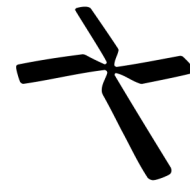


October



- ▶ Pray for several young parents starting full-time college courses. Pray that they will make the most of the opportunity to study again and that they manage to combine studying and parenting successfully.
- ▶ Annah Karimupfumbi joins the Transitions team for a Social Work placement this year. Pray for her as she settles in.
- ▶ Pray that the families we met during the summer holidays will continue to engage and feel supported by Children's Centre activities.
- ▶ Please pray for the North Cambridge Academy (formerly the Manor School) and Romsey Mill's continuing relationship with them amidst the changes taking place.
- ▶ Pray for the development of a new cohort of young mums and dads for the Young Parents Programme Forum.
- ▶ Pray for all our Year 7 students from our Aspire groups who are settling into new schools, some of whom are having a difficult time.
- ▶ Many students suffer school-related anxiety. Pray that we will be able to bridge the gap between home and school and meet these young people's needs.
- ▶ Please pray for playgroup staff as they identify families in need of extra support, and help the children and families to make positive progress in their development and parenting.
- ▶ Pray for the new cohort of young people joining our Aspire Plus group (17-19 year olds), that they will gain confidence and independence.
- ▶ Pray for the recruitment of an East city youth worker for our Social Inclusion Programme.

November



- ▶ Pray for our Alternative Education groups, that young people will quickly settle at Romsey Mill and enjoy working together.
- ▶ We will be starting a new project which aims to provide a space for families to spend time together, whilst also offering parenting and youth work support.
- ▶ Please pray for new dad's courses, which we will be co-ordinating with the local college.
- ▶ Please pray for volunteers who are able to help with our Social Inclusion work.
- ▶ Pray for the Bumps & Babies group, as we provide a new season of time and space for young parents and their babies.
- ▶ Please pray for young people struggling with drugs and alcohol.
- ▶ Pray for wisdom to ensure we target the right areas and young people who need support and intervention.
- ▶ Pray for guidance on how to encourage additional community support for our work.
- ▶ Pray for discussions with local schools about expanding our Alternative Education provision.
- ▶ Pray for Carl, a young volunteer who has a real passion for his community.
- ▶ Please pray for Justin, our youth worker, as he continues to work with young people in Comberton Village College and Cambourne.
- ▶ As our board of trustees give oversight and support, please pray for collective wisdom and discernment.

December



- ▶ Pray for the success of our "12 days of Christmas" appeal. We hope to increase awareness and to raise vital funds for our work.
- ▶ Please pray for the future shape of Children's Centre work, as significant financial cuts affect statutory funding.
- ▶ Pray for Cambourne Youth Partnership as they make crucial decisions for future.
- ▶ Please pray for resilience for young people, so that they can move forward with hope.
- ▶ Pray for the development of a new Under 1s Children's Centre group. We hope to form good links with City Church and the local community, encouraging and supporting families.
- ▶ Pray for Jamie, our youth worker, as he develops new work and explores more possibilities in Sawston.
- ▶ Please pray for wisdom to ensure our Social Inclusion Programme secures the funding it needs to support young people.
- ▶ Pray for the establishment of post-16 Alternative Education including delivery of functional skills: Maths and English.
- ▶ Pray for Rachel, Lucy and Speech & Language therapists, as they continue to develop 'Little Voices' and support children with communication and language issues.
- ▶ Please pray for our charity shop and its first Christmas in a new location. Pray for the staff and volunteers at this busy time and that we may meet the needs of the community.

Praise God for ...

- ▶ High numbers of young parents from South Cambridgeshire accessing Bumps and Babies.
- ▶ Sonja Roper and her time with us as a Social Work student last year. We wish her all the best for her final year studying.
- ▶ A successful Children's Centre summer programme, giving opportunities to support families through a variety of exciting activities at the centre and reaching out into local parks.
- ▶ The number of qualifications achieved by the young people from our 'Step-up' programme and a chance to celebrate their success at a special Awards Ceremony in July.
- ▶ A summer trip for Young Parents to Shepreth Wildlife Park. It was well attended by young dads who really enjoyed time spent with their children and also time out of Cambridge.
- ▶ More than 20 volunteers helping Aspire, many of whom volunteer in more than one group per week, enabling us to run groups at a supportive ratio of 1:2.
- ▶ The appointment of a new Outreach & Engagement Worker to the Young Parents Programme team.
- ▶ All the young mums who attended last term's maths course. It helped to improve their maths skills and confidence massively. Three of the girls achieved a Functional Maths qualification.
- ▶ Good relationships being built up through the midwife drop-in clinic and through the baby groups on Wednesdays, with Family Workers being able to get alongside new families during the early stages of parenthood.
- ▶ Aspire community coffee mornings and parent events. Parents have found meeting with other families with children on the autistic spectrum valuable and supportive.

Please pray for...

Neil's '23 peak' challenge Saturday 19th October



Neil Perry, our CEO, is running 52 miles in a day (a double marathon!) covering 23 'peaks' across the county. Starting at the lowest land lying position in Great Britain, Holme Fen in Cambridgeshire, Neil will end at the highest point in Cambridgeshire at Great Chishill.

This reflects Romsey Mill's reach across the region and the way it supports children, young people and families who face 'highs and lows' each day, as they struggle to overcome disadvantage and exclusion.

He hopes to achieve this unique challenge and aims to raise £3,450 for the work of Romsey Mill.

Please encourage Neil and help him reach his target at:

<http://www.justgiving.com/NeilRPerry>

Or call/email us to pledge your sponsorship.

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Prayer Diary



We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:3