

*Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. (Colossians 4:4)*

The Apostle Paul was acutely aware of the prayer partnerships that supported him in his mission. He frequently exhorted churches to pray that he would have boldness, courage and clarity. These prayers were clearly answered, and were doubtless vital to his success. We are delighted that you are partnering with us in your prayers. Please use this bulletin so that you can pray in a clear and specific way for the sake of Ridley and the growth of the gospel.

  
Tim Foster  
Acting Principal

# Prayer Bulletin

Summer  
2015

## DECEMBER

Pray for **students** doing ministry over the summer such as beach missions and National Training Event. Pray that they will have a fruitful time sharing the gospel and discipling others.

Thank God for the healthy **Ridley Online** enrolments in our first summer semester, serving students around the nation. Pray for those students who have joined Ridley Online for the first time, whether new to theological study or joining us from other colleges. Pray that this new initiative will be a valuable experience for all students, lecturers and staff participating in this endeavour.

Pray for our **Ridley Online teachers**, themselves scattered around the globe and some new to the programme. Pray that they will be able to engage well with students on the online platform.

Praise God for a good end to the year for those in the **Anglican Institute**, with students completing ministry placements and reporting many opportunities for learning and growth.

Praise God for the faithful work of **Karl Birchley, Gina Denholm** and **Kara Martin** who will be leaving the Ridley Certificate team now that production of 12 subjects has been completed.

Pray for the leadership team of the Anglican Institute, **Richard Trist** and **Anthea McCall**, as they use the summer break to continue work on their doctoral studies, and to prepare for the year ahead.

Give thanks for the recent teaching opportunities **Kara Martin** of the Marketplace Institute has had in churches around Melbourne. Pray that churches will take up the challenge of empowering the everyday Christians in their congregations to effectively integrate their faith with their work.

Pray for Dean of Global Mission **Charlie Fletcher** and his family as they make a return visit to Mexico (where they served with CMS from 2001-2011) over the summer. Please pray for a safe trip and edifying time as they catch up with many.

Pray for librarians **Ruth Millard** and **Alison Foster** working over the summer to prepare for the 2016 academic year, and supporting students studying online during Semester 3.

Pray for faculty member **Scott Harrower** as he develops the online course for Early Church History and prepares for Theology 403/603 subject for the classroom in Semester 1. Pray also for his writing projects on the atonement, suffering and Trinity.

Praise God for registrars **Katrine Bramley, Alison Flynn** and **Natalie Brough**. Pray for grace and efficiency as they complete administrative tasks for this year and continue tasks for 2016.

Praise God for an enjoyable **Annual Dinner** in October. Give thanks for Pete Greenwood and the many Ridley Online students who shared their experiences at the dinner. Also give thanks for Event Coordinator **Sharm Davy**, Facilities Manager **Lloyd Franklin**, and all involved.

Give thanks for the commitment long serving Board members: **Claire Rogers, Stephen Hale, David Williams** and **Tim Johnson**.

Praise God for the good work of **Danielle Deroon** in her relieving role as PA for the Principal and for **Annabelle Crane** as she returns from maternity leave following the birth of daughter Eva.

In the morning, LORD,  
you hear my voice;  
in the morning I lay  
my requests before you  
and wait expectantly.

**Psalm 5:3**

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## JANUARY

Pray for students who are taking **Greek and Hebrew** intensive classes and lecturers **Anthea McCall** and **Jill Firth**. Pray that students will prepare well over the summer.

Give thanks for the completion and launch of three **Ridley Certificate** subjects: *Revelation Unwrapped*, *Mission Mindset* and *Talking Ethics*. Pray that they will be enthusiastically received by churches and students.

Please pray for the new Dean **Andrew Laird** as he starts work with the Marketplace Institute. Pray that he will settle into his new role quickly, and that God will bless his work among students and Faculty.

Pray for the continued growth of Chinese students studying in the **Anglican Institute** and for the new Ridley Chinese Certificate in Bible and Ministry that will commence in 2016. Pray for **Rev Dr Timothy Lau** as he heads up this new opportunity for the training of lay leaders.

