

Unless the LORD builds the house,
the builders labor in vain (Psalm 127:1)

When we pray we acknowledge our need of God and our dependence upon him. At Ridley we are working hard to train the next generation of Christian leaders and to promote the Gospel. We are also keenly aware that is vital that we behave in a manner worthy of the Gospel.

Many thanks for taking the time to pray for us. There is lots going on at College and all of it needs to be bathed in prayer.



Brian Rosner
Principal

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MARCH

Pray for the orientation of **new students**. Pray that Ridley will be a welcoming community, and students will adjust to new relationships, community responsibilities, and study disciplines.

Pray that the Community Time facilitated by the **Ridley Student Committee** fosters godly community and enhances the personal, spiritual, social and communal formation of all on-campus students.

Rejoice and pray for the growing **Ridley Online** family. Swelling student numbers have resulted in several new teaching and technical assistants appointed for 2016. Pray that the College can continue to foster collegial classes where both minds and characters are honed.

Pray for our many **Certificate students** that they will grow in faith as a result of their participation in this program.

Pray for **Nadia** (Moodle Administrator) and **Katherine** (Student Admissions Officers) as they commence work in the Registrar's Office. Pray that they will be welcomed and supported in their roles.

Pray for the **Anglican Institute** students in their parish placements – that they will faithfully apply their College learnings in practical and helpful ways, and develop effective skills for ministry.

Pray for Chapel Coordinator **AB Shinasi**, Chapel Music Coordinator **Dave Chiswell** and all student preachers in the first semester. Pray that they will be encouraged and equipped to serve well.

Please pray for student tutors, **Chris Porter** and **Elizabeth Culhane**, along with the other faculty involved in running seminars as they help students adjust to a new semester.

Pray for new students in **Global Mission Learning Community**. Pray that they will grow in Gospel confidence, personal humility and cross-cultural skills.

Pray for the new cohort of students in the **Missional Leadership Learning Community**. Pray for good relationships and learning as they undergo modules such as *Meet an Evangelist*, *Pastoring that Cares*, and *Time Management*.

Pray for librarians **Ruth** and **Alison** conducting library orientation sessions for new students at the start of Semester 1.

Pray for College Librarian, **Ruth Millard**, as she travels to South America in mid-March and volunteers for 4 weeks at a small Anglican theological library in Santiago, Chile.

Pray for Assistant Librarian, **Alison Foster**, managing the library for 5 weeks in March/April while Ruth Millard is away.

Pray for new faculty member **Graham Stanton** and his family as they settle into their new home in Melbourne. Pray that Graham will maintain a healthy balance between Ridley responsibilities and his PhD research.

Pray for **Andrew Laird** as he continues to settle into his new role as Dean of the Marketplace Institute. Pray that the Institute will continue to help Christians understand the place of daily work in their life & witness.

The Lord is near
to all who call on him,
to all who call on him
in truth.

Psalm 145:18

APRIL

Pray that **senior students** will intentionally and purposefully mentor first year students. Pray that senior students will pioneer a deep and lasting culture of on-campus student-to-student mentoring within the College community.

Pray for **first year students** as they prepare their first round of papers. Pray for diligence in research and clear thinking as they communicate. Especially pray that those students who need help will use the tutor assistance effectively.

Ridley Online continues to increase its international presence, with more students and teachers hailing from international contexts. Pray that this enhances students' global awareness, not least as differing academic and pastoral expectations are identified and navigated.

Pray for the **Anglican Institute Annual Lecture** on April 11 — that Bishop John Harrower's address, on *Reflections on Mission for the Australian Anglican Church*, will be both challenging and inspiring.

Richard Trist will be involved in training parish field committees on April 16 and 20. Pray that the training will be useful for all who attend.

Pray for **Rhys Bezzant's** upcoming speaking engagements at *St Jude's Convention*, *CMS Bendigo Autumn Conference* and *NZ Anglican Future Conference*. Also pray for him as he finalises the translation of a Luther biography for Baker Publishing.

Pray for **Scott Harrower** and his writing projects on the topics of suffering and the Trinity.

Give thanks for the joy filled faith of our **Non-English speaking background Diploma of Ministry** students.

Pray for **Len Firth** and his teaching assistant **Elizabeth Culhane** as they seek to make their teaching relevant to the Diploma of Ministry students who come from refugee backgrounds.

Pray for **students** and **recent graduates** who are currently in conversation with mission organisations about possibilities for future service.

Pray that the partnership between Ridley and our neighbours at **St Andrew's Hall** (the CMS-Australia training college) may be increasingly fruitful in the training of cross-cultural gospel workers.

Praise God for the **Marketplace Institute** and the opportunity it provides to help students, business practitioners and church leaders consider the connections between Christian faith and work.

Pray for this year's **Faith and Work Award dinner** organized by the Marketplace Institute. Pray that planning and preparations will continue smoothly and that it will be an encouraging night for all who attend.

Pray for **Richard Trist** as he attends the General Synod Ministry Commission on April 26–27.

Pray for the members of the **Ridley Board** that they would conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel.

MAY

Pray for **students** preparing for their Semester 1 exams in June. Pray that they will be diligent, hardworking and God-honouring in the use of their time. Pray that their preparation will help equip them not just for their exams but for a lifetime of ministry.

Pray for those from the **NESB class** who are preparing to participate in the Israel Study Tour (29 May–13 June). Ask the Lord for safety and good learning.

Pray for the constant and rapid number of **Ridley Online** subjects under development. It is both a delight and a challenge to find demand threatening to overtake supply! Ask God to ensure a quality experience for remote students.

Pray for wisdom as the College starts to develop and teach more practical ministry units through **Ridley Online**. Pray that students' interpersonal skills will flourish in areas like preaching and pastoral care.

Pray for continuing library assistants, **Kirrilly, Ricky and Jeremy** and new library assistant, Jacob, as they balance study, work and other commitments.

Pray for library technician **Rachel** as she works on cataloguing.

Pray that the **mission organisation visitors** to College this semester will be effective in encouraging Ridley students and staff to consider their involvement in global mission.

Pray for **Activate 2016**, the Victorian missions conference taking place on 7 May. Pray that many will be greatly encouraged by the conference and challenged to consider missionary service.

Pray for **Jill Firth** as she completes her PhD on the Psalms and submits it at the end of May.

Pray for Principal **Brian Rosner** in all aspects of his work that he will find his adequacy in God and live and work in prayerful dependence on him.

Give thanks to God for the hard work of those on the **Ridley Board**. Pray that God will provide wisdom from above in all their deliberations.

Become a Ridley Prayer Warrior!

Ridley prayer warriors are men and women who meet once a quarter to pray purposefully for the activities and needs of the College. This is also a great opportunity to visit the College and witness God's work in the lives of students, faculty members, staff and many others.

Prayer Warrior meetings are run by Hugh Prentice. To join as a prayer warrior, please contact him at **0432 761 837** or email him at **hugh@prentices.com**



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