

WEEK 1

1-8 September

Study break for our students commences on 2 September for three weeks. Please pray that the Spirit might give our students the grace to both complete their assignments well and find rest amidst all the deadlines.

Carey's annual Ministry Development Course takes place in Christchurch this week. This five-day intensive is designed to encourage and equip pastors in their first two years of ministry. Please pray for the 12 pastors who will be participating, and for Jonny Weir and Sam Kilpatrick who will facilitate the event.

The Ministry Supervision micro-credential block course will run this week (3-5 September). Please pray for those attending, for Neil Baker as he teaches the content, and Glenn Melville as he hosts the event.

The final report from the government's recent External Evaluation and Review (EER) is an extraordinarily positive endorsement of the College. Read more here. Thank the Lord with us for this wonderful result – and the wonderful team.

Christa McKirland is speaking at a Women's Conference in Australia on 7 September. Please pray for her as she travels with her daughter, Raya, to this event.

WEEK 2

9-15 September

This week (9-13 September) Carey hosts a block course on Faith Formation in Children. Please pray for the 21 students attending, and for the lecturers, Jan Ozanne and Raewyn Moodie.

Our academic director, Rob Ayres, is taking a much-needed break. We are incredibly thankful for his wise leadership of our academic programmes. Please pray for deep rest after a very busy season of work.

Jonathan Robinson (Carey's New Testament lecturer) will be in the UK for his father's funeral this week. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

This will be the fourth week of our new Introduction to Christian Leadership Micro-Credential course. We are excited that some 180 people from across New Zealand have enrolled in this course. Please pray that this learning will be deeply formational in the lives and leadership of those who are participating – and that it will bear much fruit in faith communities around Aotearoa.

We have a staff celebration afternoon planned for Thursday 12 September to acknowledge the hard work of our staff team in recent months, and the sense of God's gracious hand on their work.

WEEK 3

16-22 September

Lectures resume this week. Please pray for those students for whom this is their last semester of study at Carey, and for those considering further study options for 2025 – that they might know the Lord's leading.

The Carey Graduate School Research Conference takes place on 19 September. This event will showcase the latest integrative theological research from our staff and students and feature a lecture by Tim Judson (University of Oxford). Please pray for those who attend, that this event will stimulate deeper love for the Lord and for research that serves his church and mission.

Morgan Dews returns from parental leave into her role as Programme Coordinator for our Ministry Training Team. Please pray for her as she transitions back to work.

Our executive director, Chris Berry, is taking a well-deserved holiday. We are so thankful for her leadership across the college. Please pray for her as she rests and recharges.

WEEK 4

23-30 September

Carey Open Day is happening on Tuesday 1 October. Please pray for this event, that the Lord of the harvest would draw many to attend, and that many would choose to invest in a period of training with Carey.

As is often the case, several of our Carey faculty are speaking at local churches this week. Please pray for them as they prepare.

This semester Michael Rhodes is on research and writing leave. He is working on a book about the Bible and politics. Please pray for him, that this semester would be both fruitful and restful.

Finally, as we reflect on the past month...join us in thanking the Lord for the purchase of a new campus, the completion of an extraordinary conference on the Psalms and worship, the very successful conference on youth ministry, the wonderful EER report, and the delivery of a new Certificate in Christian Leadership.

