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ETCAsia announces new Principal and OT Faculty

The Evangelical Theological College of Asia (ETCAsia) is pleased to announce the appointments of Rev Dr Marty Foord as its new Principal and Rev Dr Ben Thompson as its Old Testament Lecturer, beginning 1st July 2021.

Rev Dr Marty Foord joined ETCAsia in 2019 and lectures in Systematic Theology as well as serving as the Dean of Studies for the College. Prior to his appointment at ETCAsia, he was the Senior Lecturer in Systematic Theology and Church History at Trinity Theological College in Perth, Western Australia for 18 years. He originally trained as a pastor and worked on the staff of a large church in Manly, Sydney. Marty is passionate about the gospel as the organising principle for our lives, the church, and mission.



Marty's doctorate examined the doctrine of the Gospel in systematic theology during the Medieval and Reformation era and his master's thesis focused on Richard Hooker's doctrine of justification.

Marty is married to Jenny and enjoys spending time with her, walking in nature, and drinking coffee with friends. Jenny will also work at ETCAsia mentoring the female students and

teaching Pastoral Care. Jenny is a qualified medical doctor who previously served in women's ministry in her church in Perth.

"We are delighted that Marty is willing to take up the responsibility of leading the College. By the Grace of God, the board is confident that he can bring the College to the next stage of growth towards Vision 2024 by building on the excellent foundation laid down by our Founding Principal Andrew Reid," said Chairman of the board, Denesh Divyanathan.

Rev Dr Marty Foord Key Bio Data

- **Pastoral Experience (1996-1999)**
 - Assistant Minister, St Matthew's Anglican Church, Manly, Australia.
- **Teaching Experience (2000 to 2019)**
 - Lecturer in Systematic Theology and Church History at Trinity Theological College, Perth (2000-2019).
 - Lecturer in Systematic Theology and Church History at Evangelical Theological College, Singapore (2020-).
- **Theological Qualifications**
 - BD (1st Class) (1996), Dip Min (1996), from Moore Theological College, Sydney.
 - MTh (2003) from Australian College of Theology.
 - Title: Richard Hooker's Doctrine of Justification
 - ThD (2012) from Australia College of Theology
 - Title: The Sixteenth Century Reformation Gospel in Systematic Theology
- **Married to Jenny**

Rev Dr Ben Thompson has been in the gospel ministry for more than 20 years. After obtaining a BA in Mathematics from the University of Cambridge, he laboured as a student worker for about four years in St Andrews the Great, Cambridge. This was followed by another three years as a Pastoral Associate in Christ Church, Cambridge. He completed an MTh in Theological and Pastoral Studies passing with Distinction at Oak Hill Theological College in 2012. He then served as a Curate and a Pioneer Minister at St David's, Moreton-in-Marsh, in the Diocese of Gloucester. Ben's PhD from Queens University, Belfast, is on the role of poetry in shaping the characterization of the kings in 1-2 Samuel.



Ben's scholarly work encompasses various book reviews in the journal Churchman (now called the Global Anglican), covering biblical studies, biblical theology, and pastoral theology.

Since 2012, he has served on the Editorial Board for the Global Anglican.

Ben is married to Suzy. They have a daughter, Molly (12 years old) and two sons, Dylan (11 years old) and Finlay (8 years old).

“We have every confidence that Ben will be a blessing to the College as we forge towards Vision 2024 in the building of a strong faculty to mentor and teach godly young men and women for gospel ministry in Singapore and beyond. Ben comes to us not only with strong OT scholarship, but he also possesses rich experience in pastoral work encompassing both young adult ministry as well as church planting endeavours. This wealth of pastoral experience will be of huge benefit to our students as they prepare to serve Christ in Singapore and Asia”, said Chairman of the board, Denesh Divyanathan.

Rev Dr Ben Thompson Key Bio Data

- **Pastoral Experience**
 - Student Worker from 2001 to 2004
 - Pastoral Associate from 2004 to 2008
 - Curate and Pioneer Minister 2012 to 2021
- **Teaching Experience**
 - Lecturer in Hebrew Narrative, Oak Hill Theological College from 2018 to 2019
- **Theological Qualifications**
 - MTh (2012) from Oak Hill Theological College, University of Middlesex
 - Theological and Pastoral Studies (Pass with Distinction)
 - PhD (2021) from Institute of Theology, Queens University, Belfast
 - Old Testament books of 1 and 2 Samuel on the role of poetry in shaping the characterisation of the Kings
- **Academic Qualifications – University of Cambridge, Trinity College (1997-2001)**
 - BA (1st Class) Mathematics
 - Certificate of Advanced Study in Maths (Part III)
- **Married to Suzy with three Children.**

As announced by the Chairman of the Board, Denesh Divyanathan, on the 21st November 2020, ETCAsia’s current Principal Rev Dr Andrew Reid will leave ETCAsia when his contract ends on 31st July 2021. Andrew and his wife, Heather, have been instrumental in the setting up of the college and will be missed as OT and Hebrew lecturers. ETCAsia’s female students will also miss Heather’s pastoral care of them. A farewell for Andrew and Heather will be arranged at an appropriate time.

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