

# January



- ▶ Pray that we will have good communications with primary schools about year 6 pupils who may be needing support in their secondary school transition.
- ▶ Pray for the development of a Smart board disk as part of *Ready to Go* (Transitions resource). Pray for school students involved in producing audio-visual content for this.
- ▶ Pray for us as we look into the possibility of having *Ready to Go* published commercially.
- ▶ Pray for Jacqui, Charlie, Lucy & Mandy supporting new Playgroup children with a wide range of needs – three with Special Needs; five with English as an Additional Language; nine receiving funding for 2-year-olds (based on high criteria of need) and children still settling in.
- ▶ We are expecting Ofsted to arrive to inspect Playgroup at any time. Pray for staff preparing, with support from our Early Years Adviser.
- ▶ Please pray for the appointment of a new fundraiser to replace Damian Mitchell. This role has responsibility for corporate and major donors, and legacy giving.
- ▶ Please pray about the County Council's 'Short Breaks' funding: this involves all Aspire families undergoing a significant assessment. Pray for Ruth as she co-ordinates and for the Short Breaks panel to see the needs of the young people for funding to attend Aspire youth clubs.
- ▶ Pray for new Aspire groups starting in north Cambridge, held at Arbury Road Baptist Church, that the young people will engage well, enjoy the youth clubs and quickly make friends there.
- ▶ Praise God for the appointment of a new worker for north Cambridge.
- ▶ Pray that all Shine course candidates (Young Parents) will pass with a Level 1.

- ▶ Ask that the Transitions team would have wisdom as they consider the aims and vision of their work.
- ▶ Pray for the right support to be available for young people who struggle to access educational opportunities available to them.
- ▶ Pray for excellent partnerships with businesses.
- ▶ Pray for the appointment of a new Outreach Family worker for the Children's Centre as we look to further increase our support for families with higher support needs
- ▶ For Children's Centre staff as they work closely with new teams of Health Visitors and Nursery Nurses (after a major staffing restructure): that these new working relationships will be strong and supportive and enable positive services and outcomes for families.
- ▶ There is a Children's Centre Extended Partners Event in January. Pray that a good number of partners will attend and have supportive helpful discussion about priorities for the new year.
- ▶ Pray for new work in north Cambridge and for . Pray that the most vulnerable young people will be supported and empowered.
- ▶ Pray for over-16s who are not in education, training or work. Pray for courses like 'Engage', and other projects, through which we look for creative ways to inspire them to make progress.
- ▶ Pray for the Development team as they look for ways to raise the remaining funds for 2012-13. Pray for adequate funding to maintain services.
- ▶ The Cambourne youth project has a new facility, 'Soul Studio'. Pray for music creation groups starting there and for Justin Lewis running them.
- ▶ Pray for the 'new baby' course for young fathers.
- ▶ Pray for a new group for young fathers being set up at the YMCA.

# February



- ▶ Pray for the success of funding bids for young fathers work.
- ▶ Pray for a new group being set up at the YMCA—that it will become established and an effective means of serving young fathers.
- ▶ Pray that funding applications would be successful.
- ▶ Pray for Aspire families facing significant difficulties at this time, particularly relating to schooling issues.
- ▶ Ask God for an ongoing supply of good volunteers in Aspire so that all groups can operate at their full capacity. We currently have around twenty volunteers but need more, particularly male volunteers.
- ▶ Children's Centre manager, Rachel Bennett, is going on maternity leave in March. Pray that maternity cover will be found and that Rachel will have energy to complete all the new development plans for the Centre before then.
- ▶ One of our Children's Centre workers said, 'I am thankful for opportunities opened to me to progress, enabling me to provide a better service to Children's Centre users.' Give thanks for this encouragement.
- ▶ Pray for the vulnerable young people with whom Social Inclusion Programme workers have contact. Pray for their protection and for opportunities for development.
- ▶ Pray for a new Social Inclusion Programme open group for 12-14-year-olds. Pray that Jackson will develop good relationships with the young people and that they will make progress.
- ▶ Praise God for good relationships with partner schools. Pray that God would protect and maintain these relationships.

# March



- ▶ Pray for ongoing funding for the Transitions Programme from schools.
- ▶ Pray for young people on the waiting list for Aspire who will start at our youth clubs over the next few months, for patience during the wait.
- ▶ Pray for the Children's Centre staff as we try to engage with local young parents and support them in transition from the Young Parents Programme to Children's Centre activities.
- ▶ Pray for our Raising Toddlers course, which is running now. Pray that we will work with all local professionals to identify families who would benefit from this ongoing support.
- ▶ Pray that through our hard work and commitment at the Children's Centre we will continue to help people who are most in need.
- ▶ Pray for young people taking Step-Up courses, that their achievements would encourage them to re-engage with education and training. Thank God for financial support from schools, enabling us to run the courses.
- ▶ Pray for the work of our Charity Shop: for good health for the volunteers, for high quality donations and that the shop would be a support to the local community.
- ▶ Pray for Romsey Mill's admin team: for good relationships with building users and others. Thank God for their work in keeping the organisation running effectively and smoothly.
- ▶ Praise God for provision of funding—through individuals, organisations, businesses, government and trusts. Pray this will continue.
- ▶ Pray for successful funding bids for young fathers work so this support can develop.

## Praise God ...

- ▶ That eleven young women attended a Shine course run by YPP. The aim of the course is to build confidence and self-esteem and we are seeing positive changes in the participants.
- ▶ For an under-25s post-natal group begun this term for young parents in Melbourne.
- ▶ That Liz Plumb has joined the Transitions team as a student placement.
- ▶ That last year's cohort of year 6s have settled in well to secondary school, with support from the Transitions team.
- ▶ For opportunities over Christmas to tell the story of Jesus' birth and to share faith.
- ▶ That Louise, Kat and Amy were appointed to give one-to-one support to three children with special needs in Playgroup.
- ▶ For the NatWest Community Force Award of £6,275, allowing us to set up two much-needed groups for young people with autism in north Cambridge. The money was awarded based on a public vote - praise God for everyone who got on board with voting and asking others to vote.
- ▶ For Avril (CYM 3<sup>rd</sup> year student) who is undertaking the running of these new Aspire groups. She has grown into the role brilliantly and is a real asset to Aspire.
- ▶ For the successful Raising Toddlers parenting course run last term and pray for continued, supportive contact with these families.
- ▶ For 27 families who attended Little Voices last term. Many have English as an additional language and have sought advice from staff and the Speech and Language therapist.

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## Prayer diary



**'I am with you and will save you,'  
declares the LORD.**

**Jeremiah 30:11**