'm Brian, married to Joy and we have a young daughter named Andrea. We have the great privilege to study at Moore with the view to bringing the Gospel to the western suburbs of Melbourne.



MAKITO MIYASHITA

Excited and nervous about what 2nd year will bring! Also continuing to consider what I should do after I finish college. Please pray that I would get to know Jesus even more as I study at college this year.



SCOTT MONK

Journalist, sub-editor, chocoholic, Rabbitohs tragic and student minister, the Lord has taken me on an amazing path. Pray that I'm an effective, bold and faithful servant of Christ, always willing to share the Gospel.



MATT MORRISON

Engaged to Leonie with plans to get married this year, we serve together at Waitara Anglican working with youth. Please pray for us this year as we start our life together serving the Lord as a married couple. Also please pray for my studies, especially Greek.



EVAN MOSES

Thanks for your support! Please pray for my wife (Madi) and me, that through college and church we would grow closer to God and closer together. Please also pray that I would be able to effectively juggle my time between home, college, church and sport.



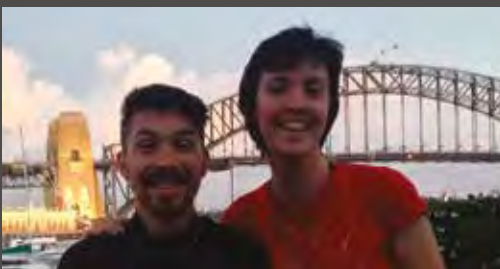
THOMAS MURRAY

Hailing from (and hoping to return to) Ireland, please pray for the work of the Gospel in our 'wee' country. Pray that I would continue to grow in my knowledge and love of God here at college, and in seeking to glorify Him, help others to do the same.



TOM ONG

Tom is a member of Holy Trinity Kingsford and is enjoying gathering with the saints there.



JEMIMA NICHOLS

Hello! I'm studying at college with my husband Robbie. Please pray that God uses our time here to equip us to better serve him wherever we go afterwards. May we grow in our love and knowledge of him.

ROBBIE NICHOLS

My name is Robbie and I am married to Jemima who also studies with me at Moore. We would love prayer as we continue to learn, that we would apply this knowledge to ministry opportunities at church and beyond. Also as we consider where God would lead us after College.



JONTY PERRETT

I'm married to Beth, and we have 2 boys, Ethan and Zack. We're excited to be trained to serve in ministry for the rest of lives, and I am especially enjoying learning languages. In the future, we hope to serve either in international student ministry or overseas, particularly Asia.

BETHANY PERRETT

I'm married to Jonty, we have two boys - Ethan and Zack. After college we are hoping to work overseas or with International students in Australia. It has been great to be able to learn and think deeper about God and my faith so far as I have studied my diploma.



MICHELLE POLLEY

Thankful for another opportunity to learn more about our wonderful God and to continue gathering with my church family (St David's, Forestville). Value prayers that my head, heart and hands would be transformed as I study; for boldness in evangelism; and growth in my reliance on God in prayer.

**CALLAN PRITCHARD**

What a privilege to study at Moore! Married to the beautiful Katrina. Love a good coffee, surf, or book. Pray for continued wisdom as Kat and I consider where and how we will serve the Lord in the future, as well as a deepening affection for Jesus.

KATRINA PRITCHARD

This year I am teaching four days a week and going to college one day a week. Please pray I will teach the Bible well at school and be thankful for the time I can spend at college. Callan and I are excited about living at Moorewest this year!

**XERRI SCIBERRAS**

Loved the learning and fellowship at college in first year so I'm very excited for second year! Please pray that I would grow in faith as I study God's Word and as I teach it to others. I'll be involved in Sunday Kid's ministry at West Ryde Anglican church. Pray that I can help train, listen to and care for our Sunday Kids' leaders.

**CHLOE STEWART**

Growing up in Sydney as the youngest of 10 kids has been awesome. Knowing Jesus is way better. I'm married to Tom, student ministering at Christ Church St Ives, and we're excited for wherever God takes us!

**YC TANG**

I am thankful for the opportunity to be able to continue studying this year and particularly enjoyed church history. Please pray that I can manage my time well and continue to know our God better. Will be going to a new church as a student minister this year, please pray for Winnie and I in adapting to the changes ahead.

**ADRIAN TEH**

Praise God for the opportunity to continue studying at Moore College this year. Please pray for His guidance and grace in every way whether at home, church, college or anywhere else to His glorious praise.

**AMY THOMASON**

I'm excited about being more involved in women's ministry at church (St Phil's, Caringbah), and also leading a junior High School Bible study. Please pray for wisdom and compassion as I step further into these ministries, and that God will help me to be a good role model for the High School girls in particular.

**BETHANY UTBER**

I'm thankful to do life with those I live with at Carillon house, and those I church with at Village Church, Annandale. This year I'm praying to grow in fear and delight of the Lord, and am thankful for more time in his word amongst the Moore College community.

**JAMES VIGAR**

Please pray that I can continue to grow in Godly character, perseverance in study, aptitude in ministering to others but above all, pray that I can grow in love for our Lord Jesus Christ and his people.

**YI MING MELLISA WANG**

I'm an only child to non Christian Chinese parents. This year I look forward to getting deeper into God's word so that I can know him better and share Jesus with others more effectively. This year I'm serving at Randwick Presbyterian Church as student minister.

**LACHLAN WEBB**

I am a native of Wollongong, have two kids and am currently striving to complete second year. I'm investigating bible translation as a future ministry.

**MATHEA YEUNG**

Currently serving in kids ministry at Engadine Anglican, but as of July this year I'll be married to Kevin (first year) and churching at St George North Anglican. Please thank God for the huge blessing of college community. Pray for humility, patience and joyful dependence.

**YVONNE ZHENG**

I am moving to a new church, serving as student minister at St Paul's Anglican in Chatswood this year. I am very grateful for this new church family. Please pray for my 2nd year study at Moore, and that I will keep growing in the love and knowledge of Him.

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

– Heb 11:1

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JUAN YAO



Second Year student, Callan Pritchard, reflects the significance of Soli Deo Gloria (God's Glory Alone) both during the reformation, and in ministry today.

God's Glory Alone

1. The Lasting Reformation

"All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades." So wrote the Prophet Isaiah (Isa 40:6). Just like the flowers of the field, we humans bloom for a little while, and then fade. Kingdoms come and cultures occur – in its day Babylon was breathtakingly beautiful, the sparkling jewel of the East. But its day came and went. Eventually all human enterprise and ingenuity, all human creative effort, vanish. While the age we live in optimistically looks forward to a utopic paradise of human achievement, Isaiah's words will remain true – all will fade.

This year we celebrate those incredible years called the Reformation. A time when the Holy Spirit swept through the Church, rushing upon men and women, and raising up leaders who humbled themselves – heart, soul, mind, and strength – under Scripture. And these incredible years have left their stamp on the Western world that you and I inhabit. So much of our lives today, spiritual and secular, are indebted to the men and women of the Reformation. But it's worth asking why their efforts lasted. Was this just another one of those human endeavours that kick on a little longer than others, such as the enlightenment, or was something inherently different about the Reformation?

The Reformers railed against the Roman Church, and invited people back to the only firm and final foundation, the word of God. It was through his clear and powerful word that God revived hearts and minds to receive his redeeming grace, through faith in Christ alone. The Roman church, in turn, persecuted them, labelled them heretics, and even put them to death! Why is it that their efforts, teaching these truths, have lasted? Why is it, when so much of what we do vanishes like breath, that The Reformation has lasted?

2. The Eternal Plan of God

The reason is simply put: their efforts were for the glory of God alone. The Reformers could see the great end of history that God has planned and set in motion. To this end the whole cosmos is hurtling, and to this end they directed all their labour. What is this end? God's great goal for creation, the purpose for which you and I exist, is for him to be glorified. It's worth taking a few moments to unpack this.

God's unchanging purpose since before the world began is for his divine glory to be displayed for all his creatures to see, and by seeing it, to give him glory. All that God does is driving towards this end. We see this firstly in the creation itself. Calvin calls creation a 'dazzling theatre', whereby 'God's inestimable wisdom, power, justice, and goodness shine forth'.¹ The heavens declare it (Ps 19:1)! And beholding this should 'bestir [us] to trust, invoke, praise and love him'. That is to say, we should respond to this sight by *glorifying* him. The awful reality is, however, that sin has blinded us to his glory, and we worship other things. Perhaps we no longer bow down to birds and beasts, yet we praise, honour, indeed we pour our lives into things that are not God!

Yet the amazing truth is, even this is directed to God's great goal. God *permitted* sin to enter the world, so that his glory would shine brighter still! By allowing us to be lost, he displayed his glorious grace in the face of his Son, the full radiance of divine glory (2 Cor 4:4, Heb 1:3). The plan of God began before creation, extends beyond the fall, and off into a future where his Son will rule over all things, having redeemed for himself a perfected people to praise, honour and glorify the Triune God into all eternity. J. I. Packer puts this so clearly: 'In revelation, God shows his Glory. In Religion, we give God Glory.'² That is the purpose of all creation. How often do we think that we are the centre of the universe? Ponder instead this bewildering truth: that you or I would actually be swept up in this torrent, and dragged along into this glorious future by God himself! Just stop, and think about that slowly: God, for his own pleasure, because he is so gloriously good, has prepared a place for you, to join in a future all about his Son. Amen to that!

