



Finish the Race, Complete the Task

The Trinity Community Celebrating our 2021 Graduates

More than twenty-five years ago, as Athena and I considered whether to join Allan and Allison Chapple in the ministry of the Perth Centre for Applied Christian Studies, a Perth-based minister said to me that if we joined this work we would see significant gospel impact within our lifetime. As I looked around at things then, I was rather doubtful.

I was wrong and my brother in Christ was right. The Lord has done and continues to do marvellous things. Churches, cross-cultural mission, schools and workplace ministries, Uni ministries, and the College have grown and multiplied—well beyond what I could have imagined 25 years ago, let alone 40 or 50 years ago for some of us. The truth which we so often forget is that gospel ministry, and training others for such ministry, is a long-haul project. Sometimes, as we spend large amounts of time, money, and energy on

ministries that seem to be making little impact (or that flop!), we forget the 25-, 40-, or 50-year perspective.

So how do we go about serving people with the gospel in our schools, or churches, or youth group, or workplace and keep our eyes on the big picture? The first thing I would say is that 50 years is not long enough as a timeframe. Only in eternity will we begin to fully grasp what the Son gave up for us and made available for us, the scope and size of his reward, and how God will have gained glory through him and by his Spirit.

What does this mean for us day-to-day? In Acts 20:18-35 Paul prepares the Ephesian elders for his departure to Jerusalem; he knows he won't see them again and wants them to continue in the pattern of gospel ministry they have seen in him. What struck me here was how frequently Paul uses his own ministry as the basis of his exhortations for their ministry:

You know how I lived the whole time I was with you . . . I served the Lord with great humility . . . and with tears in the midst of much severe testing . . . You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful . . . I have declared repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus . . . I declare I am innocent of the blood of all of you for I proclaimed to you the whole will of God . . . Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you day and night with tears . . . you know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs . . . in everything I did I showed you."

How did Paul come to be so transparent about his ministry, so upfront and clear? Is this something only the apostles do? No, listen to what Paul says in verse 24:

I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task that the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

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Two factors drive Paul's ministry: to finish the race and to complete the task of "testifying to the good news of God's grace." He wanted to remain faithful to the One who shed his blood for him and to know that he had exercised his ministry faithfully to his Master's wishes. He presented himself openly to others as a servant, and spent himself for them, because he was completely known and loved by his Master, the Master who had entrusted him with the gospel, the One he longed to meet face-to-face.

I take from all this that we should have gospel goals and aspirations in our ministries. And, we should give


thanks to God for the gospel fruit he brings. But, in our reflection about our ministries, our hearts are to be fixed on the One who is in heaven. Interestingly,



Don West at 2021 Commencement & Graduation

Paul does not directly refer to the numerical fruit of his ministry in Ephesus. Far more important for him is that the church and its leaders be open in their ministries, hard-working, watchful, prayerful, gospel-centred, always taking themselves and others to the Word of God's grace, and ultimately to the Lord Jesus.

May God continue to direct our hearts

towards his Son as we serve him this year. 

In Christ,

Don West
Principal



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2020 Graduation cohort at Trinity's Commencement & Graduation Ceremony



The Light of the Gospel

On the night of Tuesday 23 February Trinity held its annual Commencement and Graduation Ceremony. A diverse crowd gathered at North Coast Church in Balcatta from across Perth and beyond to particularly recognise and celebrate God's work in the lives of those graduating.

For those having undertaken degree-level courses, a total of 10 people graduated with one-year theological degrees in either a Diploma of Theology or a Graduate Diploma of Divinity. An additional 6 students graduated with a Bachelor of Theology, Master of Ministry, or a Master of Divinity degree – all three-year degrees.


Two further students graduated having undertaken additional study to complete research projects – what is called a Research Training Pathway that opens the door to various research degrees.

Finally, a total of 6 people graduated with either Trinity's Certificate in Christian Studies or Advanced Certificate in Christian Studies.

Phil Beeck, the Senior Minister at Albany Baptist Church, preached on Psalm 19. Although unable to attend in person due to an illness, via the means of technology and prerecording, Phil's sermon was 'played' – but it was very much as if he was physically present! God's Word was opened, spoken, and applied. Phil made three points from Psalm 19. First, God's

Word 'wows' (vv1-6). God has spoken a creational Word, where the heavens testify to his glory and worth. Second, God's Word 'works' (vv7-11). God's spoken Word provides the parameters and transformation for a fulfilling and God-glorifying life. Third, Phil pointed out that God's Word 'whacks'. Like the sun that shines and thus reveals, God's Word also reveals and whacks us to the reality that as humans we do not naturally submit to God's glory and the rule of his Word. Our only ultimate hope is repenting of our sin and placing our trust in Jesus, God's incarnate Word. Only in this way can we truly live to the glory of God and be empowered to speak God's gospel Word to others. As God's Word has changed us, so we pray that God would be pleased to use us to speak his Word to others so that they too might be saved and brought into the kingdom of his Son.

