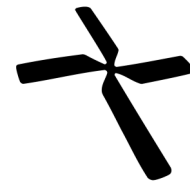


December



- ▶ Please pray for the health and protection of our Pre-School staff and children as they combat the winter colds and bugs. Even though this season's days can be grey and cold, may our Pre-Schools always be a place of warmth, joy and love.
- ▶ In mid-December we have our Young Parents Programme and Children Centre's Christmas parties. Please pray that all the families attending and the volunteer helpers will be richly blessed and really sense God's peace and love this Christmas season.
- ▶ The Romsey Mill Christmas Appeal is a wonderful opportunity to share some of the powerful stories we hear of lives transformed as a result of our work. Please pray that many hearts will be encouraged by these glimpses into the lives of people that are being blessed and changed through our relationships, as we are guided by our merciful heavenly Father. Please pray that people will be inspired to give generously in support of Romsey Mill.
- ▶ During this winter season please pray for the young parents as they adjust their budgets to afford winter heating bills.
- ▶ Pray for all engaged in the work of Romsey Mill. For protection in relationships and that there would be a sense of togetherness, innovation, excitement and vibrancy amongst the groups we run, as well as a passion for Jesus and the help of the Holy Spirit. Also please pray for health across the teams during the winter season.
- ▶ This Advent please pray that the love of God would be felt in a very real way by those facing poverty, hardship and loneliness in our communities.

January



- ▶ Please pray for a strong start to the New Year for all our programme staff as they return to our work after the Christmas break and for a smooth transition for all children starting Pre-School this term.
- ▶ Many of our families may have had negative learning experiences at school. Our Children's Centres run adult learning courses: English basic skills, English as an additional language, parenting, school readiness and sewing. Young Parents Programme are also running functional skill courses including a Maths course starting in January. Please pray that all these learning experiences will have a long term benefit for the families, building their confidence and positively impacting their ability to parent their children.
- ▶ Romsey Mill's Thanksgiving Service will take place on Thursday 19th January. Please pray that all planning goes well, that the service will run smoothly and that there is a good turn out. We are so thankful to God for all that He is doing through Romsey Mill.
- ▶ The future of Children's Centre across Cambridgeshire is uncertain in the light of current government austerity measures. Please pray for all those involved in the decision making; for wisdom and that needs of families will be kept at the centre of their considerations.
- ▶ A number of Syrian refugees have been settled into the Cambridge area. Please pray as we help support them to integrate into the communities where they are based.
- ▶ Please pray for our young people who have Autistic spectrum conditions struggling to continue in education this year. Please pray specifically for those with anxiety.

February



- ▶ Please pray for young people struggling with drug and alcohol addiction, that they would be able to break their habit.
- ▶ When many will be celebrating Valentine's Day and focus on romantic love, it can be a difficult time for many of our teenagers and single parents. Please pray that they find a deeper sense of love from the community at Romsey Mill and from God. Please also pray for wisdom for our young people in their choices.
- ▶ As we move further into 2017 please pray for God's favour over our fundraising efforts and for success in reaching new audiences with an aim to increasing local support for Romsey Mill.
- ▶ The Youth Development Team is working hard to create a culture in which young people feel loved and accepted, yet where inappropriate behaviour is challenged and character is developed. Please pray for wisdom in how to best do this.
- ▶ Pray for God's presence in all the venues we work in across Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire (including Romsey Mill, The Meadows, Cambourne Soul, Shelford Social Club, Cherry Hinton Community Centre and all the church premises), and that young people would encounter Him.
- ▶ We are thankful to God for all of the people who give their time to volunteer with us,. However, we do need more volunteers, across all of our programmes. We especially need people who can volunteer to help run the Aspire after school groups that we have in Cambourne and in north Cambridge. Please pray that the right people would come forward to meet this need.

Praise God for...

- ▶ for this season of celebration when we reflect on God's love for the world and his gift of life in Jesus Christ.
- ▶ the successful transition of new staff as they have settled into the posts made vacant by team members who have recently moved on to new jobs or who have retired.
- ▶ an amazing time on our first young persons spiritual residential - **Deeper** in which prayers were answered and 4 young people made the choice to follow Jesus (plus one more since we returned)!
- ▶ the funding for the redevelopment of the Copse at Great Shelford Recreation Ground and for the talented garden designer that has come forward to work with us.
- ▶ the unity and growth of our work, especially with the churches in Shelfords and Stapleford and for the new assistant youth worker, Zac Britton.
- ▶ the success of our new fundraising events in 2016. Especially the charity walk **Bridge the Gap**, our partnership with Arthur Rank Hospice Charity and the sponsorship by Cambridge Building Society. Also for our first Romsey Mill Charity Golf Day sponsored by Elms Cambridge BMW and supported by Cambridge Meridian Golf Club. Great fun was had by all and the combined amount raised was an amazing £25,000. We are so grateful to everyone who supported these events and for the encouragement we have received from participants looking forward to next year's events.
- ▶ the laughter, team spirit and support that the Romsey Mill Staff Team give each other— despite many challenges, we always find time to come together, pray and have a cup of tea. We feel God's love and care at work here every day.

Praise God for...

- ▶ the wisdom and guidance of the Romsey Mill Leadership Team and all our Trustees.
- ▶ good relationships with lots of schools and their support staff.
- ▶ the opportunities and increased visibility we are receiving having been chosen by the Cambridge Mayor, Councillor Jeremy Benstead, as one this year's mayoral charities.
- ▶ The fact that some of our youth in the Shelford Parish have begun attending Parish Council meetings and have a desire to understand and bring their voice to local decision making.
- ▶ all those who have a heart for the work of Romsey Mill. Praise Him for all those who stand with us in prayer, support us financially or volunteer their time.
- ▶ the Multi-Sports sessions getting regular attendance helping to improve physical and mental fitness for young fathers.
- ▶ all the young parents who have attended the new city centre drop-in run by our team.
- ▶ for the young parent who got in touch to say 'thank you' to Romsey Mill for the ways in which we have supported her over the years. She is currently studying Early Childhood Studies with Early Years Teacher Status at University.
- ▶ the generosity of families who have taken on physical challenges or taken the time to make significant collections fundraising for our work. Especially Aspire mum, Teresa Charge who walked 100km through the night on the Thames Path Challenge raising over £1500 for Aspire.

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Prayer Diary



Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace

The Bible, Ephesians 4:3