¹ Calvin, The Institutes, i.xiv.20

² Packer, The Plan of God

*Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive, unless the Lord does raise the house,
in vain its builders strive. To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life?
A breath that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ.*

*His kingdom come, his will be done, on Earth as is above, who is himself our daily bread
praise him the lord of love. Let living waters satisfy the thirsty without price,
we'll take a cup of water yet, all glory be to Christ.*

*When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true, the lamb who
was for sinners slain is making all things new. Behold our God
will live with us and be our steadfast light, and we
will e'er his people be, all glory be to Christ.*



3. Soli Deo Gloria Back Then

This is what the Reformers devoted their lives to. The entire purpose of existence was to bring glory to God. Zeal for the glory of God drove them on, and undergirded all they did. And so, Luther would criticise the Roman Church for doing their good works 'before men', thereby '*robbing God of his Glory*, and taking it for themselves'.³ Calvin would insist that he be buried in an unmarked grave, lest any glory should go to Calvin and not God! Thomas Cranmer, writing to the councilors who would approve his Forty-Two Articles (the precursor to the Thirty-nine), speaks of his vision for a nation reformed under the word of God. Why? So that 'God shall thereby be glorified, His truth shall be advanced'.⁴ Zeal for the glory of God drove them on.

Moreover, because the Gospel reaches into every nook and cranny of life, reform was all-embracing. Theology was reformed: revelation and redemption came, not from the Church, but from God alone. Private life was reformed: marriage was once again treated as a gift from God, and the family home became a place of worship. Public life was reformed: as the lay/clergy division was broken down, the spheres of education, government and work became dignified places of worship. Everything a person did, or could do, was to be devoted to the glorifying of God.⁵

We asked at the start: why did the efforts of the Reformers last? Here is why: they were devoted to the glory of God. Though the Reformers, like us, are mere grass, they were devoted to what will last: the gospel of God's glorious grace in Christ.

3 Luther 136

4 Packer, *Thirty-nine Articles*, 40

5 Johnson, *Traditional Protestantism*, 144–162.

4. Soli Deo Gloria Today

It's worth finishing by asking: what does *Soli Deo Gloria* mean for us today? I hope it's clear that we should be no less devoted to this principle. But what will that look like in 2017? There are three things to say.

First, at a personal level. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10:31, and I would argue also in Colossians 3:17, that in every decision, action, or effort, we should be asking: how will this bring God glory? As a father or mother, labourer, accountant, or CEO, an artist or pastor, stranger or friend – every action should be done to glorify God. The problem is, our world says that it's *your glory that matters*. And if I'm honest, I believe this. Why do I, in so much of what I do, seek *my own glory*. Why is approval so important? Why do "Key Performance Indicators" matter in my heart? Would I be willing to *lose glory from others*, in order that I *give glory to God*? We should all examine our hearts.

Second, as we gather for corporate worship, or are seen in the public sphere, we must continue to think about how God is being glorified. This may mean losing appeal. It's all well and good to engage with culture, and consider the outsider, but I worry that what we do can be eerily close to the kinds of things praised in secular culture. Now I'm young, perhaps you'll dismiss this. But I do think it's at least worth pausing to ask: what will it look like to corporately adorn the gospel, fully aware that it will smell like death to some, and life to others, but probably shouldn't smell mildly pleasant?

This leads to a third and final implication. We must recognise that to live for the glory of God will look utterly foolish to the rest of the world, because we preach a gory and stupid message, not one of glory and splendour (Paul's point in the opening chapters of 1 Corinthians). And so adorning this gospel will feel unglamorous and inglorious. We will feel like we are missing out. We will feel shame. Luther makes this point by his distinction between the 'Theology of Glory' and the 'Theology of the Cross'. One shines light on us; the other embraces the shameful glory of the cross. The next ten or fifteen years will expose how great the gulf is between the Church and the World. Let us then, like the Reformers before us, devote all that we have, and do, and say, to the eternal plan of God – to the glory of God alone! Amen.

Shuvah Pun

Third year profile

My name is Shuvah and I'm married to Joseph (Joe) who is studying in first year. Cooking, drinking tea, my golden 'fluffball' retriever and a coastal walk on a sunny day are a few of my favourite things. I was born in Hong Kong and my family moved to Sydney when I was two and a half years old. I grew up in Sydney's North West and moved away for the first time when I started at Moore College two years ago.

My first experience of Moore College came through studying the Preliminary Theological Certificate correspondence course when I was in Years 11 and 12 at Pacific Hills Christian School. My Principal taught it and the in-depth discussions we had as a class ignited in me a deeper love for God's Word. When I graduated, he told me to consider studying at Moore in the future, but of course I thought it was a ridiculous idea – little did I know what God had in store for me!

I went on to work as a Physiotherapist in the Western Suburbs and North Shore, and loved (and now miss) being a Kids Physio. I also did a Ministry Apprenticeship at Sydney University Cumberland Campus. During my time there, both as a student and an apprentice, God grew me in my understanding of the gospel and convicted me of the urgent need for people to hear it. I was challenged to prayerfully consider how to use the time and gifts God had given me to proclaim him. I'm thankful to God for providing encouragement and wisdom from godly people to help me see how studying at College would better equip me for a lifetime of serving him.

I appreciate the emphasis that Moore College places on letting theology drive ministry and think that this is one of the ways the College has been shaped by the Reformation. I've really appreciated how this has been modelled by the Faculty. God's word is what informs and drives my life and ministry. During my apprenticeship, I realised just how inadequate I was. Yet God still chose to use me and used my weaknesses to display his strength and power. He showed me that it is only his life-giving word that will save people, not me or anything I say from myself. And so, the Reformation catch cry 'Scripture Alone' has been important in reminding me again and again how powerful God's word is and that I must always sit humbly under it. As I read it myself, as I open it with women when meeting up one-to-one, as I hear the Bible being taught at College or Church – God is at work through his Spirit to transform me and others.

This year, I'm enjoying the privilege of being a student with my husband, particularly going on College Mission together. We've moved back to Newtown (after I moved out to get married), and I love being close to college community again. The reality that this is my final year is starting to sink in. But I won't be going far as I'm looking forward to becoming a fully-fledged student wife and being involved in Moorewomen for the next three years!

In 2018, I hope to work with university students in Sydney again. We also hope, God-willing, to start a family soon. After Joe graduates, I plan to support him in his ministry, wherever that may be (church or university ministry). As we see the growing need for the gospel outside of Sydney, we're praying that God will keep helping us to trust him and make decisions to best serve him in the future.



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BRIAN BARKER

Brian is astonished that he is allowed to study alongside this great group of gospel servants and learn from the wonderful lecturers here at college. Pray that God will shape and equip us over these last two years of study for whatever he has planned for us to do.



JOCELYN BIGNILL

Being at college is a privilege, one that comes with its own stresses and challenges but with a lot of joy too. Keep praying we all persevere in our studies, as we aim to be equipped to serve Christ's bride and share the gospel. And that we don't lose sight of the kingdom as we do so.



HANNAH BLAKE

I'm so thankful to God for another year studying his word, in the great community that is Moore and Carillon. This year I'm serving with his church at St Peter's, especially with kids and families. I'd love your prayers as I consider future opportunities in school chaplaincy or parish ministry.



HAYLEY BOAG

2017 has been my favourite year of college, hands down! Life with my Carillon House girls brings great joy and encouragement #squadgoals! This year I've moved to a new church, Glenquarie Anglican, and I am encouraged by how welcoming they are. Thankful for all of God's great blessings to me.



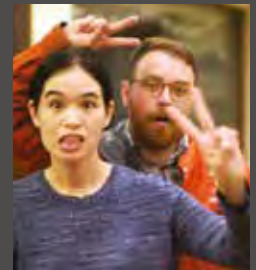
MATT BORG

I'm a tradie from the Western suburbs of Sydney. I'm here at Moore getting trained up in order to head back to minister to the blue collar people of Sydney, in a way that is relevant and helps them see how Jesus' death is not an abstract concept but a fact of life.



MIRIAM BRADSHAW

Pray I would watch both my life and doctrine. Thanks for your prayers!



CHRISTINE BRANSDON

3 years of rigorous study, painful character shaping, friends who loved me, and I didn't even live on campus (although that was hard). The best years of my life so far were spent here because they culminate in the conviction that only one thing is necessary. Let the word do the work.



SAMUEL BROADFOOT

Hi, we're Sam, Bo-Jasmine and (little) Sophia. We'd like to head back up the coast, north of Newcastle or into the Hunter Valley, to bear fruit for Jesus (which we're praying he's preparing!) Pray the gospel drought would be broken and many would come to Jesus for living water.