It was such an encouraging night! What a privilege to join with so many others to hear God's Word, to sing his praise, to honour his faithfulness in the

lives of the graduands, and to pray in earnest that they would be sustained in faith, hope, and love by the gospel to the end. May God continue to show his grace and raise up many, many more workers for his harvest, so that the light of the gospel would shine like the sun across the world and through this that he would eternally save those who are his. 

David Kummerow

Lecturer in Old Testament

**Editor's note – the Commencement & Graduation was filmed and can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/oUgtlezWtgI>*



David Kummerow and graduate Michael Dean-Smith



What an encouragement to gather together in praise of God

Graduates 2020

Master of Divinity

Jacob Law

"Trinity Theological College has been a great blessing in my life and my life in ministry. The college has equipped me with the fundamental truth from the Bible, and the gospel conviction for me to serve at Grace Methodist Church."

James Pearce

"I'm currently working in the IT sector and attend Horizon Church in Kingsley. My family has moved to the northern suburbs of Perth near Yanchep looking for evangelistic and church planting opportunities. I appreciated that the ethos of life at Trinity college is sourced from God's Word."

the Geraldton Anglican Cathedral, with a focus on youth and children. Reflecting on my time at TTC, I appreciated how the content of each unit was taught with a clear focus on Christ, paired with thoughtful application. I left TTC loving Jesus more richly than any other time in my life. I praise God for the gift that TTC was to me as a place to learn and grow!"



BTh Graduates Michael Dean-Smith, Jarod Hortin, and Damon Bosveld

Graduate Certificate of Divinity

Chin Wee Ang

"I have been serving as an associate pastor at Subi Church, teaching and equipping our congregation with the knowledge of the Scriptures in various areas. The one thing that I valued the most about Trinity is the solid theological foundation that is laid for all students and also the fostering of the desire to build upon those foundations. It prepares each student for life-long ministry, no matter where we end up serving God."

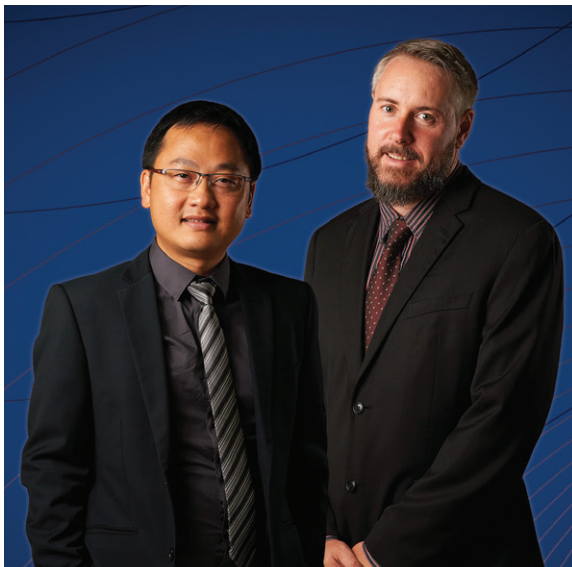
my denomination. At Trinity, I valued that the teaching was rooted in scripture and continually directing us to Christ, for the glory of God. I enjoyed forming friendships with my peers, discussing anything from theology to parenting over a cup of coffee."

Michael Dean-Smith

"I am a ministry intern at WPC Bull Creek, where I am looking after evangelism and ministries that come under that umbrella, studying for ordination. I love Trinity because the people that came along side me and my wife not only taught me theology, they showed me what it is to love Christ with their lives. I am blown away with the grace of God, sending us world class teachers to train the next generation of pastors, teachers, missionaries and gospel workers in our own back yard."

Jarod Hortin

"I am currently working in an administrative capacity at Southern Christian Church in Atwell. I really appreciated that the lecturers always had time to talk and answer any questions about the content they were teaching."



MDiv Graduates Jacob Law and James Pearce

Master of Ministry

Michael Welham

"Since finishing my studies at TTC, I have worked as an associate youth pastor at North Coast Church. At the start of 2021, I moved with my family to Geraldton to start in my new and current role as Assistant Minister at

Bachelor of Theology

Damon Bosveld

"I have been volunteering in various capacities within my Church, the Free Reformed Church of Baldivis. In July we plan to travel to Canada to commence further training for ordination within

Diploma of Theology

Elardus Mouton

"Since leaving Trinity I have gotten married to my beautiful wife, Guinevere, and I am currently in the final stage of the selection process for the Western Australia Police Force. While I was at Trinity, I really appreciated the depth of the lecturers' knowledge and that they take Scripture seriously, and also that it was clear that all the staff and students really love Jesus."

