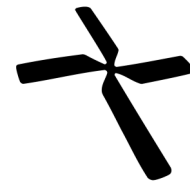


October



- ▶ Pray that the Sawston Cycle Ride (raising funds for Romsey Mill on 18 October) brings many people together and that everyone is kept safe.
- ▶ Romsey Mill's Thanksgiving Service is a time to praise God and reflect on Romsey Mill's purpose. Pray that people come, get inspired and then spread the word about the work we do.
- ▶ Pray for colleagues at Cherry Hinton Children's Centre as Romsey Mill takes on management responsibility for them and the work undertaken with families. Pray for Fiona Wade in her new role as Senior Family Worker across Romsey Mill & Cherry Hinton Children's Centres.
- ▶ Some of Romsey Mill's Programme work has been restructure and new roles assigned to team members. Please pray that everyone will be strengthen and enabled as these changes are embedded.
- ▶ Sheila Cann's husband John died in August. Both Sheila and John have been long term volunteers and supporters of Romsey Mill and John will be missed. Pray that Sheila is receives the support she needs to cope with her loss.
- ▶ Pray for Charlie Gethings in her new role as Playgroup Leader and Jackie Erskine in her new role as Playgroup Deputy Leader in the Playgroup team. Pray for Rachel Matthews as she works with the local authority and Ofsted in planning new provision at Ross Street Community Centre.
- ▶ Pray for the new 'Stay and Play' group for families with children with additional needs—that they come regularly to sessions, meet new friends and find particular encouragement and support.

November



- ▶ Pray that more young fathers will attend the under 25's group each Friday at Buchan Street Community Centre, and that new young mothers gain support, friendship and joy from this term's 'Bumps & Babies' group.
- ▶ We're grateful to Wesley Methodist Church raising funds for Romsey Mill during one of their regular Saturday morning community Café sessions this month.
- ▶ Pray that young people with autistic spectrum conditions in the Aspire Plus groups (aged 17-19) continue to grow the friendships made in Aspire and that they find the confidence to take their first steps into adulthood.
- ▶ Families and young people will be taking part in Bonfire Night celebrations. Young people with autism can find the loud noises and large gatherings stressful—please pray for the young people we support in our Aspire Programme.
- ▶ Pray that young people who started college, university, training or apprenticeships in September or October feel well supported and remain committed to their plans.
- ▶ Pray for the 'Shine' girls' course at North Cambridge Academy that is taking place this term, that the girls learn more about their value & how they can look after themselves and others.
- ▶ Pray that primary school children who have been supported in their transition to secondary school by Romsey Mill feel settled and are thriving—academically, socially and at home.
- ▶ Our full board of Trustees meet in November. Pray that their oversight of Romsey Mill continues to move us towards our goals and that they feel energised and inspired by our ongoing work.

December



- ▶ Pray for families and young people who find Christmas and New Year difficult—who feel isolated, anxious or burdened at what should be a happy time.
- ▶ Pray that Romsey Mill's annual 'Twelve Days of Christmas' fundraising appeal moves people to support our work financially, and that they may choose to donate on a more regular basis.
- ▶ Christmas parties for Young Parent's and the Children's Centre are a hectic and joyful occasion—pray that amidst the busy-ness, that families find a moment's peace to hear the Christmas message.
- ▶ Thank God for nearly five years of partnership working with the Children's and Young People's Participation Service in Abbey. Pray for this partnership as we prepare for the next stage of our work together and for a successful after school group in the area.
- ▶ Strategic planning for the future will be happening at this time. Pray that the Mill's Leadership and Management Team be given energy, wisdom and time to make this a productive process.
- ▶ Following changes to the configuration of some of our Fundraising & Communications Team, please ask God to equip and enable staff members to continue to press on in their work with renewed faith and enthusiasm.
- ▶ We are grateful for opportunities to collaborate with Shelford and Stapleford Youth Initiative and Cambourne Youth Partnership in the delivery of open youth club sessions and targeted work with specific groups of young people in areas of South Cambridgeshire.

Praise God for...

- ▶ Dawn Bainbridge, Dave Shuler, Mary Simuyandi and Justin Lewis who are moving on from Romsey Mill and embarking on new ventures—we wish them success and give thanks for their contribution over the years to our work.
- ▶ All the people—young and old—who attended 'Romsey Calling' (a live music event at the Earl of Beaconsfield pub) and showed their support and affection for Romsey Mill. Their generosity and enthusiasm warmed our hearts!
- ▶ His faithfulness in enabling Romsey Mill to continue vital work with young people and families during times of significant change and reduction in statutory support.
- ▶ James Bennett and Rachel Matthews, our designated child protection officers, who support Romsey Mill's staff and volunteers to keep children safe.
- ▶ Well attended Romsey Mill and Cherry Hinton Children's Centre events, groups and activities over the summer.
- ▶ Ten young parents completed a 20 week English course—seven achieved a Level 2 qualification and two achieved a Level 1 qualification. A group of young parents also enjoyed fun days out at Shepreth Wildlife Park and a Teddy Bear's Picnic over the summer!
- ▶ Romsey Mill staff team members who work hard, remain faithful and repeatedly go the extra mile, despite encountering tough situations, in their work with vulnerable young people and families.
- ▶ The amazing creativity of our team of youth workers and family workers as they develop new activities and resources for group work.

Praise God for...

- ▶ The faithful support of people who give 'little and often' to financially support the work of Romsey Mill. We are so grateful to all of our regular donors.
- ▶ A successful application to expand Romsey Mill's Playgroup provision to include a new site at Ross Street Community Centre from 2015.
- ▶ A successful application to Youth Music who will be funding our 'Off the Beat 'n' Track' project delivering music-making sessions, open mic nights, one-to-ones and detached sessions.
- ▶ The Mill Road Winter Fair—an annual event that brings the local community together in a positive and uplifting way.
- ▶ Dedicated volunteers, particularly those who give their time regularly—helping to run groups or in our charity shop. They make a huge contribution to our work, by giving their time, skills and energy for free.
- ▶ Romsey Mill partners with the local church in creating opportunities for communities within Cambridgeshire. Thank God for the people who live in your community and remember those churches shining God's light.
- ▶ The team members at Romsey Mill who provide all the operational 'backroom' support without which our work with young people and families would not be possible.
- ▶ This time in the year when we celebrate God's love for the world and his gift of life as Jesus came to dwell with us. "Good news of great joy that is for all the people."

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Prayer Diary



Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified...for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

The Bible, Deuteronomy 31:6