



STUDENT NEWSLETTER: ADVENT

Hi all,

This is the last newsletter of the Michaelmas term! Thank-you all for everything that you have shared of yourselves throughout this

term – we may be small but gosh we are mighty! Seriously, it has been great fun; a term of laughter and deep spiritual growth together as a community. This will be the last newsletter until just before the start of next term. Please do drop me an email if you need to know anything though!



Stephen trimming the tree!

Feedback

Thank-you all for your feedback and input this term. If you have anything else you would like to reflect on, please feel free to get in touch with myself, Stephen (social) or Jacob (worship), as we will meet to discuss plans for next term over the vacation.

Representation

This week it was my privilege to represent students on the interview panel for the NT post. Thank-you to all who attended the meet-and-greets and presentations and fed back to me. We will let you know as soon as there is any news. Please continue to pray for the college, the candidates and the panel as we move forwards in this time of discernment.

Next week I will be representing students at Board of Governors. I will also be meeting with Neil this month to discuss plans for next term.

Start of Term

Those who have signed up for the Woolf and/or Faraday programmes, as well as the LMP students, will be around on the week beginning the 8th of January. You know who you are!

All other students will (we hope!) be arriving back on the 15th of January, and will be retreating to Clare on Tuesday the 16th. Please let us know if you require help with extra accommodation and we will see what we can do!

I am away the week beginning the 8th of January, talking about ministry and gender in my former high school in Edinburgh, but will be back bright and early on the 15th! If you need anything in the meantime please get in touch by email, phone or face-book.

Community life next term

Watch this space for a couple of exciting new things next term, including a Monday morning distance learning project which will give us a chance to access diverse video material to discuss together. Stephen will also be leading us in a creative project on Thursday evenings. If you have any other ideas or requests, drop me a line.

Blog

I would be really grateful if some of you would like to offer a short reflection on this term for our student blog. It needn't be fancy – just a few words or even a picture or two would be wonderful.

Clothing

A couple of people have asked about Westminster clothing. If you would like something, and have not yet done so, please drop me an email.

Prayer

Let's continue to pray together over the vacation period. I know that some of us will be committed to praying wherever we are at 8.30am, 1pm and 5pm. If you would like to know that others are praying with you, pray for the community at one of these times. 😊 Jacob or I would also be happy to receive prayer requests or chat about things that have arisen in prayer.

Community Prayer Topics:

- The federation, college, staff, tutors and students as they prepare for the future.
- LMP students and those with whom they meet as they discern God's call.
- The families of those in our community.
- Those who are lonely.
- Those who need guidance.
- Those who are working towards deadlines.
- Those for whom the Christmas period is difficult.
- Those who need help to rest.

Looking Forward

In the middle of next term, nominations will open for the Student Council. Towards the end of term we will hold hustings. Both dates are available in the common room. Please pray and discern whether you might like to take on a role on the Student Council next academic year.

Peace and wellness to you and yours over the festive season,
Alex X