

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 that the **Ridley Board** will 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.

NOVEMBER

Pray for all students, both online and on campus, as they finish essays and prepare for exams in November. Pray for effective study, good learning, and peace and calm as they undertake their exams.

Pray for **Len Firth**, and his teaching assistant **Elizabeth Culhane**, as they conduct oral exams for the **NESB Diploma Class** on Nov 4-5. Pray that the class will perform well and for Len and Elizabeth as they meet the demands of one to one sessions with every student.

Pray for two Ridley students **Claire Bonner** and **Jimmy Pattinson** who will be married on Nov 7. Claire served as Len's teaching assistant for several years. Pray for Jimmy and Claire in their life and ministry together.

Pray for **Richard Trist** as he meets with the General Synod Ministry Commission on Nov 23. Pray that he will make a worthwhile contribution on ways to develop greater ministerial effectiveness and resilience.

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.

Pray for the **Missional Leadership Learning Community** as they participate in theological reflection during Wednesday seminars. Pray that students will learn how to connect the Bible, ministry and theological ideas.

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.

Praise God for **Ridley Online** and its formal partnerships with different churches and organisations, some already realised and others under negotiation. Pray that Ridley Online will continue to offer quality training in contexts beyond Melbourne.

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.

Pray that the mission organisation visitors to College this semester will have significant conversations with students and be effective in encouraging them to consider their involvement in global mission.

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 **Lil Corke** on reception and facilities manager **Lloyd Franklin** as they support the operations of the College.

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.

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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