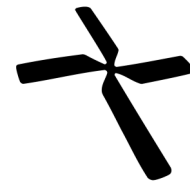


March



- ▶ Pray that several large trust fund applications submitted recently are successful.
- ▶ Whittlesford Community Gospel Choir's fundraising concert for Romsey Mill on 21st March—pray that the singing raises the roof, praises the Lord and is a joy-filled celebration of community spirit.
- ▶ Pray for new colleagues who will be joining the Romsey Mill staff team—that they settle in, feel welcome and are able to contribute new skills and fresh insights.
- ▶ Melissa Freeman (Family Worker) is running a new course for parents under the age of 25—pray that the group get to know each other as friends, share their experiences openly and are able to support each other.
- ▶ Pray for the eleven young parents who have just started a maths course, that they will enjoy learning and that their babies settle well in crèche.
- ▶ Year 6 primary school pupils will find out which secondary school they have been allocated to—pray for all the youth workers supporting pupils to make the best possible transition into secondary school.
- ▶ Two Step Up groups from Coleridge Community College will be going to the Lake District for a residential course. Pray that they have fun, stay safe and support each other as a team.
- ▶ Please pray for Kim Pearson, recently appointed to the Board of Trustees, as he begins to contribute to the oversight and development of Romsey Mill's mission.

April



- ▶ Easter is a time of reflection, joy and new beginnings. Pray that families can be together at this time, that the longer days and spring weather enables them to feel God's light in their lives.
- ▶ Pray for the safe arrival of Rachel and James Bennett's (Programme Managers) second baby.
- ▶ The Easter holidays can be a challenging time for school age youngsters as they try to find constructive and positive things to do with their time. Pray that they spend this time productively and return to school feeling refreshed and revitalised—particularly if the summer term brings exams.
- ▶ Ask God to help Romsey Mill's Leadership & Management Team, giving wisdom, steadiness and creativity, as they direct the provision of services and support for young people, children and families.
- ▶ Pray that the Dads' Group for young fathers continues to grow, and that the young fathers who talk to other young men about the realities of being a parent get their messages across clearly.
- ▶ Our Aspire programme for young people with autism needs an additional 40 volunteers a week if we are to expand our provision to meet the need on our waiting lists. Pray that reliable and capable people come forward.
- ▶ On 26 April our youth development workers are organising a football tournament for young people across Cambridge, in partnership with Youth for Christ. Pray for team spirit, good humour and no injuries!

May



- ▶ Year 6 primary school pupils will be taking their SATs. Pray for peace in what can be an anxious time for many.
- ▶ Many of the young people we work with are struggling with addiction. Pray that they are able to break this cycle, that they can find more positive ways to feel good about themselves and end the pain of being dependent on drugs, alcohol or other substances.
- ▶ Some of the young people in our Aspire programme are not currently at school. Pray that the local authority finds appropriate places for them soon.
- ▶ Families can go into debt to pay for holidays and treats for their children on Bank Holidays or outside of term time. Pray that they are provided for and that they know that children most appreciate the time their parents spend with them, not the money.
- ▶ More sports, activities and day trips for our groups will take place outdoors. Pray for good weather and good times!
- ▶ Pray that young people revising for exams stay focused and motivated—that they fulfil their potential and work hard.
- ▶ As team members have the opportunity to explore questions of life with young people and families, please pray that they discover that every person is a unique being, created purposefully and loved unconditionally.
- ▶ The Shop provides vital income for Romsey Mill and is a valued community asset. Pray that donations of quality items continue to come in, and that we have enough volunteers to run it effectively.

Praise God for...

- ▶ All of the people who donated, volunteered, baked cakes, fundraised, delivered leaflets and prayed for our 'Twelve Days of Christmas' appeal. £21,630 was raised in total—praise God for people's generosity and kindness.
- ▶ Youth and Family Workers at Romsey Mill who have to use wisdom and judgement to make tough decisions about Child Protection issues.
- ▶ All the young people who attended our 'Opportunities Fair' in February—we pray that this event gave them hope, encouragement and excitement about their futures.
- ▶ Neil (CEO) and the Trustees who have worked so hard to guide Romsey Mill through challenging times—we thank God for their commitment, determination and leadership.
- ▶ Our dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers who give their time for free to help us reach as many children, families and young people as possible.
- ▶ The ten young parents who completed a Bronze Arts Award, working in partnership with the Fitzwilliam Museum and who received their certificates in February.
- ▶ The humour and energy of the young people we work with, who inspire us every day.
- ▶ Provision of new Playgroup spaces to support local families with pre-school children, and a fantastic refurbished setting at Ross Street Community Centre that will help them learn, make friends and have fun.
- ▶ The Young Parents Bumps & Babies Group who have been supported by Beth Kirkman (YPP Outreach Worker) for the past two terms—they have formed strong friendships and are supporting each other outside of Romsey Mill.

Praise God for...

- ▶ Our new maths tutor, Matt, has settled in really well and is making great progress teaching young parents.
- ▶ Some young people in the South of Cambridge City are coming to Romsey Mill for maths and English tuition rather than taking these subjects at school. We thank God that they are continuing their studies and not giving up.
- ▶ Give thanks for a positive introduction to the 'Five To Thrive' early attachment model for Young Parents and for the donations that helped to buy resources to bring this approach to parenting to life.
- ▶ A well attended networking meeting coordinated by Romsey Mill, at which over 30 professionals came together to look at ways to better support the needs of young parents in Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire.
- ▶ Many of the Aspire families give generous financial support to the work of Romsey Mill as their children with autistic spectrum conditions have benefited so much from the work that we do. The feedback Aspire team, Ruth Watt and Avril Timson, receive is also so positive and motivational.
- ▶ A group of lads we are working with in Barnwell are starting up a five-a-side football team and entering a men's league on Monday nights. Praise God for their energy and commitment.
- ▶ Fiona Wade (Senior Family Worker), has become a grandmother! Her beautiful grandson was born in February and she will be visiting the USA to meet him very soon. Mother and baby are both doing well!

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Prayer Diary



Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The Bible, Isaiah 43:19