ROBERT BROWN

My wife Alice and I are conscious of the privilege of another year at college with our two children: Jonty (4) and Pippa (1). We're returning to the UK to be involved in Student work when we finish and are praying this year would equip us well for what's ahead.



ANDREW COURT

Married to the equanimous Merryn. We both trained as music teachers and love making music together when we can. Living in Parramatta and churching at Riverstone. Desperately and earnestly want to be effective and fruitful servants of the King. Hoping the projectors just work this year.



KAT COWELL

This year my husband Nigel and I are studying at Moore together (but in different years!) and continuing to serve with our brothers and sisters at St Matthias Anglican Church. Please pray that we would trust God and make wise, gospel-centred decisions as we consider future life and ministry.



BENJAMIN DANSON

I'm looking forward to exploring more of the Bible this year and how the Bible shapes our thinking about the world. Pray that I will continue to put my trust in God and pray that I will be able to raise enough money to return for 4th year.



JACK DAY

I'm married to Katie, who's also in third year. God has already strengthened our convictions and our marriage through doing college together, please pray he would continue to do so. We've moved church to St Augustine's Neutral Bay this year, pray that God will use us there to reach the lost.



KATIE DAY

I'm married to Jack, and we love studying at college together! Please pray that God would give us wisdom about our future, as we are excited but often overwhelmed by the many and varied opportunities for gospel ministry. Pray that God would equip us for whatever he has in mind!



VICTOR GEORGE

I am married to Ronni. Currently serving with the saints at St Mark's. Hoping to serve Jesus amongst subcontinental communities.



LEAH GORRINGTON

I grew up in Brisbane but came to know Jesus while at university in Sydney. I'm so thankful for another year of getting to know God better at college! As I start serving at St Andrew's Wahroonga in kids' ministry, please pray that I would be depending on God and not on my own strength.



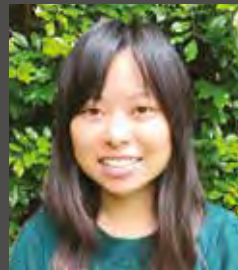
JACK AND KATE HAMER

We are loving studying together in third year at Moore, living in the excellent MooreWest community and working as student ministers at Toongabbie Anglican. Please pray that we will continue to grow in our love of God even as we continue to grow in knowledge of him!



ANDREW HAYES

I'm excited that Monique is also studying at Moore this year, and we've moved from EV Church to Bankstown City Church. I'm thankful for the way studying has enlarged my view of God. Please pray as we explore potentially church planting in the future.



LUCY HE

Privileged to be at Moore and serving with TwoWays Ministries, as I continue to be equipped to serve God and his people, either overseas or in Sydney. Please pray for humility, prayerfulness, and that God will grow me to love him more and find my identity in Christ alone.



RICHARD HOLMAN

My wife Rhonda and I are looking forward to working at St. Anne's, Hammondville this year. We pray that there will be many opportunities to share God's word and college work will encourage my Christian growth.



PETER HYNES

Married to Rebecca, we came from France in 2015. We are thankful to God for the training and for the provisions to complete my final year and Rebecca getting registration as a nurse. We serve at Newtown Baptist. Our desire is to serve God in New Caledonia. Please pray for our ongoing relationships with a local church there.



SARAH KANAGARATNAM

Looking forward to another year delving deeper into God's word. Thankful for studying in community, living at Carillon and serving at St John's Parramatta. Prayerfully thinking about student ministry outside of Sydney in the future.



JOHN KHANNA

In 2017 our family is expecting a new member which means our ministry will be a mix of college assessments, dirty nappies and evangelism (hopefully not simultaneously!). By the end of this year we hope to serve Christ in a local church ministry within Australia or South East England.

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

– 1 Cor 15:17

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SEBASTIAN LANE

Jess and I have moved into Newtown this year and are looking forward to loving College community around us well. This will be our second year at Vine Church in Surry Hills. Our annual Bible verses are from Philip. 4:11-13 and 1 Jn. 5:19-21 so please pray them for us.

JESSICA LANE

My name is Jess and i am married to Seb who is in third year at College. During the day I work full time as an occupational therapist. This is my second year of part-time study in the evenings and I love it!



KAREN LAWSON-SMITH

I'm looking forward to how God will keep teaching me about himself this year. Please pray that I would be faithful in my studies and as I love and serve people at Guildford Anglican and at college.



TIMOTHY LEE

It's wonderful to be at college, growing in the knowledge of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ. After college, I hope to take the gospel to somewhere beyond Sydney. Please pray that I and my family, Sammy, John, Noelle and Hope, will be well prepared for a life time of ministry.



JEN LUM

Thankful to be part of the MTC student community. Please pray for perseverance as I delve deeper into understanding and applying God's word.



TAWANDA MASANGO

Married to Shupi, we are grateful to God for our daughter Unathi. After studying Shupi is excited to be a full time mum. Tawanda serves as a student minister at Church By The Bridge in Kirribilli. After graduation, we hope to continue serving in university ministry with FOCUS Zimbabwe.



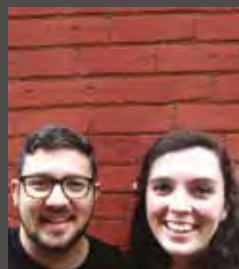
DAN MCKINLAY

Our time at Moore has gone so quickly so far, do pray that we will make the most of all that we learn at Moore in 3rd and 4th year, and as we serve at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican.



ERIN MCLEAN

Married to Chris as of July this year! Serving at the Indonesian Presbyterian Church in Randwick and Kingsford. Hoping to head to Indonesia post college to proclaim Jesus and help Indonesian Christians do the same. Please pray that I would be growing in my love for Christ and his people each day.



MARCELO MORBELLI

Thrilled to be doing College with Lizzie as she takes a year off work to do first year! Would appreciate prayer as we start church in South West Sydney. May many hear the gospel and turn to Christ. Please pray for wisdom, humility and prayerfulness. Gloria in excelsis Deo!



NATHANIEL JUM NADEN

Love Jesus, love the Indigenous communities of Australia and am training to help serve them when I leave. Newly married to my best friend Philippa. Hoping to help create clearer pathways for other Indigenous people to come and study.



PATRICK O'KEEFFE

Excited for the second half of the Moore College journey. Praying for humility to learn from God's word and serve God's people with Issy this year.



PEDRO OLIVEIRA WOOLMER

I'm married to Joy and we have a two year old son, Mark. We look forward to serving and being trained at St Mark's South Hurstville for the next two years. God willing we would love to minister to university students overseas, wherever that may be.



DANIEL ONG

I'm married to Frida and we have two boys (Caleb and Joel). We attend St. Matt's Anglican Church Botany whilst Dan is helping out with an Indonesian congregation in the city. We are excited with the prospect of serving God and his people full time in Indonesia, please pray for us!



THOMAS PATTISON

I love seeing God's church reach further. Together with my wife Brie, I take Jesus' promises about his church in Matthew 16 seriously. Learning and contributing at a central Sydney church plant, seeing God's people built up and new people brought in makes me tick.



BRIE PATTISON

Married to Tom, learning and serving at Grace City Church and loving the opportunity to get to know God more deeply at college. Pray that God's word would continue to engage my heart even while it's my textbook, and that God would work powerfully and save many people in Green Square!



JORDAN PETERSON

I love God more than anyone or anything. I'm thankful to him that he pre-booked me a seat in his Kingdom ages ago. I'm also thankful for my beautiful, gracious, kind-hearted wife Anna and for our son, Will. Please pray that as a family we would grow in our love for each other, for God's church, and for those we meet.



SHUVAH PUN

Looking forward to enjoying my final year at college, especially with my husband Joseph (1st year) also studying! Excited to be serving at St Mark's Anglican Pennant Hills together. Please pray we will build relationships quickly with the people there.



WILLIAM QUACH

I'm married to Rebecca and we have a lovely little girl, Sophie. We're serving at an MBM Church plant in South West Sydney this year and that's pretty exciting. Please pray that Rebecca and I will mature in our faith and that Sophie will grow up loving Jesus.



ALAN READER

I'm married to Angie, serving at St Alban's in Five Dock. We're enjoying our time in Sydney although we're looking forward to being able to move back home to Tasmania to do ministry there! Please pray that we continue to grow and be shaped by God's word as big life changes and study challenges arise over the next 12 months.



ANNA-LISSE REID

Lisse is deeply passionate about engaging people with the gospel, and growing them through gospel-driven ministry. She is married to Craig, who is working for AFES. They love being parents to Annabel, who they are seeking to raise knowing and loving Jesus.



BRIAN RENNIE

College has strengthened my conviction that God's word is central to all my ministry. I am looking forward to seeing how college will grow and challenge me in 2017. I am also looking forward to ministering with my new church family in Rouse Hill.



KATHRYN RUSSELL

I'm thankful to God for another year of study and the opportunity it provides to think deeply about God's disturbing and amazing grace. Please pray that this study would be transformative and that I'd serve faithfully alongside my husband, Joshua, and the saints at Northmead Anglican.



