

# March



## Please pray for

- ▶ Heather Rogers, who has joined Romsey Mill as the new Aspire Youth Development Worker. Please pray for strong relationships to form quickly with young people she will be working with and their families.
- ▶ The continued success of our Young Parents Programme Basic Skills Maths course. Please also pray for our tutor, Simon, who was really unwell at the beginning of the year. We ask for God's continued healing for Simon and give thanks for his enthusiasm and kindness.
- ▶ A new reading course that we are running in partnership with Cambridge Regional College. That it is well attended and goes well for the young parents who take part.
- ▶ Success in filling the current staff vacancies at Romsey Mill. We want to attract the right applicants and pray that God would direct us in all our appointments. Please pray that new staff would quickly settle and feel part of the Romsey Mill family.
- ▶ The local Romsey community. There have been a number of thefts in the area. Some targeting people who have been collecting funds for the Mill. This has been disappointing and upsetting. We lift this situation up to the Lord and ask for healing and transformation in the lives of those involved.
- ▶ We ask for God's wisdom and favour over the coming new financial year. May all that we do in the name of Jesus be seasoned with the Father's love.

# April



## Please pray for

- ▶ A deeper understanding of God's love for us as Easter approaches. That each one of us would find time to reflect on what God is doing in our lives, that we would have a restful break and come back energised after Easter.
- ▶ New volunteers for the shop. We have had several illnesses within our volunteer team, and one of our regular volunteers will soon be leaving to have a baby. We pray for safe delivery.
- ▶ Our Children's Centres as we continue to support a number of families with high needs. We thank God for each of them and ask for wisdom and protection over each family.
- ▶ The partnerships we have with local churches. That these would continue to be strengthened and that new opportunities would arise as we respond to need among local young people and families.
- ▶ Our work in and around Shelford, Stapleford and Sawston, and partnership with SSYI. We thank God for our Youth Development Worker, Ollie Omeakin and ask for a special blessing for him this month as he gets married to Amy.
- ▶ Our new social enterprise: Turntable Records, which is being established by our Youth Development Team. The record label will be an exciting new opportunity for our young musicians and we are very thankful for the expertise and hard work put in by all those involved.
- ▶ Young parents who are managing their finances for the first time - learning to budget, prioritise and run a household.

# May



## Please pray for

- ▶ Our Aspire programme, which helps over 90 young people with Autistic Spectrum Conditions. There is a long waiting list of young people wanting to be part of Aspire, and we need more volunteers to work in the after-school groups so that we can sustain and grow the work.
- ▶ Young parents who are struggling with housing issues - that they would be able to manage with temporary living arrangements and successfully secure permanent accommodation.
- ▶ Energy and wisdom for our Trustees and Leadership Management Team as they continue to move us towards our existing goals and continue the work of strategic planning for the future of Romsey Mill.
- ▶ Romsey Mill and Ross Street Pre-Schools. That staff and little ones would really enjoy their time together. That they would be blessed as they work, play and learn.
- ▶ Our programme leaders as they begin to plan for the summer programmes and residential trips for young people and families who would not otherwise have anything to look forward to in the holidays.
- ▶ Opportunities for potential supporters and funders to really see the value and impact of our work and start regularly supporting Romsey Mill.
- ▶ God's favour over all our plans for this year's Bridge the Gap charity walk in September. We will need 40 volunteers to help on the day, so please pray that this need will be met in the best possible way.

## Praise God for...

- ▶ the wonderful donations that we receive for the shop on a regular basis that enables us to raise unrestricted funds for the work of Romsey Mill.
- ▶ the two young parents who attended the Romsey Mill Annual Thanksgiving service – they shared their stories and experiences of being young mums involved with the Young Parents Programme.
- ▶ the 8 years of dedication and hard work that Avril Timson has given to the Aspire Programme here at Romsey Mill. Avril is moving back to Leicestershire and will be getting married later this year. We pray for God's continued blessing over Avril and give thanks for her work with us.
- ▶ the increase in the number of families attending the Children's Centre's under 25s Stay & Play sessions. It is so good to see the parents making new friends, sharing their experiences and learning from each other.
- ▶ the young people who have been attending the Alpha course and looking more closely at what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. It has been such a privilege to accompany them on this journey.
- ▶ the Social Workers who work hard to support families and keep children safe.
- ▶ the good partnership with Everyone Health as we are running a short course looking at a healthy lifestyles.
- ▶ the team spirit that exists at Romsey Mill. That we can encourage, celebrate, commiserate and laugh together - sometimes in the midst of the most difficult circumstances.

## Praise God for...

- ▶ the successful completion of the Jamie Oliver's Home Cooking Skills course run by the Youth Development Programme. We thank God for all the year 10 and 11 pupils who took part, for everything that was learnt and for the really enjoyable meal the students created to demonstrate their newly acquired skills.
- ▶ the success of our Charity Quiz Night at the Cambridge Guildhall. We had a full house, raised over £2000 and many people taking part signed up to receive our prayer diary and newsletter.
- ▶ the local businesses and groups who recently volunteered their time and talents, and helped us re-decorate and spring clean parts of Romsey Mill Centre.
- ▶ all the great volunteers who give their time and talents to support the work of Romsey Mill.
- ▶ the times when our hard work is recognised by funding bodies and out of the blue, without even asking, we receive financial support.
- ▶ the young fathers who work in the day but are still keen to learn antenatal material on a 1:1 basis, with Ben, our Young Fathers Worker.
- ▶ the partner agencies and services who we work with to help keep vulnerable children and young families safe.
- ▶ the generosity of the local company Broadcom Ltd who made a large donation of IT equipment to Romsey Mill. This equipment is now installed (thank you Diane) and the improvements are being experienced by us all.

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# Prayer Diary



“Behold, I have engraved you on  
the palms of My hands.”  
Isaiah 49:16  
The Bible