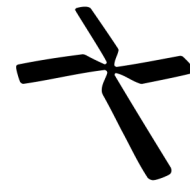


# July



- ▶ Thank God for Annah Karimupfumbi, who has just finished her social work placement with Transitions. Give thanks for her hard work and enthusiasm, and the relationships she has developed with young people; and pray for her as she starts her final year as a student.
- ▶ Give thanks for a successful Shine course run by Transitions for students aged 11-14. Pray that what they have learnt about their value and worth has an impact on their daily lives.
- ▶ The Step Up Awards Ceremony will celebrate the hard work and achievements of young people who were having difficulties at secondary school. Pray that the qualifications and certificates they receive give them belief in their potential to succeed.
- ▶ Pray for the new young fathers weekly group that will be starting in the North of the City in the summer.
- ▶ Pray for the ten young mothers that will sit English exams in the summer term, working towards Level 1 or 2 qualifications.
- ▶ Pray as Romsey Mill begins to manage the work of Cherry Hinton Children's Centre alongside our existing Children's Centre—pray that families are open to new opportunities, that they regard these changes as positive and that the staff teams work well together.
- ▶ Pray for discussions with local schools regarding partnerships for the next academic year.
- ▶ Pray for young people, staff and volunteers at Sawston & Stapleford Youth Initiative who lost a friend through suicide.

# August



- ▶ Pray for young people for whom the summer holidays are a difficult time, and particularly for pupils about to start a new school.
- ▶ Self-harm is a growing concern for a number of young women. Pray for these young people, that they may find other ways to manage their emotions and anxieties.
- ▶ Young people are taken on day trips and residential courses over the summer. Pray that these experiences grow their confidence, cement friendships and give them happy memories. Pray for safe journeys and good times.
- ▶ Pray for all staff and young people awaiting results from exams and qualifications— pray that their results help them move on in their careers, education or training.
- ▶ Pray that Playgroup finds a replacement for Tizzy Faller. Pray for the remaining Playgroup staff as they adjust to another revision to the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- ▶ Pray for secondary schools running Summer School programmes, particularly those aimed at pupils about to start year seven, that the young people will have a good time and build strong relationships with school staff.
- ▶ Pray for the charity shop refit—that it increases sales and makes the shop even more successful. Give thanks for Ken for his outstanding work testing electrical items, and for the good health and continued commitment of all of our wonderful volunteers.
- ▶ Pray for families of children with autistic spectrum conditions, who find their responsibilities increasing over the summer.

# September



- ▶ Pray for all young people who are embarking on a new school year. Thank God that we can be involved in their lives, and pray for the after-school groups that many of our young people attend.
- ▶ Thank God for the young people who have received Transitions support for a number of years, and are now moving on. Pray that we can link them with other sources of support, and that there are good endings to our relationships with them.
- ▶ Pray that the Sawston Cycle Ride (raising funds for Romsey Mill) brings people together and that God keeps everyone safe.
- ▶ Pray for the 18 young mothers who are hoping to go to college in September to pursue further education courses. Pray that they will get the support they need.
- ▶ Pray for all the pre-school children who have attended Playgroup and are moving on to new settings. Pray that they are embracing this change, that they continue to love learning and that the friends they made at Romsey Mill Playgroup help them to feel brave and independent.
- ▶ As the role of the public sector undergoes a significant change in response to reducing resources and shifting expectations, there is an even greater need for Romsey Mill, inspired by our Christian faith, to provide our distinctive care, assistance and activities.
- ▶ Following changes to the configuration of some of our Programme Teams, please ask God to equip and enable staff members to continue to press on in their work with renewed faith and enthusiasm.

## Praise God for...

- ▶ The generosity of donors whose gifts help us to reach out to more families and young people - making a lasting difference in their lives.
- ▶ Claire Lea and Sarah Collins who have moved on from Romsey Mill's Fundraising Team and will be embarking on new ventures—we wish them success and give thanks for their ongoing commitment to Romsey Mill.
- ▶ Give thanks for young parents who gave their time to help deliver training to professionals from other agencies at the 'Even Better Support' Meeting.
- ▶ Give thanks for the 'Cash for the Community' donation from Cambridge Building Society which will help to pay for the young parents to study and learn at Romsey Mill. Give thanks for all the people who cut out tokens and voted for Romsey Mill to receive this donation.
- ▶ Women from the Breathe Conference linked to Cambridge Community Church donated baby items to make gift bags for 30 young parents and their new babies. Give thanks for their generosity.
- ▶ Eddie Rivero and David Holloway who provide IT support for Romsey Mill - their expertise enables the organisation to run efficiently, and we are grateful that they respond to our IT issues quickly and effectively.
- ▶ We are grateful for a board of Trustees who provide astute oversight and strategic direction for Romsey Mill. Give thanks for their commitment to helping us move forward and embrace change.

## Praise God for...

- ▶ The many dedicated and passionate volunteers who give their time to the work of the Mill. Pray that we continue to recruit volunteers of such quality and commitment, and thank God for the new volunteers joining us in the autumn term.
- ▶ Tizzy Faller and the love, joy and energy she has given to the children and staff in Playgroup over the last two years.
- ▶ The progress all of the children have made over the last year in Playgroup and especially for the funding for two year olds we receive so more families facing financial challenges can access Playgroup sooner.
- ▶ Links and joint working with St Matthew's Primary School and the two successful 'sibling rivalry' sessions that support and empower local families facing this challenge.
- ▶ The Romsey Parents Group for their incredible support in organising fundraising events and the help they give to staff as we make changes to the services we offer.
- ▶ The many women who gave their time to talk to and inspire young women as part of our 'Women of Influence' project—young women felt empowered by hearing their stories and learning about the challenges they had to overcome in order to succeed.
- ▶ Romsey Mill staff team members who strive to be 'good news' through their positive and hopeful approach, oftentimes whilst encountering tough situations.

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# Prayer Diary



**As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”**

Bible, Romans 10:15