JEONG HO SHIN

I live with my wife, Young Kim and children Samuel, Yejoo and Garam. Give thanks that my family are able to support me in my study and service at St. Andrew's Strathfield, and that God would continue to provide energy. Please pray also for clarity on where God would have us serve him after college.



DAVID SIMMONS

Married to Samantha with 4 great kids, Andi 9, Caleb 7, Xavier 5, and Zoe 3. Still unsure about future plans beyond college. Please pray for clarity in which direction to follow. I have loved studying full time. I am learning so much through interacting with a wise and encouraging community of God's people.



NAOMI SINCLAIR

I got married to Luke Sinclair on 28.01.2017! Pray for us to serve one another joyfully and open our home to non-believers. Pray that we might teach the Bible faithfully. Our plans involve serving in New Zealand and Japan, so pray for wisdom as we serve Jesus together.



MATTHEW SMITH

My focus this year is growth in holiness but all I've managed to do is grow in size! While I work out how to get out of this box, pray that I will work out my salvation with fear and trembling, understanding my role and God's role in my sanctification.



JESSICA SMITH

Loving serving alongside the saints at St Andrews Lakemba and meeting Muslims from a diverse range of cultures. Please pray for continued gospel opportunities and soft hearts. I'm keen to serve Jesus cross-culturally long-term, possibly overseas, and please pray for God's leading as I think through post-college options.

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PHILIP PHIL STOLK

Sydney's been great but we're so ready to leave! Please pray for Janice and I as we seek God's direction for how we might serve him in regional Australia.



DANIEL TAN

Dan is married to his lovely wife Deborah and together they plan to head back home to Singapore to serve in a local family church at the end of Dan's time at college.



GEORGINA TASKER

Jordan and I are serving at Parramatta Anglican whilst I study and Jordan works as an economist. We thank God for everything we have been taught and challenged by from being in the Moore community. Please pray for us as we figure out where we might serve God beyond college.



EDWIN THAMBYAIYAH

I am grateful for the opportunity to study at Moore. The past two years have been life changing to me and my family. We saw the amazing hand of provision of our loving God as we obeyed his word. "The Lord who has begun a good work in us will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ". (Phil 1:6)



STEVEN THURGAR

I'm married to Elyssa with daughters Katelin, Bianca and Laura. I've been encouraged by learning more about God's grace and his plan of salvation. After college I hope to serve in parish ministry, perhaps with some evangelistic duties or in a chaplaincy role somewhere.



CHRIS TOWNSEND

My parents both live in Bali and my sister in London. After college, I'm planning to serve in Jakarta. Please pray for plans to come together and for God to open up a clear door for ministry in a country often hostile to the gospel.



MARY HIU-WA TSANG

Married to Joey and attending unichurch at UNSW. I'm thankful how God, through college, has been growing me. Please pray that this would lead to a life of obedience, praise and proclamation of his goodness. Pray that our marriage is one that looks to serve others and points to Christ.



MATT AND ELLEN TYLER

Matt and Ellen have come from Newcastle and are looking at Bible translation or pastoral ministry outside of Sydney. In October 2016 they welcomed Tom into their family. In 2017 they'll start serving at Guildford Anglican and are looking forward to the mix of cultures.



NICK WEBB

My wife Rebekah and I are very grateful for the way Christian leaders at Moore College and elsewhere have discipled us and continue to do so. We are praying that God will use their work to conform us into the image of Christ as we aim for mission work overseas.



ANTONY WEISS

I am thankful for being able to progress to Third Year and to have my leave from Shore extended. I began my second Student Ministry placement at St Mark's Darling Point after two happy and rewarding years at Christ Church St Laurence. Please pray for clarity as to where I can best serve God's people. Psalm 150.



ANDREW WEST

Married to Christine. Student Minister at Village Church Annandale. Pray for wisdom about post-college plans and that God would use us for his glory and the building up of his kingdom.



EDWINA WHITESIDE

Edwina is still here and still, as ever, in need of prayer. She is now a body part at Christchurch Gladesville. Please pray that she would never forget the riches of God's grace and that she would revel in being his child. Thanks!



ANDREW AND CLAIRE WILLIAMS

Thank God for the safe arrival of our second son Charlie (29/01/17). please pray for Jack (30/11/14), Claire and I as we adjust to the new family dynamics and work towards possibly church planting in NZ after college.



JACK WONG

Thank God for sustaining us through another year and providing the opportunity to know him and be equipped to make him known better at college. Please pray for Cindy and I as we learn to be godly parents this year and serve our new church family at Artarmon Anglican (St. Basil's).



NICK WOOD

Hanging out with the youngins of South Turramurra while enjoying the fine studies of Moore. Please pray for balance and faithfulness: marriage to Bek, ministry, and college life.



NICK WOODWARD

Tasmanian who became a Christian at uni in Sydney, and got married to the lovely Danae in April 2016. Would love prayer for what post-college life will look like for us. I'm really thankful for God's grace in sustaining us and giving us the awesome community at college!



DANAE WOODWARD

I hear the Saviour say, "Thy strength indeed is small, Child of weakness watch and pray, find in me thine all in all". Life is better when I remember this. Please pray that in both studies and marriage I would work hard and trust God for results.



ROB AND MELODY YOUNG

Hey everyone! Melody and I have joined Riverwood Anglican this year and we're keen to explore what ministry is like in South West Sydney. Please pray that God may grow us in our character and godliness in our time here at College, and that we'd be thoroughly equipped in his word. Thanks!



HARRISON XU

Married to Carol, we have 2 boys, Andrew and Daniel. Student minister at Rooty Hill MBM. Praise God for bringing me to the third year as English is my second language. Pray for my study and growth in Christ.



PAUL AND REBECCA YOUNG

My wife Bec and I moved to Moore in order to do gospel ministry back in Perth. Currently part of a CBD church plant and looking forward to learning much for our future. Please pray that we'll grow in servant heartedness and love for all we encounter and serve.



TOM ZHANG

A born-again Christian from China, married in 2016 to Amy from China. Excited to equip himself with a mind of theologian and a set of ministry skills in 2017. Want to disciple young people from Asia in Sydney, preparing them for a life journey in following the Lord Jesus.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

– Rom 5:6

Third Year student, Lucy He, helps us think through the principle of Solus Christus (Christ alone) in the context of evangelism.

Christ alone

The reformed doctrine of 'Christ alone' means that his work on the cross alone is unique and sufficient to save. It is by Christ and no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12). This doctrine ought to give us great clarity in our evangelism as we know that speaking the gospel is to be focused on Christ and his work alone. It also ought to give us great boldness in speaking of the cross of Christ — which our world sees as foolish and unimpressive — knowing that it is the very power of God to save sinners. As Christians, this doctrine of Christ alone can give us great confidence despite our fears of being seen as unintellectual and our feelings of inadequacy.

Evangelism

As well-taught evangelicals I'm sure we would all agree with this doctrine of Christ alone. However, if we reflect on how we individually and as churches have gone about evangelism, it becomes obvious that we have often forgotten that it is Christ and his work on the cross alone that provides salvation. One way this is displayed is when, out of our fear of being seen as arrogant in claiming that only we know the way of life, we present (or are tempted to present) Christ, not as the only means to be saved, but as just another way we think is plausible. We live in a world that is obsessed with being seen as impressive publicly — whether through spending time Facebooking everything we are involved in, or spending lots of money on luxury items, or travelling to many countries just so we can tell others we have been there. In this kind of culture, I'm not sure about you, but I definitely feel great tension between living out kingdom priorities and at the same time not wanting to be unimpressive in the world's eyes.


This tension is also played out when it comes to evangelism, as we find it difficult to claim Christ and what he has achieved on the cross as the only way for salvation. On the one hand, we deeply desire our friends, our colleagues at work, and students in schools to hear the gospel of Christ. Yet on the other hand, we fear being labelled by our increasingly hostile society as arrogant and unintellectual 'Bible bashers' who are trying to brainwash others into Christianity. In order to alleviate our fears, I have noticed that I personally and churches generally spend more of our evangelistic efforts seeking to make the gospel and church more attractive, plausible and credible to outsiders than we do actually going out to love our friends and community, prayerfully seeking opportunities to speak of Christ, and him exclusively, as the way to salvation. Our desire to keep 'peace' with our friends and community has often stopped us from genuinely loving those around us by speaking the gospel of Christ alone to them and testifying to the goodness of our God with genuine good deeds. The gospel of Christ alone should free us from this fear of being seen as arrogant and unimpressive, knowing as we do that those around us can be saved by this message alone.

Contextualisation

A recent trend has been for us Christians to spend lots of energy and much ink finding new and innovative ways to 'contextualise' the gospel to different cultures, for example: millennial culture, Chinese migrant culture, the CBD professional culture, Buddhist culture, blue collar worker culture, honour and shame culture, hippie culture, the inner west culture of Sydney, and any other culture you can think of. There is indeed great wisdom in our evangelism for us to not be merely tape recorders replaying to everyone we meet a set gospel outline, whether it be Two Ways to Live or something else. But I wonder if this desire to 'contextualise' the gospel has anything to do with our fear of not being loved by those around us and being seen as arrogant and unintellectual?