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Praise God for our excellent design, the production team of **Ridley Online** and its Dean, **Andrew Malone**.

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Pray for the final preparation of **new online units** in Old Testament (overview), New Testament (Ephesians & Philipians) and Evangelism and Ministry Foundations.

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Please pray for **Southern Sudanese members** of the Anglican Institute, that they will gain good training placements in 2016.

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Praise God for the increased number of faces on the Ridley chapel map wall - Ridley folk serving in **global mission organisations** in Australia and around the world.

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Pray for library assistant **Sam Crane** as finishes as a Library Assistant (and Ridley student) and is ordained as an Anglican deacon in February.

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Pray for faculty member **Jill Firth** as she finishes the first draft of her PhD thesis on the Psalms over the summer.

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Pray for prospective students who are in the process of deciding if they want to do theological studies. Pray that they will be moved to apply to study at Ridley either next year or in the future.

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Pray for wisdom as the **Board** considers building proposals and other property matters.

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Pray for Financial Officer **Paul Game** and Management Accountant **Shirley Zhou** as they contribute to financial operations of the College.

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Pray for faculty member **Lindsay Wilson** on study leave in Semester 1, 2016. Pray for productivity, wisdom and insight as he writes about the book of Proverbs.

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Give thanks for a fruitful and refreshing study leave for Principal **Brian Rosner**. Pray that his book on being known by God will pass through the editing stages successfully and be of help to many people when it is published.

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## FEBRUARY

As **students** start or resume their studies this semester, pray that God will equip our administrative staff as they direct an increasing number of students into a wider range of study options. Pray also that each student receives appropriate pastoral attention, especially in the potentially faceless world of online study.

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Praise God for our **Ridley Certificate students** in so many diverse locations, including every state in Australia. Especially thank God for students in Baghdad and Jakarta, studying under difficult circumstances.

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Pray for **Richard Trist** as he travels to Griffith on Feb 12 to help establish the new InContext ordination training program for the Diocese of Riverina.

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Pray for the **Ridley Students' Committee** as it plans its priorities and activities for 2016.

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Pray for wisdom, godliness and creativity for the 2016 student leaders: **Adam Ch'ng** (RSC Chair), **AB Shinasi** (Chapel Coordinator) and **David Chiswell** (Chapel Music Coordinator).

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Pray for new **Chapel leaders** for 2016, that they will recruit excellent teams to serve daily in Chapel to encourage and equip the community. Pray that students will see this as a wonderful opportunity to learn new skills.

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Pray for recruitment of new members of the **Missional Leadership Learning Community** over the summer months, and that students will organise their work and study in 2016 in such a way that they make time for extra ministry formation and experiences.

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Pray for the recruiting of between six and twelve new students for the **Global Mission Learning Community** for first semester 2016.

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Praise God for new Ridley students interested in workplace ministry and linking with the **Marketplace Institute**. Pray for those seeking to become chaplains, or those simply wanting to more effectively express their faith in their workplaces.

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Praise God for an exceptional Jonathan Edwards Congress in August 2015. Pray for our **History of Evangelicalism** class in first semester, that students will build their vocational identity by studying movements and challenges of the past, and find examples of evangelistic energy to imitate.

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Pray that the **Mission Perspectives** course being taught on campus in first semester will equip students with helpful theological, historical and contemporary frameworks for understanding global mission.

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In Semester 1 this year the **Non-English Speaking Background** (NESB) Diploma of Ministry class will be involved in studying the Living Faiths Course. Pray for them as they focus on learning about traditional African Religions and Islam and consider how to share the gospel with these groups.

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Pray for **students** who are in discussion with mission agencies as they consider future gospel service.

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Pray that **students** settle quickly into understanding themselves and better appreciating God's plans for the world. Ask God that he will make students ready to integrate their learning with their disparate settings around Australia.

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## 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](mailto:hugh@prentices.com)**



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