

# October



- ▶ Children, and their parents, are settling into the new routine of Playgroup. Pray for peace and contentment.
- ▶ **3rd** Trustees meeting. Pray for insight and guidance, and thank God for these volunteers who give so much to our work.
- ▶ There are significant numbers of children in Playgroup with English as an additional language, and other high-need children. Pray for insight so that their needs can be addressed.
- ▶ As a result, Playgroup needs additional volunteers to offer individual support to children.
- ▶ **11th** This evening is our Thanksgiving Service.
- ▶ Pray for 11-year-olds in the Transitions Programme who have started at new schools. Pray that they engage well with education, make friends and contribute positively to school life.
- ▶ Pray for Kate Nation (Young Women's Worker) as she re-engages with young women after the Summer break.
- ▶ Playgroup has to deliver the new Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. Pray for Rachel as she trains staff and volunteers in this.
- ▶ Pray for Alternative Education staff beginning new groups. Pray that there would be excellent relationships and that young people would discover a new love for learning.
- ▶ Pray for Nic Findlay and Pete Atkinson, teaching English and Maths with a year 11 group, part of our Alternative Education Programme.
- ▶ A group of young mums is taking a Bronze Arts Award, through a partnership with the Fitzwilliam Museum. Pray that they engage with the course, gel as a group and flourish in their learning.
- ▶ Pray for preparation for our campaign 'Twelve Days of Christmas'. Pray for local businesses and individuals to provide match funding.

- ▶ Pray for young women who are struggling with financial difficulty. Ask for wisdom as we give advice and guidance.
- ▶ Ask God to provide us with good venues for work outside of the Romsey area.
- ▶ Pray for good links with other organisations who can support young women.
- ▶ **20th** Festival of Learning event for children is being held at Romsey Mill today. Pray for safety and a fun learning experience.
- ▶ Pray for new young parents starting to attend 'Bumps and Babies' group this term.
- ▶ Pray for young parents who started courses at Cambridge Regional College in September. Pray for our work to address any barriers to learning such as confidence, finance or childcare.
- ▶ Pray that we would be successful in appointing a Young Fathers Worker and a Development Worker in Sawston.
- ▶ Pray for Avril Timson, developing new Aspire groups for young people with autistic spectrum conditions (ASCs).
- ▶ Karen Hosking works to support Aspire families. Pray that she would be able to provide good advice and guidance to families struggling with complex needs and situations.
- ▶ Pray for last year's Playgroup children who have moved to nurseries and schools.
- ▶ Half term (29th Oct-2nd Nov) – we're planning a time away for the Redeemer Rascals group (Transitions). Pray for growing relationships with the young people, and for fun.
- ▶ Transitions staff are beginning new groups for year 7s. Pray that these would quickly become established and effective.
- ▶ Pray for Aspire staff as they support young people who have recently moved schools.
- ▶ Pray that our work will be successful in God's eyes and achieve his purposes.

# November



- ▶ We work with many young women struggling with low self-esteem, substance misuse and low motivation. Pray that they would have a true understanding of their value.
- ▶ Pray for young mums now halfway through their Bronze Arts Award. Ask for success and a renewed confidence about learning.
- ▶ Pray for the success of funding applications and approaches to other people, churches and companies who might support us.
- ▶ Young Parents Programme is starting a number of groups for under-25s around Cambridge and South Cambs. Pray for good group dynamics and improved outcomes for families.
- ▶ Pray for young parents who are still at school, that they would successfully juggle parenthood with GCSE commitments.
- ▶ Pray for Aspire coordinator, Ruth Watt, as she and her team plan how to expand the work to meet the needs of more young people with ASCs.
- ▶ Pray for Mary and Naomi supporting young people at secondary school. Pray that their work would help these young people make the most of their opportunities.
- ▶ Pray for good relationships with schools with whom we work in partnership.
- ▶ Pray for wisdom for Transitions staff as they look for ways to move some young people towards independence from the programme.
- ▶ Some young people who were part of the Aspire programme have moved to university or college. Pray for friendship, security and success.
- ▶ Pray for new volunteers across programmes, that they would be effective and committed and find their experience fulfilling.



- ▶ **1st** Mill Road Winter Fair. Pray that people would call in, enjoy the activities and learn more about our work.
- ▶ **1st-12th** Our 'Twelve Days of Christmas' campaign. Pray that this would raise money to fund twelve months of a youth worker's time.
- ▶ Pray that Social Inclusion work would receive adequate funding (and all our other work too).
- ▶ Pray for Charity Shop staff, for health and well being. Thank God for their work and income generated by the shop.
- ▶ Pray for families who feel the pressures of expectation this Christmas. Ask that they would focus on what is important rather than on material things and that their families would experience God's blessing of peace.
- ▶ Some of our programme participants have complex and difficult needs. Pray for staff working with other agencies to find resolutions, and ways to protect children and young people.
- ▶ Pray for national and local government, that they would find ways to encourage social change towards a more equitable society.
- ▶ Pray for clinics and workshops running in the Children's Centre. Thank God for the support they offer and the new skills they facilitate.
- ▶ Mary Simuyandi (Transitions) works with the Urban ROAR project in partnership with City Council, working with vulnerable 8-11 year olds in north Cambridge. Pray for team unity and effective, fun sessions to support the young people referred to the project.
- ▶ Pray for vulnerable families attending our Children's Centre groups. Pray that these groups would provide friendship and support.
- ▶ Christmas gives opportunities to share the story of Jesus Christ. Pray that we would recognise and take openings to do so.

## Praise God for ...

- ▶ Tizzy Faller (joint Playgroup Leader) and Rebekah Overton (one-to-one support) who have started their new jobs in Playgroup
- ▶ the Mills & Reeve team who sorted Playgroup resources and the PwC team who cleaned our minibuses
- ▶ a full Playgroup – with a long waiting list
- ▶ young women who have been supported to start further education, in spite of struggles
- ▶ great volunteers supporting young people across programmes
- ▶ the opportunity for young women to speak at a County Council Localism event
- ▶ young people's enthusiasm for their groups
- ▶ expanding opportunities with schools to deliver core curriculum and vocational skills training
- ▶ the ten young parents who came on a successful summer residential
- ▶ four young mums achieving their Level 2 Literacy qualification in July
- ▶ Judith Cork, Outreach and Participation Worker, who qualified as an infant massage instructor
- ▶ a happy teddy bears picnic with young parents and children
- ▶ the Transitions residential: participants enjoyed it and said they felt more confident about moving to secondary school as a result
- ▶ a positive start to the term for most of the young people supported through Transitions work
- ▶ Avril Timson and Karen Hosking, who have joined the Aspire team
- ▶ exam results achieved by young people who are part of Aspire

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## Prayer diary



**“I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.”**

**Psalm 27:13**