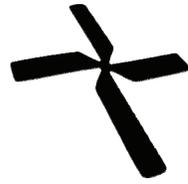


July



- ▶ Pray for the continuing development of Chill and Chat, the under-25s group at North Cambridge Children's Centre run in partnership with the Young Parents Programme.
- ▶ Pray for the YPP team as they decide which accredited course to run in the autumn term.
- ▶ Pray for Young Parents Programme residentials and day trips this month, that these would be fun, refreshing and times of good conversation.
- ▶ Many Aspire families support children with mental health difficulties. Pray that good provision would be made for them.
- ▶ Pray for families under pressure that they would receive support and support each other.
- ▶ Pray particularly for young parents who are affected by cuts in housing benefit and a shortage of affordable housing locally.
- ▶ We'd like young parents to access their local groups in South Cambs. Pray for conversations with Children's Centres about achieving this.
- ▶ Some children are coming to the end of their time in Playgroup and are moving on to local nurseries. Pray for a good transition and give thanks for the time they have flourished in Playgroup.
- ▶ Pray for Social Inclusion Programme work in east Cambridge—for Lee and students as they plan work for the next academic year.
- ▶ Pray for new staff members Bekki (YPP—starting September 6th) and Cat (Children's Centre—started in June) that they would quickly settle in to the Romsey Mill team and be effective in their work and relationships.

- ▶ Thank God for the launch of the six-week 'Raising Toddlers' parenting course and for the families who participated. May parents continue to enjoy their children as they grow and develop.
- ▶ We have said goodbye to two Social Inclusion Programme staff, Nicky and Lissie. Pray for our support of young people with whom they worked.
- ▶ Pray also that we can build on their professional contribution and work development ideas.
- ▶ Some of the young women with whom we work face very challenging home lives. Pray for their safety and for our staff who support them.
- ▶ Thank God for the north Cambridge football project, involving young men from both the Traveller and the settled communities. They are interested in educational courses—pray for the development of these.
- ▶ Pray for work in a south Cambridge secondary school and for year 11 students facing post-16 choices. Pray that the end of school would be a positive time leading to further training or work.
- ▶ Pray for schools with whom we currently work, that they would continue to see the value of our work and would provide time and resources to enable it to continue.
- ▶ Pray for residentials planned this summer with Social Inclusion Programme participants. Ask for safety, good relationships with supporting professionals and for significant conversations.
- ▶ Pray for Transitions Programme residentials to Horstead, and for Falcon Camps. Pray that these would be life-changing times for young people.
- ▶ Pray for the further development of links with churches, statutory and voluntary groups in Sawston and for our work there to grow.
- ▶ Pray for the team of dedicated volunteers at our Charity Shop. Pray for good or improving health. Pray also for Hilary as she manages the team. May they continue to be happy and effective.

August



- ▶ Some of our young people are waiting for exam results. Pray for them, especially those from the Aspire Programme and for the decisions resting on those results.
- ▶ Pray for families facing financial hardship due to rising costs of living, unemployment and redundancy. Ask God to reveal Himself to them during difficult times.
- ▶ Pray for young people and children with whom we work who are considered at risk that, with support from us and other agencies, their situation would improve.
- ▶ Pray that Children's Centre staff would find new and inspiring ways to support the many home-based carers, childminders, nannies, au pairs and grandparents in our area.
- ▶ Pray for those young fathers who are on the periphery of the Young Parents Programme, that they would engage with it.
- ▶ Pray for Jason as he continues to develop the young fathers work and supports many young men to make progress as parents and in work.
- ▶ Playgroup and Children's Centre staff anticipate Ofsted inspection. Pray for them as they make preparations for it.
- ▶ Pray for Children's Centre families whom Rachel and Fiona are visiting at home in order to offer additional support. Pray that these visits would have positive outcomes.
- ▶ Pray for staff over the summer when programme is not so heavy. Ask for times of reflection and inspiration.
- ▶ Thank God for developing work in Cambourne, especially links between the church and community. Pray for continuing opportunities.

September



- ▶ Pray for young people who are part of the Aspire Programme as they face transitions at the start of this term—changing classes, moving schools or leaving school.
- ▶ Pray for young parents and their children living in situations where there is domestic violence. Pray for their safety and a resolution.
- ▶ Pray that Romsey Mill would be faithful in speaking and acting in line with the gospel.
- ▶ Pray for the new intake of Playgroup children, that they would form friendships, feel secure there and learn.
- ▶ We are grateful for the support of corporate partners. Pray that these partnerships would be mutually beneficial.
- ▶ Thank God for his provision of funds for Romsey Mill. Continue to ask him for the resources we need for the work he wants us to do.
- ▶ Pray for our relationships with partners in the statutory sector (local government, schools, Youth Offending Team and so on). Pray that together we would make even more difference in the lives of young people and families.
- ▶ Thank God for the support of a number of churches. Pray that more would see the value of our work and that funding from Christians and churches would grow.
- ▶ Thank God for our trustees. Pray that they would have wisdom and insight regarding the governance of the charity and its future direction.
- ▶ Thank God for our many volunteers. Pray for new people joining the teams, that they would quickly establish good relationships with staff and programme participants.

Praise God ...

- ▶ For a formalised relationship with Social Care
- ▶ For two children being supported by the YPP having been removed from the Child Protection register due to improvements in their care
- ▶ For the life skills course, run by Aspire staff last term that enhanced the independent life skills of five young people facing post-18 choices
- ▶ That five young fathers completed the Envision course at Romsey Mill
- ▶ For the football project in Arbury and that the young men want to progress to education and training
- ▶ That 7 young women passed numeracy exams
- ▶ That Bekki Clarke and Christina Hatfield have been appointed part-time Outreach and Progressions workers in YPP
- ▶ For Emma (now moving to other work) and for her eight years of care for Playgroup children, especially those with Special Needs
- ▶ For increasing numbers attending the Children's Centre group, Little Voices, and the support of a speech and language therapist at the group
- ▶ For the appointment of a new Children's Centre Administrative Assistant – Cat Mackenzie
- ▶ For the growing number of families attending the Child Health Clinic at Christ Church
- ▶ For a number of significant successes in fundraising and for good relationships with corporate supporters
- ▶ For the ongoing work of Step-up, enabling young people to achieve success in education

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Prayer diary



I will be your God throughout your lifetime—until your hair is white with age. I made you, and I will care for you. I will carry you along and save you.

Isaiah 46:4 (NLT)