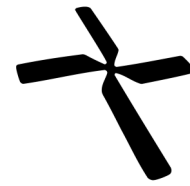


April



- ▶ Please pray for Rachel Matthews and her family after the sad loss of her husband, Paul.
- ▶ New Welfare Reforms will have an impact on families, pray that we can support those families in the best way possible.
- ▶ Pray for the new Finance & Accounts Officer, Sharon Whittle, who will be starting in April.
- ▶ Our open access group held at Romsey Mill for 13 - 14 year olds is going very well, as they are exploring personal development. Please pray for consistent attendance.
- ▶ Young Parents Programme will be holding some joint training with Children's Centres and Locality teams to look at the needs of young parents.
- ▶ Pray for Rachel Bennett, as she returns as Children's Centre Manager after maternity leave.
- ▶ Pray for a new Alternative Education group launched by Jamie in Sawston for Year 9 pupils.
- ▶ **7th - 13th:** Nick Mackenzie will be raising money for Romsey Mill by running six marathons in six days in the Sahara! Please pray for his safety and perseverance for this gruelling challenge.
- ▶ Please pray for the group of Year 11s from Coleridge who are studying Shakespeare.
- ▶ Please pray for Matt who is currently running Arts Award and the Rookie Lifeguard Certificate with Year 10 pupils from Manor.
- ▶ Please pray that more parents will join our Under 25s Children's Centre group.
- ▶ Four children are moving on from Playgroup after Easter. Pray that they settle well into their new nursery settings.

May



- ▶ The Romsey Mill Charity Shop (Thoday Street) will be moving to a temporary location on Mill Road, while the building is re-developed. Please pray for the staff, volunteers and customers involved.
- ▶ Please pray for the Year 11s undertaking GCSEs from May.
- ▶ A new Aspire group has started in Cambourne in response to identified need in the area (Years 5-7), with possible scope to develop the work for older young people. Please pray for this group.
- ▶ Year 6s now know to which secondary school they have been allocated – pray for those who are excited and those who are daunted by this.
- ▶ Looking to establish more under-25 groups in Cambridge City for young mothers and fathers; please pray for the success of these.
- ▶ Pray for pupils and teachers as SATS get underway.
- ▶ Pray for good liaison with school staff and other agencies, as we choose who will be on the transfer programme.
- ▶ For the many new referrals coming in at present to the Aspire programme - a challenge to see where we can fit these children and young people into existing groups.
- ▶ Please pray for the May half-term Year 6 activity day, as part of the transfer programme.
- ▶ Please pray for Trustees and the Leadership and Management Team, as they begin to develop a new Strategic Plan for Romsey Mill.
- ▶ Pray for the planning of a new Children's Centre parenting course.

June



- ▶ Pray for Neil as he bravely undertakes a challenge (chosen by others!) to raise money and awareness for the work of Romsey Mill.
- ▶ Pray for the planning of the Transitions Year 6 residential to Horstead Centre in July.
- ▶ Our 20-week Maths Course for eight young parents is due to finish in July. Please pray that the young people would engage with and enjoy the course.
- ▶ Four Aspire young people are now volunteering in groups of younger children. These Aspire young leaders are providing great role models for the groups they are helping in. Pray that we are able to further develop confidence, skills, and leadership potential in the young leaders.
- ▶ Please pray for young people with autistic spectrum conditions who are approaching the transition to secondary school, for whom the anxiety of the change can be greater than for many others.
- ▶ Pray for Aspire team members undertaking challenging assessments with families in order to secure Short Breaks funding for the programme from the County Council.
- ▶ Jamie has re-launched the Thursday Youth Club in Sawston with the help of some of the young people who will continue to be part of the leadership team. Please pray for the success and development of this group.
- ▶ Pray for the planning of a residential in Norfolk for the Aspire Plus group in August.
- ▶ Pray for the fundraising team as they face the challenge of raising over £1million for 2013-14. Praise God that over half is already secured.

Praise God for ...

- ▶ The Young Parents Programme was awarded the tender again from the County Council for the next 3 years with a possible extension to 5 years. Great news!
- ▶ Eight young parents achieved their Arts Award certificate last term.
- ▶ A Progressions Fair at Romsey Mill for young parents and young people held in February. We had 10 or so agencies represented and they gave advice around work, college and volunteering opportunities.
- ▶ Bekki Clark, Progressions Worker, has been funded to do some more research around how Raising the Participation Age for education will affect young parents.
- ▶ The Dads' Event held at the Children's Centre on the 8th March. 13 children came with 15, dads, uncles, granddads and elder brothers and enjoyed a fun time of activities.
- ▶ The achievements of three young women gaining certificates in Equine Studies.
- ▶ Friday night football - it is awesome! Up to 25 young people are involved. Although there is a mix of needs and abilities, they work well together and the project continues to be an alternative to anti-social behaviour.
- ▶ Transitions Volunteers. Give thanks for the transfer groups and ongoing support.
- ▶ Mary Simuyandi's afterschool Year 6 transitions group. One young person said that the group was "like a family".
- ▶ A very successful coffee morning at the start of February, attended by a number of Aspire families. We will now be making the coffee morning a bi-monthly event.

Praise God for ...

- ▶ Lee Tomkies, Youth Development Worker. We sadly say goodbye to Lee who has been with Romsey Mill for around 8 years in various guises. Lee will be going to rest, recharge and explore new ventures.



- ▶ Cat Mackenzie, Children's Centre Administrator. After nearly 2 years at Romsey Mill, Cat is sadly leaving us. She is planning to take her vintage china hire and cake-making business to a new level and we wish her all the best.



- ▶ Eva Acs, Children's Centre Manager, who has done a fantastic job covering Rachel's maternity leave but will be leaving us at the end of March.



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Prayer diary



“Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1v9