In my desire to be liked by those around me, I feel great discomfort and nervousness whenever I'm asked to (or think I should) speak to non-Christians about the fact that they are dead in sin and need to respond in repentance and faith to what Christ has done for them on the cross. It so frightens me, and it goes against every social norm I have known growing up, that apart from the Spirit of God working within me I would not be able to say anything. It is often easier, because of this fear, to speak of the gospel in a roundabout way. I wonder whether this recent fad for 'contextualising' the gospel to other cultures — almost trying to "market" Christ better to them — is driven by this discomfort, since Christians in our society are no longer generally liked or even seen as those who do 'good'.

This fear has led evangelism, for individuals and churches, to become something more complex and frightening than ever before. We feel that unless we fully understand the culture and worldview of those we seek to share the gospel with, we shouldn't share Christ directly with them at all — that it would be unwise and cause negative reactions rather than interest. However, the reformed doctrine of Christ alone should give us great clarity and thus confidence that all people no matter their culture — whether it is Buddhism, Islam or Atheism — require what all humanity in sin need, and that is to hear the gospel of Christ alone. Whilst



it is appropriate to understand the culture and worldview of the person we are speaking to in order to understand how they think about God, the world and themselves before God, we cannot contextualise the message of Christ to the point where the concept of sin is changed or dropped out for the sake of cultural relevance. The work of Christ must not be presented as revolving around them, for the betterment of their lives, rather than the truth that they need to repent of their ways and trust in Christ alone, who their lives should revolve around.

Do you truly believe that evangelism is declaring the message of Christ and him alone? Does where you spend your evangelistic efforts reflect this conviction?

Worldview

The reformed doctrine of Christ alone makes evangelism a task not only for those who are experts in culture or worldview or are highly intelligent. It is Christ alone who will save, and not our impressiveness. I remember a lunchtime conversation with a colleague who had just been reading the most popular book at the time, Richard Dawkins' *The God Delusion*. Knowing that I was a Christian, he hammered me on how unintellectual and irrational Christianity was. I left that conversation feeling horrible, thinking I hadn't given him impressive apologetic arguments to believe. Afterwards I spent hours watching debates on youtube between Christians and atheists, hoping to grow my apologetic skills so that when another conversation with him came up I would win him over with impressive arguments. I don't want to discount the place of apologetics and debates, however the sufficiency of Christ for salvation should give us the deep conviction that those dead in sin will not turn to God through us proving to them how rational Christianity is. Christ alone asserts with clarity that the priority of evangelism is not to be grounded in intellectual reasoning but to wisely speak the gospel of the crucified and risen Christ. This is true both for evangelism to a non-Christian who is dead in their sin, and for exhorting a Christian to fix their eyes on Christ.

Salvation

As evangelicals we need to not just be satisfied that we know intellectually that Christ alone is sufficient for salvation. This understanding should give us confidence that even in our inadequacies of 'intellect', even in a world that thinks we are not relevant to their culture, God is saving people and bringing them to himself through Christ. It is the work of Christ alone on the cross that has the power to bring a hardened heart from being dead in sin into relationship with God. Those in rebellion

against God are not going to wave their white flags and surrender their lives to him through us giving them what they already believe in their culture to be true, nor through convincing arguments when they already think that they are wise. Christ alone ought to give us everyday Christians the confidence and boldness to speak of Christ in our families, workplaces and where ever God chooses to place us, without needing to become an expert in science or culture before we can. God doesn't need us to be impressive professional experts in the field of Christianity to use us to bring someone to Christ. Actually, I can see that in my own evangelism, when I think I have used convincing arguments to persuade and win someone over, that person is seldom interested in reading the Bible, or finding out more about Jesus. Rather, quite the opposite, it's often at the times I least expect that God saves those around me, as they, by his grace, finally understand the gospel and decide to trust in Jesus. God uses us in our weakness to plant and water but it is He himself who gives the growth (1 Cor. 3:7).

Opportunities

Trusting in the reformed doctrine of Christ alone will and should drive us to prayerfully seek opportunities to bring, over time, all conversations to the gospel. We don't need to grow in our cleverness of reasoning, nor understand completely the culture or worldview of the other person before we can share about Christ and his work on the cross. It should lead us to spend more time in our bibles, in prayer for people and actually hanging out with people, so that we may understand and care for them and speak the gospel into their lives. Christ alone is sufficient in bringing us from being dead in sin to relationship with God. Does this doctrine humble you in evangelism to not trust in your own cleverness and impressiveness to convince others to believe? It is my prayer for myself and you that being reminded of this doctrine of Christ alone will grow us to love others by speaking the gospel of Christ plainly to them, and to persevere in prayer to our God for them that he might change hardened hearts to repentance and faith.



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Vincent Chan

Fourth year profile

My name is Vincent and I'm married to Mei. We have a young boy, Zachy, and are expecting our second child in September. In God's kindness, he brought my parents over from China to Australia before I was born. Here, they became followers of Jesus. So, for as long as I can remember, God was taught as someone I could trust and turn to. What a privilege!

Serving God has looked different throughout my life. When I was younger, I had a very small view of God. Serving God meant trying to be a good person so he would let me into heaven. But as I grew older, I came to understand that salvation came only through trusting in the Lord Jesus.

When I entered university that view of service began to change. I started with a psychology degree thinking to myself, 'Sounds like interesting and easy money, and I'm sure I'll still have time for Jesus.' However, at university I was challenged to think hard about what it meant that my life *belonged* to Jesus.

I realised that serving God could never be a part time activity that fitted around my life. Instead, I was challenged from the Bible to ask the question, 'Since Jesus is Lord, how does my life fit around that?' This was the initial question that led me to a ministry apprenticeship and now, Moore College.

Why Moore College? The easy answer would be that so many of those who have been influential in my Christian faith have graduated from Moore – so choosing Moore was a straightforward choice. Thankfully, I have found it to be a place that takes the word of God seriously and in line with the Reformers, consistently challenges me to see the priority of gospel ministry. This is a lesson I need to keep learning and reminding myself.

Reflecting on my Christian faith, the most pivotal sola has been Sola Scriptura. I remember when I was growing up, I really wanted to know God better. So, in my first year of university, I attended my first Christian conference on the topic of guidance. I couldn't wait to find out how I could hear the voice of God in my daily life. What sort of meditation technique or mystical chant would they teach to help me to hear from God?

At that time, these were serious considerations but what I encountered was basically the doctrine of Scripture. Without trying to sound too poetic, it was like I encountered the living water of Jesus for the first time.

Suddenly, God was not a distant and abstract figure. Instead, I found a personal God who speaks and reveals himself through scripture!

What does the future hold? Well certainly we need to find a job for next year. In the medium to long term, Mei and I are convicted that we should try and serve overseas if possible. Both of us are Chinese, so we're hoping China will be an option. After being on an overseas mission trip for college this year, I've been reminded again of how greatly resourced Sydney is and the need to keep thinking about how we can use all that we've been given.

I've had different goals during my time at college. Play a full game of touch footy without passing out (not yet); resist the sweet stuff at morning tea (still trying); and learn to harmonise (Mei told me to stop trying). Many failed goals, but I'm glad college has at least equipped me to handle the word of God properly.



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DANIEL ALLAN

Family: married to Kathryn (excited about studying together at MTC this year!). Fellowship: living at But-Har-Gra (Croydon Park) and serving as Student Minister at Wentworthville ('Wenty') Anglican Church. Future: looking forward to wherever God leads us to serve in pastoral ministry post-College. Thank you for your prayers!



ALEX BACKLER

Country Lad. South Australian. Bachelor of Industrial Design. Holy Trinity Adelaide. Team Sports. Imagination. Seeking Depth and Head and Heart. Music and Dance. Student Minister @ St Stephen's Newtown. Art and Design. Chappo Boarder. Pray for focus and good preparation for 4th year and beyond!



TIMOTHY BARON

Family – my wife Kate and my 2 daughters Ellen (5) and Zoe (1). Please pray for our last year of college, that we would continue to learn and grow through our studies and invest in college relationships, and for Ellie's first year of school. Pray for beyond college- wisdom in seeking ministry opportunities outside of Sydney. Pray for my last year as a Student minister at St George Nth Anglican Church.

KATE BARON

Seeking to be faithful as wife of a fourth year, mum to two girls and part time College student. Please pray for wisdom to use my time well to that end and for God's glory.



THOMAS BARRETT

Barrett family = Tom + Vanessa + Nathan (6) + Talitha (2). Home is Croydon. Church is Kingsford. I have enjoyed the last 3 years, looking forward to consolidating all I've learned this year. Pray for opportunities and discernment in finding a church in Sydney where we can serve God and his people!



DAVID 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 John's Glebe.



KARL BONNER

Karl is a student minister at St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Normanhurst. He has been married to Lani for four years. He enjoys good noodles, and going to the movies alone.



MURRAY BORDER

Married to Sarah with three beautiful children. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time at college as God has grown and shaped us. We look forward to seeing how God continues to work through even us for his glory. Pray that this time will produce growing faith in God rather than growing anxiety concerning performance and future.



