

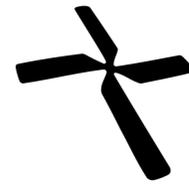
# March



## Please pray for

- ▶ The young mums and dads-to-be who will be starting our next antenatal course.
- ▶ All the new children joining Pre-School after Easter. Please pray for the children's needs as they settle, especially the 2 year olds who are separating from parents for the first time.
- ▶ Wisdom and understanding of local families' needs during the transition of Children's Centre services to Cambridgeshire County Council.
- ▶ One of our Lead Youth Development Workers, Ollie O'Meakin, who will be leaving in this month to move to Exeter. Please pray for us as we seek to continue the excellent work he has pioneered in Sawston and in partnership with SSI in the Shelfords and Stapleford.
- ▶ God's favour as we make a step-change in our training provision for youth workers. Pray particularly that we would be able to raise our profile sufficiently to attract potential students.
- ▶ Our vital relationships with the local churches, that they would remain strong and that these partnerships would grow.
- ▶ The success of our Young Parents Programme course 'Improving confidence in English', running from April to June. May this be well attended, enjoyable and very helpful to participants.
- ▶ Easter themed activities at the end of March, with a focus on new life.

# April



## Please pray for

- ▶ The Aspire team as we continue to look at ways to improve the systems around engaging and welcoming volunteers. We need teams of up to 5 regular volunteers for each of our eleven groups. New volunteers are very welcome.
- ▶ Our Trustees who have lots of skills and experience. In the work of Romsey Mill we regularly face new challenges and opportunities. In such times we ask God for his wisdom and discernment, to bring his clarity and guidance.
- ▶ Our Youth Development Team as they continue to pioneer work in Hampton, Peterborough. Pray for strong relationships with partner organisations and with young people in the area but also that we can secure a venue from which to deliver some of our youth work activities. Pray that God would open doors and provide!
- ▶ Wisdom for our youth workers and leaders as we tackle some difficult issues in supporting vulnerable young people. Particularly pray as we look to help young people with issues around gender identity and self-harm.
- ▶ The Children's Centre staff as they move into new teams and new areas within the employment of Cambridgeshire County Council; that they may continue to reflect the ethos of Romsey Mill in their future work with local families and other professionals.
- ▶ Our loving and skilled Pre-School team in their nurture of the children and families in our care.

# May



## Please pray for

- ▶ Success for our funding applications as we seek to expand our Aspire work in order to benefit more children and young people. We believe our provision is unique in giving space to young people who have autistic spectrum conditions to be themselves and meet others like them. The benefits are huge and our heart and intention is to see as many children and young people as possible have access to them.
- ▶ Pray for all the preparation going into running our first Vintage Fair which will take place on Saturday 9th June 2018. Please pray for Terri, our Charity Shop Manager, as she prepares all the donations and chooses the stock to sell to raise as much as possible for the work of Romsey Mill.
- ▶ The young women requiring extra support at the moment. This is particularly challenging given that we only have a few female youth workers in the team. Please pray that we will be able to respond to the need and for resilience for our youth workers.
- ▶ Freedom for those of our young people for whom drugs have a hold over their lives, particularly marijuana. This is clearly as much a spiritual battle as it is a physical one.
- ▶ The successful planning of the Young Parents Programme as they organise for a series of special spring and summer events and trips in June and July.

## Praise God for...

- ▶ The young parents who are attending the 'Eating well on a budget' cooking course this term in partnership with City Church.
- ▶ The extension of the young parents contract for another year.
- ▶ The young parents who are interested in, or already accessing higher education opportunities.
- ▶ The progress we see in the development of the children in both our Pre-School settings. It is so encouraging to see how the children have developed in confidence, independence, language (understanding and speech) and in friendships.
- ▶ We are thankful for new volunteers in our Pre-Schools settings. Volunteers really help us through their caring interactions with the children. New volunteers are always welcome!
- ▶ The opportunity for our Aspire team to run some one to one support for young people with autism spectrum conditions in two local secondary schools. The feedback we have received has been really positive, and we have been invited to continue working with these young people.
- ▶ The Aspire parents who have recently decided to give regularly financial support to the work of our Programme. This is really encouraging. We hope that more people will be able to give.
- ▶ Partner organisations and supporters, including schools, Trust funders, businesses, other community groups—we're all stronger when we work together.

## Praise God for...

- ▶ The young adult who used to attend Aspire, now volunteering in the Romsey Mill charity shop two mornings a week, as well as maintaining his warehouse job.
- ▶ Continued opportunities to engage and support local families during this time of uncertainty for Children Centre provision, particularly through a parent course, creative play sessions and sewing course.
- ▶ The life changing impact the work of the Children's Centre has had on so many local families and the strength of the support networks nurtured between local parents.
- ▶ Our trustees, who dedicate their time, skill and care to overseeing the work of Romsey Mill, confirming that we are carrying our purposes effectively, managing our resources conscientiously and ensuring that we are accountable.
- ▶ The opportunities that have opened up in Hampton and the success of a funding bid that has enabled us to buy some music equipment for our work in Peterborough.
- ▶ That the Youth Development Team have been able to successfully recruit a new member of staff to fill a vacancy for work in South Cambridge.
- ▶ Individuals and community groups doing fundraising activities to enable our work.

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# Prayer Diary



Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

The Bible - 1 Corinthians 15:58