

July



- ▶ **4th** Trustees are meeting today. Give thanks for their service and pray for continuing wisdom and vision for our work.
- ▶ **5th** Young parents are taking their Level 2 literacy tests today.
- ▶ **9th-10th** Young Parents Programme is running a two-day residential in Norfolk. Pray for growth in relationships, for fun and good conversation.
- ▶ **12th** Interviews today for a Youth Development Worker for new work in Sawston. Pray for an excellent appointment.
- ▶ **13th-17th** Pray for the Transitions year 6 residential: for new friendships to be made and for growth in confidence and self-esteem.
- ▶ Pray for young people supported by Transitions for whom the summer holidays are a difficult time, and for the secondary schools running summer schools for vulnerable young people.
- ▶ **25th** Young Parents Programme is holding a teddy bears' picnic today. Pray for fine weather, fun and good family time.
- ▶ John Cann, husband of shop volunteer Sheila, recently had a successful kidney transplant. Pray for a quick and full recovery from the operation.
- ▶ Pray for Romsey community events taking place over the summer (Olympic torch, street parties): for good weather and community relationships.
- ▶ Pray for the design and production of our next Annual Review (due out in September). Pray that it would be excellent and that it would be useful in communicating the value of our work.
- ▶ Pray for Social Inclusion work in east Cambridge: for good relations with the local community thinking about how to support their young people; for new groups to recently begun.
- ▶ Pray for Hilary Jolly, shop manager, to have the resources and wisdom she needs for her work.

- ▶ Continue to pray for good relationships with schools—that we would understand each other's aims and work together for the good of students.
- ▶ Shop volunteer, Pat MacDonald, has been unwell recently. Please pray for her and other shop volunteers to have physical resilience and strength.
- ▶ Pray for Playgroup staff as they complete the children's development records and end of year reports, to hand on to parents and nurseries.
- ▶ Pray for new developments in our alternative education provision: for appropriate rooms to be available, for staff, for possible growth in the future.
- ▶ Pray for Programme Coordinators and Managers, that they would have wisdom and discernment in their leadership, and vision for new work.
- ▶ Our staff often need to give guidance and advice to young people and families facing very complicated and difficult issues. Pray that they would be given wisdom and insight in their responses to people who are feeling very vulnerable.
- ▶ Matt Howell (SIP) is running a music programme in north Cambridge. Pray that young people will commit to the programme and grow in confidence and skills.
- ▶ Kate Nation (SIP) works with young women in groups and one-to-one. Pray for wisdom and emotional resilience for her as she supports women with complex needs.
- ▶ Pray for Jon Sanders' work in Cambourne: for vision, and that the most vulnerable young people would access activities.
- ▶ Thank God for Aspire's student worker, Avril Timson. She has been invaluable but has now finished her placement. Pray for funding to appoint more staff for Aspire.

August



- ▶ Families of children with autistic spectrum conditions find their responsibilities increasing over the Summer holidays. Pray for resilience and adequate support for them.
- ▶ For young people in year 6 as they prepare for the move to secondary school, especially those we have worked with through Transitions and Aspire Programmes.
- ▶ Jason Gosling, Young Fathers Worker is developing an advocacy group for fathers to identify and address barriers they face. Pray that this would help the young men make progress.
- ▶ Increasing numbers of fathers and grandparents are becoming the main carers for children. Pray that they will engage with Children's Centre groups and feel welcomed and supported.
- ▶ Thank God for the appointment of Tizzy Faller as Playgroup Leader.
- ▶ Pray for alternative education staff as they plan courses for the coming term.
- ▶ Ask that, through our programmes, gospel hope might be communicated to participants.
- ▶ Thank God for the engagement of Cambourne Church with their community, especially through partnership work with us.
- ▶ Pray for young people in Cambourne, that they would be drawn into the supportive community of the church.
- ▶ Pray for God's direction in our planning of new work in Sawston.
- ▶ Pray for successful outcomes for funding applications, especially for larger multi-year grants for the Social Inclusion Programme.
- ▶ Pray for a good rest for staff taking holidays this month.



- ▶ Children and young people are starting at new schools, and moving into new classes and year groups. Pray for their safety, peace and growth whether moving from Playgroup to primary, primary to secondary or secondary to college.
- ▶ Pray for our Dads' Raising Toddlers course planned for an evening this month, which we will run jointly with Cherry Hinton Children's Centre. Pray that we may encourage dads to attend, supporting and empowering them as parents.
- ▶ Louise, Kat and Helena, one-to-one support assistants at Playgroup all start new work in local schools. Pray that they will settle quickly and provide excellent support, as they have for children here.
- ▶ There will be a number of families accessing Playgroup who are eligible for two-year-old funding; pray for staff as they complete the relevant paperwork to gain funding and for these younger children as they begin Playgroup.
- ▶ Pray for new learners beginning courses at Romsey Mill. Pray for good relationships in groups and that young people would quickly establish new and positive ways of working.
- ▶ Specifically, pray for young mums starting an Arts Award course, run in partnership with the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. Pray for commitment as they re-engage with learning.
- ▶ Thank God for our trustees who generously give their time and experience to Romsey Mill. Pray that God would direct and guide their discussions and that they would be blessed through their service.
- ▶ Thank God for our many volunteers and pray for new people joining the team this term.

Praise God for ...

- ▶ the safe arrival of baby Joseph to Programme Managers, James and Rachel Bennett
- ▶ successes in the YPP Literacy course last term
- ▶ Dawn Bainbridge, new Grants and Contracts Fundraiser
- ▶ relationships with year 6 children recently referred to Transitions Programme
- ▶ progress made by young people whom Transitions staff have been supporting
- ▶ the successful start to a five-week baby massage course for young parents
- ▶ young parents who organised a sponsored buggy push for the Rosie Hospital Campaign
- ▶ another successful 'Dads Event', with 26 male Carers and 29 children, forming invaluable links and support for local male Carers
- ▶ recent Ofsted reports that gave Playgroup 'outstanding' and Children's Centre 'good' with some outstanding features
- ▶ that three statements for children with Special Educational Needs have been successfully completed in readiness for the move to their next settings
- ▶ the support of our corporate partners
- ▶ the financial, prayer and volunteer support of local churches
- ▶ delivery of work in north Cambridge in partnership with churches there
- ▶ good relationships between schools in north Cambridge and Matt Howell, SIP worker there



Prayer diary



As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed: he remembers that we are dust.

Psalm 103:13,14