Sophie McAlpine

"This year I begin a B.A in English Literature and History at the University of Notre Dame, and I will be serving as a youth leader at Providence Church Midland. I appreciate how included and heard I was at college, both in and out of class, despite being one of the youngest students at Trinity."

Prize winners Linda Lee and Scott Howard

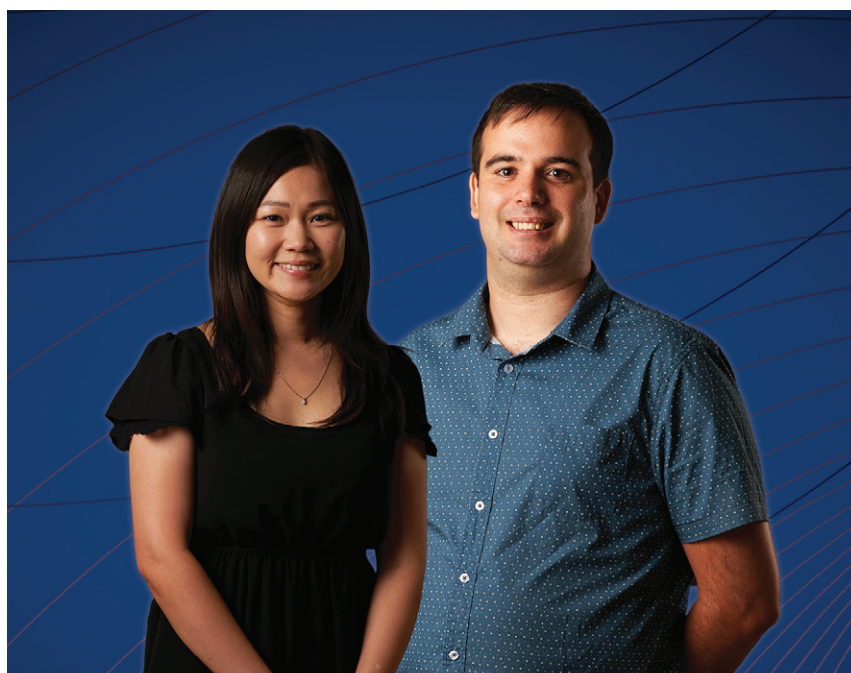
Prizes

Linda Lee – One Year Degree Prize

An academic prize awarded to the student who has the highest Grade Point Average whilst enrolled in the Diploma of Theology or Graduate Diploma of Divinity. Provided by Margaret Ellis and family in memory of John Ellis

Scott Howard – Service to the College Community Prize

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Student Profile

Our Purpose: Preparing people for effective Christian service


It is only with your partnership in financial support and prayer that we can prepare men and women like Michael for Word ministry

Michael Venter is a current student at Trinity and is about half way through his Graduate Diploma of Divinity.

"I am part of the North Beach Baptist Church family. I chose Trinity as my preferred college for theological study having been highly recommended to me; I haven't been disappointed!

I have loved every aspect of my time at Trinity – sitting under knowledgeable and approachable lecturers, learning alongside fellow students from different backgrounds, discussing classes over coffee, hearing from alumni, praying in pastoral care groups... the list goes on.

I am hoping to enter a ministry apprenticeship in mid-2021 with the view to possible full-time youth/young adults' ministry.

Please pray that I will diligently complete my studies growing into the likeness of Christ, and that I will discern God's good and perfect will for my life bringing him honour and glory as I serve him." 

Michael Venter

GradDipDiv Student



Graduate Diploma of Divinity

Poe Wie Chen

"I currently serve and teach the youth at Firstlight Church as a youth leader. I deeply valued the way Trinity Theological College taught me solid biblical foundations and equipped me effectively to confidently teach the gospel."

Amy Crouch

"I have just had a baby, so I'm busy looking after him and our 2.5 year old at the moment. I am currently a member of Kingscross church. While at Trinity I appreciated the godly and knowledgeable lecturers who I've learnt so much from. My Bible knowledge and knowledge of God has expanded, and in that my love for him, for that I'm truly grateful. "

Hannah Fairclough

"My husband and I are missionaries in training with the Church Missionary Society. We are currently completing a 6 month course at St Andrew's Hall with a view to doing student ministry in Italy long-term. My time at Trinity has provided a good foundation in the Bible for serving and growing in ministry, and built my confidence that God speaks clearly and powerfully through His Word."

Linda Lee

"I'm currently working with the Senior Pastor at Subiaco Church, providing ministry support as his Executive Assistant. At Trinity, I've really valued gaining a deeper understanding of God's goodness and majesty by delving into Scripture, and developing essential tools to handle and teach God's Word faithfully."

