We greatly appreciate your ministry of prayer for Ridley. Our Board, leadership team, faculty and staff realise that we are completely dependent on God to sustain and prosper us, and we do not presume upon his mercy. We make plans and work hard, but such efforts are wasted if not for God’s Spirit working through us. So, in partnership with you, we express our prayerful dependence and seek his blessing. At the same time we rejoice that God uses humble vessels like us to achieve his gospel purposes. Please use this prayer bulletin to bring our cause before the Lord, for he listens, he loves us and he is faithful.

Tim Foster
Acting Principal

SEPTEMBER

Pray for the Ridley Student Committee as they organise a social event on Sep 18, and the Follies Talent Showcase on Oct 22. Pray that these events will help build the Ridley community.

Praise God for the many enrolments in the Ridley Online programme, with students from around the country and overseas and from a wide range of denominations.

Pray for students new to online study this semester. Pray that they will engage well with their virtual classmates and with theological study.

Pray for Principal Brian Rosner on study leave. Pray for productivity, wisdom and insight as he writes a book about being known by God and personal identity.

Pray for Tim Foster as Acting Principal while Brian is on study leave. Pray for wisdom and clarity of thought as he leads the College in semester 2. Pray that he will promote and model the core values of Ridley.

Pray for Anglican Institute students exploring a calling to ordination, particularly those undertaking the Year of Discernment and those attending the Diocesan Selection Conferences (Sep 25, Oct 29).

Give thanks for Richard Trist’s and Anthea McCall’s leadership of the Anglican Institute. Pray for their wise guidance of students, their teaching responsibilities, and their own doctoral studies.

Praise God for the Ridley Certificate programme and the nine new churches that have joined so far this year. Pray for the initiative into schools, with Ridley Certificate being used as content for teaching, as well as professional development for teachers.

Pray for the hard-working team producing the Ridley Certificate: Administrator Gina Denholm, Digital Content Producer Wayne Chan, Video Production Assistant Karl Birchley and Coordinator Kara Martin.

Pray for Len Firth and the Southern Sudanese members of the Anglican Institute as they lead an ‘Easy English’ service for the Anglican Institute on Sep 14. The College seeks to help those preparing for ordination to experience culturally diverse ministry which they are likely to experience in parishes.

Pray that Ridley’s Global Mission Week in September would fuel the passion of students and staff for the praise of God’s glory among all people.

Praise God for the opportunity for the Jonathan Edward Center at Ridley to host the Jonathan Edwards Congress in August. Please pray for Rhys Bezzant as he edits the volume of papers from this Congress to be published by Wipf and Stock.

Pray for librarians Ruth Millard and Alison Foster as they manage busy workloads. Pray for Alison as she goes on annual leave in September, visiting family in the USA, and for Ruth who will be extra busy in the library during this time.

Give thanks and pray for the Non-English Speaking Background class. Most come from a refugee background with a disrupted education. Their faith and joy in studying the Bible and theology are a genuine encouragement to their lecturer, Len Firth. Pray also for Len’s wife Jill who teaches Hebrew and Old Testament classes.

Pray for Anglican Institute students undertaking parish placements. Pray that they will grow in leadership skills and that the feedback from supervisors and field committees will help their pastoral effectiveness.

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Psalm 19:14
OCTOBER

Pray for valedictory celebrations on Oct 22. Pray that our valedictorians defend and proclaim the gospel with clarity and conviction and conduct their lives in a manner worthy of the gospel.

Pray for the Ridley Board to continue to help the leadership team, Brian Rosner, Tim Foster and Bruce Harris as they strategically engage with the many challenges and opportunities that Ridley faces. Pray that Board members will pursue their work with diligence and enthusiasm.

Pray for online students as they complete a challenging raft of assessments as semester 2 concludes.

Praise God for raising up a variety of online tutors, from interstate and overseas. Pray that other suitable teachers will be found as our offerings expand.

Pray for the Registrars as they organise Visit Ridley events – Open Day on Oct 13 and Open Evening on Oct 14. Pray that visitors will catch a vision of life at Ridley and grow in their desire to study and train for ministry.

Pray for Ridley students being ordained as priests at St Paul’s Cathedral on Nov 28. Pray for fruitful ministries, and that they will bring glory to God in all that they do.

Please pray that our student leaders in Chapel, Matt Smith and Tim Cesnak, that they will be encouraged as they organise teams and give feedback.

As the semester ends, pray for creativity in structuring Chapel services and that students joyfully attend Chapel.

Pray for the Registrars as they process exam results and prepare for semester 3. Pray for good enrolments and smooth administration.

Pray that online students and College staff will constructively navigate this non-traditional learning opportunity.

Pray for Marketing and Communications Officer Jane Daw, as she communicates the opportunities that Ridley has available.

Pray for the smooth organisation of the Annual Dinner on Oct 23, that many will attend and be encouraged by God’s work through the College. Pray for their ongoing support of the College through resources and prayer.

Pray for the Marketplace Institute Lecture by Robert Banks on Developing Leaders: Some Overlooked Dimensions on Oct 12. Pray that many will come along to hear Australia’s most recognised faith and work practical theologian.

Praise God for new Ridley Certificate subjects coming online this year — Apologetics, Isaiah and Revelation. Pray that students will be attracted to study those subjects. Pray also for the new subject being edited, Mission Mindset and Ethics, that the teaching will be clear and challenging.

Pray for Library Assistants Samuel Crane, Kirrily Drew, Ricky Njoto and Jeremy Watson balancing study, work and other commitments and for library technician Rachel Hayman as she works on cataloguing.

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Pray for Ridley Online’s first offering of a summer semester (Nov-Feb). Pray that online students and College staff will constructively navigate this non-traditional learning opportunity.

Pray for Danielle Deroon as she provides Personal Assistance support while Annabelle Crane is on maternity leave.

Praise God for Kara Martin’s extraordinary work and commitment in coordinating the Ridley Certificate and as Associate Dean of the Marketplace Institute over the past three years. Pray for her transition to a new ministry role as she finishes up at the end of 2015.

Pray that the Global Mission Learning Community will help students think deeply about God’s global purposes and form friendships in which they spur one another on to love and good deeds for the sake of Jesus.

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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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