AMY BROWN

I am thankful for the privilege of studying here the last 3 years. Please pray I continue to grow in God's word as he shapes me to serve him wherever that may be, particularly in areas that enable me to share Jesus with kids and their families.



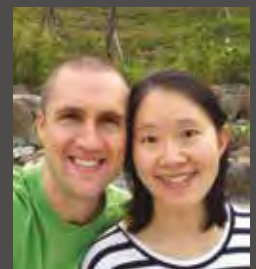
VINCENT CHAN

Mei and I have loved college. We've loved the fellowship, playing handball (a sad history now) and getting time out to study the Bible in depth. Big changes with second baby coming and a new phase next year. Please pray for gospel conviction in the midst of all this.



MAN HIN L CHIN

I am married to Mercie and we enjoy fishing, gardening and sharing our lives and the gospel with those around us.



SAM CHRISP

We're serving at Enfield-Strathfield Anglican church and learning how to be parents to our little 1yr old girl, Jasmine. Sam is studying for a BD and Shan-Shan is completing a Diploma part-time. We're thinking about the possibility of ministry to Mandarin speakers in future.

**ROSS COLLINS**

I am married to the beautiful Kristie and we are currently serving at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church. Kristie and I both grew up in Sydney and we are passionate about seeing people come to know Jesus. We are hoping to work in Sydney after we finish our training at college. Please pray for us!

**BENJAMIN CONNELLY**

My wife Alissa and I are currently serving at Christchurch Mortdale and are looking forward to seeing where God will take us after leaving College.

**TRISTAN DALLAS**

I'm married to Anthea, with two daughters, Miriam and Julia. We're currently at St Barnabas' Anglican Church, Broadway, where we've been part of the morning service for two years now. We're hoping to work with students, possibly overseas, once I leave college.

**MARK DELBRIDGE**

Decisions, decisions! So many to make! I've found a fascination for seeing how the gospel informs our every decision. I look forward to serving people with this passion wherever that may be. Escaping the Moore bubble will have its challenges. But God is faithful. Always. I am certain of that.

**JARED DUNN**

My name is Jared, husband to a beautiful wife (Ruth) and adorable daughter (Elsie) with another one on the way. We ask that you may pray for us, that we may continue to serve God faithfully, but also for clear direction to whatever he has planned for us next year.

**BEN GEORGE**

My wife Liz and I are serving at Village Church, while I am working as a student minister with ENC. We hope to be doing cross cultural ministry in the future, with a focus on sub-continental people groups.

**MICHELLE GERUNGAN**

Excited to spend my final year at my home church - Kingsway/Indonesian Presbyterian. Always learning how to love and serve Jesus more. Please pray as I prepare for future ministry in Melbourne.

**RICHARD GLOVER**

Alison and I love being at St. John's Anglican Ashfield. A little girl joined the family in May, and she's a great joy. Enjoying thinking in depth about Christian ethics in the sphere of economics for my project this year.

**MICHAEL GRIVAS-ALLISON**

Along with my wonderful wife Rani, I serve the Saints at St John's Campsie, while considering options to serve overseas. Pray for myself and Rani as we continue to explore our marriage, our studies in God's word at Moore and SMBC, and our future under Christ.

**FIONA HENDERSON**

Hi everybody, I love Disney, Taylor Swift and doing youth ministry at Willoughby Park Anglican Church. I am excited that I have made it this far through college. I am hoping to do children's or youth ministry in Sydney when I finish this year, God willing. Fare thee well!

**KEITH HILL**

I'm married to Kate, and together we have two wonderful children, Ethan (4) and Zoe (1). We love the community in our year-group at college, and serving the saints at St. Augustine's in Neutral Bay. After College, we'd love to leave Sydney and serve God in regional Australia.

**SARAH HUME**

Wei-Li and I are thankful to be continuing to be part of the Moore community and Summer Hill Church. Pray for wisdom for the future. In 2018 I would like to work with university students in Sydney with the view to moving out of Sydney in time. Pray that wherever we are we will be faithfully proclaiming and serving the King.

**EDWARD HUNGERFORD**

Steph and I are eagerly expecting the birth of our first child in July 2017! Like the fledgling church in Thessalonica, we dream of being part of a hope-filled local church whose gospel proclamation rings out not only in our patch, but also resonates far beyond, to the glory of Jesus!

**TALAR KHATCHOYAN**

I'm thankful to God for sustaining and growing me during my time at Moore. Please pray that I will continue to delight in God's word so that I am well-prepared for a lifetime of ministry.

**BRADLEY KONEMANN**

Married to Katherine with two beautiful children: Eva (4) and Reuben (2). We've loved being part of the college community and are very thankful for our time at Moore. We're hoping to continue serving God at Anchor Church Sydney after college.

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BENJAMIN LATTIMORE

Bethany and I are expecting our third child in May this year, enjoying getting stuck into ministry at Village Church after moving there this year and looking forward to full time parish ministry next year.



SOOK SAN LEONG

Thankful for another year of immersion in God's word, the blessing of community and my new church family at St Paul's, Carlingford. Please pray that God will continue to shape me into a humble and gracious servant of his. God-willing I hope to tell Uni students about Jesus in 2018 and beyond!



JOSHUA LEWIS

I'm amazed it's already year four! The time has flown by, that's for sure. I'm still serving the saints at Wahroonga and thanks to my friends who have blessed me through Moore.



LAUREN MAHAFFEY

Aside from anticipating what a year of Carillon life could hold and the whole new world that is electives at college, I'm thanking God for a great college cohort to push through 4th year with, and the chance to serve with the saints at Summer Hill Church again.



CAMERON MAXWELL

Carine and I are living in Newtown, serving at St Matthias Paddington, and looking forward to welcoming a baby in April. We have come from Adelaide and are thankful for how our time at college has shaped us for a lifetime serving Jesus, wherever that may be.



JASON MCPHAIL

My name is Jason McPhail, I'm married to Paula and we have 3 boys; Ethan, Ezekiel and Tyler. We served in Indonesia for 7 years and have returned to Australia. I'm studying 4th year full time in preparation for the next chapter of making disciples in Australia.



JEREMY MORRIS

Mim and I live in Redfern and do ministry at St Bede's Drummoyne. It's a bit crazy that I'm being released into the wild at the end of this year, so please pray that I might keep growing in love, faith, hope, godliness and wisdom, and all the other things that help me honour Jesus in life and ministry. Thanks!



CANDY PANG

Thank God for the gospel partnership and learning over the past three years. Please pray God will grow me in my faithfulness and ability to handle the Old Testament scriptures, so as to better understand and proclaim the Messiah who died and rose according to these very scriptures.



THOMAS POUNTAIN

Hannah and I are thankful for the (at least) five friendships we have made over four years at Moore, our three wonderful daughters, the two degrees we hope to complete and the one direction our God has in store for us in the future.



MARTIN ROBINSON

Emma and I serve at Yagoona Condell Park Anglican. Next year we hope to proclaim the gospel in Sydney in church-based ministry. Please pray for wisdom, energy and faithfulness as we make the transition to post-college life.



TIMOTHY ROWE

Along with Sarah, William (Sep 14) and Daniel (Nov 16), we've had a great time at college! We've all enjoyed friendships, grown in our faith, and been equipped for further ministry. Please pray with us that we'll finish well and make wise plans for next year (under God, we plan to serve in student ministry).

**PAUL SEVILLE**

Bethany and I have loved studying and living at college. Studying God's word and Christian doctrine has strengthened our faith and challenged us to trust Jesus all the more. Cadence (4) will have a baby, Alexander (2) a cup of almond milk, and our unborn baby boy (due June) will be fine.

**JAMES SHEPHERD**

Currently serving at St Paul's Chatswood, looking to get ordained and work in the Sydney diocese next year!

**LUKE SHOOTER**

I am loving serving as a student minister at St Thomas' North Sydney and am super thankful for these years at MTC. I am looking forward to finishing college and starting full time gospel work in 2018 - but will miss the boys at Chappo. Romans 6.10-11.

**LUKE SINCLAIR**

I'm a Kiwi, who came over to College to study, has learnt a lot from God's word, gained a wife, Naomi, from the year below and look forward to returning to New Zealand to serve with a view to Japan in the future.

**EDWARD STOCKS**

Married to Nyssa, with little Theodore joining us this year. Currently serving at Dundas Telopea Anglican and hoping to enter parish ministry next year. Pray that this final year of study will produce continued growth and love for Christ in our lives.

**SAMUEL TERRY**

Our family has a new addition: Anastasia (which means "resurrection"). Loving our new church family at Greenacre. We really need prayer for staying there to work with various people groups, particularly for raising our own salary. Teddy will also be starting school in 2018... how the years fly by!

**TIMOTHY THAMBYRAJAH**

I'm married to Hollie, and we go to Summer Hill Anglican, while I'm a student minister with Two Ways Ministries. My prayer for college this year is that as a family we'll grow in our love of Christ, and learn to serve him accordingly.

**JONATHAN WARD**

Four years have gone so quickly! Carina and I are amazed at what the Lord has taught us and how he has grown us during our time at college. We are looking forward to seeing where He will send us next and pray that He will use us for his glory.