Rachelle van Zijl

"Since college I have continued in my part-time role as the kids pastor, alongside my husband Al, at North Coast Church. This has been such a privilege and joy, as much as it is

always a challenge, to get to be part of raising up the next generation for Jesus. I enjoyed the opportunity I had to study at Trinity; to get to learn how to better read the bible for myself, to grow in my love for Jesus, as well as how to better handle it to share the good news of Jesus with others. It was also awesome to meet other Christians at college from other churches in Perth."

Robyn Hofstra

"I am back to mothering full-time but with views of returning to secular work part-time in the near future. I really appreciated the relationships that I developed at Trinity, both with my peers and with the staff."

Benjamin Smart

"I've highly valued the input from the great lecturers at Trinity, which have been of immense benefit as I continue serving as a Senior Staff Worker with the Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AFES), discipling and training students at UWA."

Peter Ziersch

"I am currently enjoying fatherhood of my five-month-old and attending Saving Grace Church in Midvale with future plans of assisting with discipleship training. The community at Trinity were very welcoming and the flexibility of the Tuesday night classes were ideal for working while studying. I highly recommend it."

Lilian Huang

"I am now working as a Children's minister in Perth Alliance Church (North), also Jason and I are now Perth City Directors for the RICE Movement. Through Trinity, God has deepened my love for his Word, and has equipped me to help others."

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Advanced Certificate in Christian Studies

Andrew Chan

"I work as a kickboxing and self-defence instructor and attend St Matthew's in Shenton Park, helping to serve in the international university student ministry there. Trinity@Night has helped me be better equipped to handle, understand and teach God's Word. God willing, it will help me apply it in my own life as well as encourage and challenge the international students as I meet up with them so that the name of Jesus may be glorified with our whole lives."

Certificate in Christian Studies

Greg Bramley

"I am working as an Agronomist (the field of agriculture, acting as the go-between for farmers and crop researchers) and attending St Jude's Anglican Church in Bowral where I serve on the welcoming team. Trinity helped me to know God's Word better which flows onto a stronger relationship with Jesus."

Certificate in Christian Studies Graduates Colin Mugridge, Leonie Thomas, and Sarah Bullard

Sarah Bullard

"I currently serve as the Children's Ministry Worker at my church, Kallaroo Anglican. Every unit I did through Trinity@Night has been immediately useful whether for myself in growing in knowing God and how to live in his world better, or with others in helping them to grow in knowing him better."

Leonie Thomas

"I currently worship at Unichurch Bentley where I help out with the women's' ministry and work as a speech pathologist. I have found my time at Trinity has helped me better know how to read and understand the Bible individually and with others, deepening my understanding of how to live a life that reflects the gospel."

Colin Mugridge

"I'm a retired Health Service employee attending Mount Hawthorn Baptist

Church where I serve as the Aged Care Coordinator. My time at Trinity has and continues to be a life-changing experience. I can see and use God's Word so much more clearly and more importantly, in context."

Sarah Booker

Sarah completed her Certificate in Christian Studies in 2020.

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Ongoing Partnership

At the start of each year much effort goes into planning ahead; faculty preparing lessons, staff organising events and departmental goals, and for Colleen Mugridge and myself in the Development office, prayerfully doing all we can to ensure our targets will be met at the end of the year.

We cannot help but look back with awe and gratitude on God's faithful provision in the past year, particularly a year as fraught with challenges as 2020. This fills us with courage for the year ahead and we join Paul in Philippians 1:3-6: "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Again we stand humbly before you—in need of your earnest prayers in so many areas of our work, and in need of your financial partnership to supplement the cost of training students for Word ministry. We praise God for what he has already provided towards this amount through you. Any amount – particularly a regular monthly pledge – makes a difference.

Please consider prayerfully how you can contribute to Trinity's work of training future Christian workers. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. 

Yours in Christ,

Nathaniel Brown

*Development & Communications
Coordinator*

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Prayer & Praise

Give thanks for:

- The 18 new Degree graduates and 6 Certificate graduates now equipped to share the gospel message in their context
- Our 113 new and continuing students, diligently seeking to grow in their knowledge of the Bible and love for God
- The College having more than one hundred enrolled students for the first time in its history
- The many loyal and faithful individuals and churches who support ministry training at Trinity through prayer and finances

Pray for:

- Our graduates in their ministry positions; that they will rely on God for their strength and persevere in their efforts
- Trinity to remain faithful in providing students with a head/heart/hands model of ministry
- Staff and faculty to have good energy in diligently serving our students and College community
- God to provide for all our financial needs for 2021

2021 DATES

27 Mar	Trinity Women Enrichment Day
08 May	Quarterly Prayer Breakfast
05 May	Information Night
10 May	Ministry Matters Event Part 1
11 May	Open Lecture
31 May	Ministry Matters Event Part 2
07 Aug	Quarterly Prayer Breakfast
23 Aug (TBC)	Trinity Annual Lecture
14 Oct	Information Night
19 Oct	Open Lecture
6 Nov	Quarterly Prayer Breakfast