**SCOTT WESTWOOD**

Last year, our family grew by one person! Please pray for Pip and I as we learn to be parents to Eva. Pray that Eva would love Jesus. Pray that we would love and serve our church at Auburn. And pray for New Zealand (we are considering heading there post-college).

**GLENN WILMINGTON**

Last year it seemed like my time at college would finish in failure. Jesus gracefully taught that he can use those in ministry if we trust him. When we are weak, God is strong. Please pray that this good news will bring glory to Father, Son and Spirit wherever I may go.

**GREGORY WONG**

Husband to Aileen and father to Zachariah and Adele. God-willing we will return to Melbourne after the BD and work in parish ministry. We love life at But-Har-Gra and this year I'm excited to be a student minister with Two Ways Ministries. Please pray we grow more Christ-like each day.

**MARK WOODHOUSE**

Mark, Lucy, and little Georgie are loving working out how to be a family of 3, and seeing God slowly work in people's hearts at the often-colourful St John's Darlinghurst.

**JUN FENG WU**

From Singapore, and will return back to serve at his home church by overseeing the small-group curriculum and equipping the leaders. Meanwhile, he's making the most of his time studying God's word and enjoying the community at Moore, as well as relishing the coffee at Newtown.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

– Eph 2:8

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Fourth Year and Senior Student, Tim Rowe, helpfully explains the centrality of *Sola Gratia* (Grace Alone) in the reformation, and in the Christian life.

SOLA GRATIA: grace alone ... so that no one may boast

Salvation by grace alone is one of the most glorious truths recovered by the reformation. It presents believers with the comfort of deep assurance, while directing all glory rightfully to God (*solī Deo gloria*). And yet, it's a truth that confronts us! It goes against our grain, and we are tempted to minimize it. So as we remember the Reformation, for our good health and pleasure, let's tease out the offense and be refreshed with the good news that we are saved by grace alone.

...by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God (Ephesians 2:8)

[you] are justified by [God's] grace as a gift (Romans 3:24)

Now it's interesting that we struggle with these verses – most of us are pretty good at receiving gifts! But we're also pretty good at achieving things and finding significance and value in what we do – and *sola gratia* takes that from us. It reminds us that salvation doesn't depend on us at all – it isn't a recognition of who we are, or a reward for what we've done. In Paul's words, it's "*not a result of works, so that no one may boast*" (Ephesians 2:9, cf Romans 3:27) – and nothing else in life is like it! Our society is built on the foundation of hard work and achievement, which is regularly reinforced by exams, reports, performance reviews, sports divisions, competitions, promotions, job applications... You get out what you put in, and you're rewarded for effort mixed with excellence. But when we come to God, all this counts for nothing... which is, frankly, offensive!

Add to this our experience of salvation, and we can be further tempted to doubt the truth, or glory, of *grace alone*. For many of us, putting our complete trust in Jesus was a process – it involved conversations, reading books, going to church, wrestling through the Scriptures, attending camps, observing and weighing the examples of others – and the fruit of all this labour was a decision we made to commit our lives to Jesus. And then *sola gratia* again tries to say we did *nothing*!





Deep down, we know *grace alone* is the 'right' answer – it is all God's work – but do you ever find just a hint of self-confidence creeping in? I'm a Christian because it made the most sense; perhaps God chose me because I'm able to... or because I haven't...; God definitely laid the first stone, but over the years, I've added the concrete. In my experience, the temptation for self-credit and congratulation is often lurking in the shadows of the Christian mind.

But there's nothing particularly new about this desire. In Martin Luther's commentary on Galatians, he describes the struggle we feel: "*The words [grace and peace] are easy; but in temptation it is the hardest thing that can be, to be certainly persuaded in our hearts, that by grace alone, all other means either in heaven or in earth set apart, we have remission of sins and peace with God.*"¹ And we could go back further still to the Ephesian church, where Paul found it necessary to counter their natural desire for self-recognition and self-reliance, driving home that salvation was by *grace ... through faith, not your own doing – it is the gift of God, not a result of works – so that no one may boast* (Ephesians 2:8-9). *Sola gratia* is a doctrine that humanity will always be tempted to minimise – the Reformation reminds us of this, and why we need to keep God's grace at the centre of our lives and teaching.

In his introduction to Luther's *Bondage of the Will*, J.I. Packer describes *sola gratia* as a doctrine that not only united the leading reformers – "*On other points, they had their differences; but in asserting the helplessness of man in sin, and the sovereignty of God in grace, they were entirely at one.*"² – but also represented the very heart of the Reformation – "*To the Reformers, the crucial*

question was ... whether sinners are wholly helpless in their sin, and whether God is to be thought of as saving them by free, unconditional, invincible grace".³ Justification by faith alone is essential, but it builds on, and safeguards the underlying doctrine of salvation by *grace alone*.

These quotes from Packer also remind us that *sola gratia* flows from the doctrine of sin – the comprehensive fallenness of humanity. Now many of us are well aware of our sinfulness – it is all too easy to think of the numerous occasions each day when we fall short of, and openly reject, God's standard. But few of us would go to the lengths that Calvin does in describing humanity apart from the grace of God – "*everything which is in man, from the intellect to the will, from the soul even to the flesh*" is "*utterly devoid of goodness*".⁴ This is what Paul describes as being "dead in the trespasses and sins" (Ephesians 2:1) – dead people are not very good at doing anything to save themselves... in fact, they appear completely beyond hope. At its root, our struggle to accept the sole sufficiency of God's grace in our salvation comes from a misunderstanding, or a minimisation, of our sinful state.

Because when we realise that we were fallen and dead in sin, then it's obvious that we require God to act for our salvation. However, the ongoing debate is whether God acts *alone*, or just *first*, then allowing us to cooperate with him.⁵ While this discussion is ongoing, and we have seen the attraction of 'cooperating with God', there are firm grounds for maintaining the Reformation's *sola gratia* – *grace alone*. Paul is clear that our *justification* (Romans 3:24) and our salvation (Ephesians 3:8) have been given to us by God's

1 Martin Luther, *A Commentary on St Paul's Epistle to the Galatians Based on Lectures Delivered by Martin Luther at the University of Wittenberg in the Year 1531 and First Published in 1535* (trans. Philip S. (Philip Saville) Watson; London: J. Clarke, 1953), 41.

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5 e.g. Bishop Robert Barron and Roger E. Olson, 'Grace FIRST or Grace ALONE?', *Christ. Today* (April 2017): 42–46. It's worth noting that Olson's Protestant response represents an Arminian position which requires cooperation between God and man, though all the glory still goes to God.

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grace as a gift. And Luther argues to the same end: “no man can make any advance towards righteousness by his works; and it is further apparent that no works, efforts or endeavours of ‘free-will’ are of any avail in God’s sight, but that they are all adjudged ungodly, unrighteous, and evil. For if a man himself is not righteous, neither are his works and endeavours righteous; and if they are not righteous, they merit damnation and wrath.”⁶ We do not, and cannot, contribute anything to our salvation. But having been saved by the sole act of God’s grace, we are then called to walk in righteousness in the good works God has prepared for us (Ephesians 2:10).

While there are numerous implications that flow from these great truths, I will just briefly mention two. Firstly, Paul makes a direct application from *grace* to *gloating*. Because our salvation is purely the work of God, not attributable to anything in us, it removes all grounds for pride. The Christian has no right to feel superior to any other Christian, or any unbeliever either – we are all naturally dead in our sins, apart from God’s gracious gift. God warned his chosen Israelites against this temptation (Deuteronomy 7:6-8, 9:4-6), and in our sinfulness, we too need to heed Paul’s warning. *Sola gratia* reminds us that we have no grounds to boast in anything apart from the cross of Jesus Christ.

6 Luther, *Martin Luther on the Bondage of the Will*, 296.

Secondly, being reminded of our desperate situation and God’s amazing grace ought to drive us to thankfulness. As you learn in first year at College, Biblical Greek uses the same word for both *grace* and *thanks*⁷ – the act and the response to the act. So *sola gratia* ought to prompt our *gratitude*, a response Paul models in Romans 6:14-17. In reflecting on these verses, Calvin describes this thanksgiving as another way to remind ourselves that salvation is all God’s work – it takes the focus off ourselves and rightly directs it to God.⁸

Do you see the necessity and beauty of *sola gratia*? You were dead in your sins – God has done everything to save you – will you respond with humility and thankfulness?

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JULIETTE ANTOON

In addition to being a Chaplain at Moore, I have recently begun assisting the Registrar in serving Moore College Distance students and Group Leaders. Encouraging lay ministry by equipping the saints in God's word is something dear to my heart. Please pray that God will continue to equip me for the good works he has prepared for me and to use our PTC students for His glory.

ALISON BLAKE

Alison has been serving in local church ministry in Sydney for the last 30 years, with her husband Michael. We're currently part of Harbour Church at Shellharbour and live in Wollongong, while Michael completes his MA, through Moore. I'm involved in local church ministries (SRE and Bible Study), in Diocesan ministries (MT&D Wives program) and in the community (tennis). Pray that I would see opportunities for making and growing disciples of Christ through 1:1 Bible reading and prayer with friends, family and women in our local church. Pray for wisdom, creativity and prayerful trust for us and our church, as we look to better help our community engage with the saving message of Christ.

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 Street Anglican Church, Balmain with their family.

DEB 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.

JOSEPH AND NANCY FUNG

Joseph and Nancy have worked in a variety of ministries since studying at Moore in the 1980s and 90s. They are thankful for the opportunity to return to Moore as Cross Cultural Chaplains. We are trying to make friends with students, mentoring, encouraging them in their studies and seeking God's guidance in their future ministry directions. If you considered you are a cross-cultural student, or considering serving in a Chinese church, we would like very much to meet you. We are at Moore every Friday lunch and are happy to meet or mentor you outside this time.

ANNA HU

Anna is enjoying being part of the Moore College community again. Please pray that as she meets with the women from her chaplaincy group, there will be much thanksgiving, sharing of challenges, but most of all, mutual encouragement to live gospel-shaped lives. Please also pray that Anna will grow in graciousness and wisdom as she serves and loves her husband, children and her church family at UNSW FOCUS Mandarin Church.

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 has three teenage daughters. Home is Sydney's southwest where Peter is the minister at St Barnabas Fairfield with Bossley Park. 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 is every season of life.

ALLI MUSCAT

Having loved serving in parish ministry in western Sydney for the last 13+ years, Alli is

enjoying the change of working at college every Wednesday and Thursday and pursuing further studies this year. Alli loves spending time getting to know the students and encouraging them as they prepare for future ministry. Please pray that she will serve the college and students faithfully, with love and humility. She and her husband Paul enjoy being part of the family at MBM (Multicultural Bible Ministry) at Rooty Hill.

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 and her family served for a decade in Indonesia as CMS missionaries. The following decade involved exciting local parish ministry with Newtown Anglican Church. This current decade has brought her back to service with CMS as she joins her husband on pastoral visits to CMS missionaries serving abroad. Marcelle continues to run a friendship-evangelism craft project she began with Muslim women in Indonesia as well as distributing EMU music materials within Australia. Please pray Marcelle will continue to develop her pastoral care skills as she meets with CMS missionaries and the women at college.

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, 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. Pray for energy, endurance, and reliance on God, as we work in his harvest field.

CAROLINE SPENCER

As the Women's Program Manager and Trainer at City Bible Forum, I would appreciate prayer for the new initiatives we are undertaking to help businesswomen hear of the difference following Jesus makes. Please pray for the businesswomen we know who are seriously considering the claims of Jesus. Give thanks for those who are making professions of faith. Please pray for our team (Grace, Sophia, Li-Shia and myself) for energy, creativity, integrity and faithfulness as we seek to reach these women.

WENDY SWANTON

Wendy has previously worked in parish and school ministries and is now working for Two Ways Ministries. Please pray for the work of TWM training students and young adults in evangelism through Bible exposition and training trainers in the use of the Two Ways to Live gospel presentation. Please pray that Wendy will prayerfully care for the women in her chaplaincy group. She and her husband Philip are involved at St. Thomas' North Sydney.

JULIA WILLIAMS

Malcolm and I have been married for 27 years and have accumulated 6 children and 1 son-in law in that time. Our 23 years of ministry to the Visual Arts have been a great joy, along with the church plant that grew out of FEVA, Urban Grace. I'm also enthusiastic about women's ministry, running church events and supporting Fair Trade. Your prayers would be well spent asking God for humble wisdom for me in my role as Chaplain and for all who work and study at College.

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Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

– Hebrews 4:16



MARK THOMPSON

Mark is the College Principal, is married to Kathryn, and together they have four daughters aged 18-12: Elizabeth, Anna, Rachel and Mary. He teaches doctrine, with a special interest in the doctrines of God, Scripture, Christ and Justification by faith. He also maintains a passion for reformation theology, especially the life and thought of Martin Luther. Seeing men and women grow in character, biblical convictions and a heart for people is what excites him most. His ideal rest is time with family or with a good book (sometimes both!).



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.



GEORGE ATHAS

George has been teaching in the Old Testament Department for 12 years, and is also Director of Postgraduate Studies. He is married to Koula, who teaches at St George Christian School. They have two teenage daughters, Hosanna and Josephine, and live in Beverly Hills. George loves a good cup of coffee and a wide range of music. He is also a history buff and avid Formula One fan.



SIMON GILLHAM

Simon is married to Margie with two adult children: Madelon and Noah. He is Head of the Department of Mission and teaches Ministry and Mission. Simon is passionate about seeing the lost saved and grown to maturity in Jesus, and is excited about God's use of our graduates to those ends, around the world. Simon is continuing to study models of theological education. On days off he and Margie have taken on the serious quest to find Sydney's best hamburger spot with a water view.



PAUL GRIMMOND

Paul joined the college at the beginning of 2017 as Dean of Students and a lecturer in the Ministry and Mission Department. He is married to Cathy and has 3 children: Anna, Ethan and Joel. Paul loves spending time with Cathy, hanging out with his kids, watching school sport, reading, gaming, playing music and photography.



DAVID HÖHNE

The Höhnes have been part of the College Community for more than ten years now, and attend Newtown Anglican. Prior to this they served in Anglican Churches in Sydney, Canberra and Cambridge. They love eating together at the end of each day, talking about history, Myth Busters and favourite stories. David's main research areas are the coming Kingdom of God and Romanticism. Amelia teaches adult students with learning and language difficulties.



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.



CHASE KUHN

Chase is married to Amy, and they have two children - Olive and Ezra. They attend St Thomas' Anglican Church in North Sydney, where Chase was previously on the ministry team. He lectures in Christian Thought and Ministry. His writing to date has focused on ecclesiology and hermeneutics. Chase and his family enjoy listening to music, sitting for coffee, going to the beach, and playing with their two cats - Peter Parker and Rosie Sparkles.



ANDREW LESLIE

Andrew is married to Felicity with three children, William (7), Tessa (4), and Hugh (6 months). He lectures on Doctrine and is interested in the early development of Reformed theology alongside its retrieval for the task of rightly understanding the biblical teaching about God within a contemporary context. Besides the joy of teaching about God and his work in the world, Andrew likes to spend time with his wife, family, and dear friends, alongside music, reading, (a minimal amount of) exercise, and rest. He and his family attend All Saints' Petersham.



ED LOANE

Ed is married to Joc and they have five children (Jemima, Sophie, Ben, Sam and Abby). The family are members of St Peter's Cooks River parish church. Ed enjoys teaching doctrine and church history at college and researching in those areas as well as preaching in churches around the place. As a family they enjoy spending time together and holidays in the sunshine.



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. Originally from Northern Ireland, Peter first understood God's grace as a teenager by reading Jesus' words to the thief on the cross in Luke 23. He teaches Greek, New Testament and Biblical Theology. His main area of research is on the current work and location of Jesus. Peter loves spending free time with the family and watching and playing (badly!) cricket.



ARCHIE POULOS

Archie is married to Ainsley and they have three children: Georgia (20), Zoe (17) and Archie (13). Archie heads the Ministry Department and enjoys spending time thinking about how best to prepare students for the privilege of a life of ministry. His current research is in improving clergy capability. His hobbies include church planting and exploring supervision and resilience of clergy.



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 teenaged 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 Diploma students. Tara is the Dean of Women, overseeing the pastoral care of the female students (alongside 13 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.



CHRIS THOMSON

Chris is from the UK and came to Moore in 2017 to teach Old Testament and Hebrew. It was at university that he heard the gospel presented clearly and started following Christ in earnest. Since then he has been passionate about understanding and teaching the Bible, especially the Old Testament and biblical languages. He is particularly interested in the use and misuse of linguistic evidence in understanding biblical theology. He belongs to Church by the Bridge and enjoys downtime with friends and playing the electric guitar.



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.



PETER TONG

Pete Tong grew up in a Christian family and has known Jesus as his Lord and Saviour for as long as he can remember. He is married to Katelyn and they have three children; Chloe, Lily and Samuel. Pete was a visiting lecturer in 2015-2016 and is now a part of the faculty part-time. He is also the Assistant Minister at St Andrew's Wahroonga. He enjoys good coffee, trashy TV and playing all sport. He never misses a chance to throw a fishing line, but is still chasing that elusive mullock.



JANE TOOHER

Jane joined the faculty in 2009 after serving in parish ministry in Sydney and London. She teaches in Ministry, New Testament, and Church History and is the Director of the Priscilla & Aquila Centre. She lives in Newtown with her niece and 2 nephews. Jane loves walking, movies, and spending time with family and friends over a meal. She is currently enjoying researching women in church history.



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 (15), Harry (13) and Ellie (10). Lionel started full-time on the faculty in 2015 after working as an Anglican minister in Wollongong and Sydney. He teaches in New Testament and Greek. His research and writing focuses on biblical and theological principles for gospel ministry. 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 (9), Archie (5) and Harry (3). 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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