

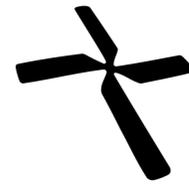
# December



Please pray for

- ▶ The Mill Road Winter Fair, that it is a safe, fun and inclusive event that everyone can enjoy.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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 these families and young people will find a way to see Christmas as an opportunity to know that while circumstances be difficult and painful, God's love is still evident.
- ▶ Romsey Mill's Christmas appeal. That people will be moved and motivated to support our work financially, with gifts large or small.
- ▶ The Christmas parties that we are planning for our Pre-school children, those who attend Little Millers and those supported by the Young Parents Programme. 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 Charity Shop in the busy Christmas period. That we continue to receive lots of great donations and have enough volunteers to help out.
- ▶ Young parents feeling pressure to spend money on children for Christmas when finances may already be tight.
- ▶ Favour over the recent funding applications that have been submitted to various funding bodies. Success would bring vital funds to enable us to continue and grow our work.

# January



Please pray for

- ▶ The staff team at Romsey Mill as we start a New Year, that we all return with renewed strength, revitalised purpose and commitment. Pray too that the young people and families we work with feel excited about the year ahead.
- ▶ The recruitment of reliable and committed volunteers to help us to increase our Pre-school's intake and further develop the richness of the children's and parents' experiences. Pray that new children arriving in January settle in quickly.
- ▶ More opportunities for young fathers to gain meaningful work experience and employment in sectors such as construction, car motor vehicle mechanics and similar trades.
- ▶ The local primary schools, as they start the New Year. Please pray that we continue to have good relationships with head teachers and other staff and can work with them to make a difference early on in the lives of vulnerable young people.
- ▶ A strong start to the year for all our youth work activities in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- ▶ Young parents living in rural areas who can feel even more isolated in winter months.
- ▶ Young people with autism who have such high anxiety that they are not currently able to access education. Pray for appropriate provision to be found for them soon.
- ▶ Our Pre-school children's social and emotional development, that they will feel comfortable and secure in both of our settings and will be kind friends as they play and explore.

# February



Please pray for

- ▶ A smooth transition for young parents as they move from antenatal to postnatal courses, and learn to be the best parents they can be.
- ▶ Teenagers and single parents for whom Valentine's Day can be difficult. Help them to feel a bigger, deeper love from the community at Romsey Mill and from God.
- ▶ Admin, Operations and Finance staff who are busy at the end of the financial year - pray that they have the strength and energy to get through this challenging time.
- ▶ God's favour over our fundraising efforts and for success in reaching new audiences with an aim to increase local support for Romsey Mill.
- ▶ The Youth Development Team, 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ A sense of God's presence and peace in all the venues we work in across Cambridge, South Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and that young people would experience this.

## Please Praise God for...

- ▶ The gift of Jesus, our Immanuel, the Word made flesh. That Your love never changes, never fades, and that You never abandon the purpose for which You came: to save us and to give us life eternal, the joy of relationship with a holy God.
- ▶ The continued funding from Youth Music to support our work using music to engage hard-to-reach young people.
- ▶ The continued improvement in the health of Neil Perry, as he recovers after a recent illness that lead to him being admitted to hospital. We are very glad to have Neil back in our midst.
- ▶ The ten young parents who attended a Basic Family First Aid Training course at Romsey Mill, which covered life saving instruction for babies and small children.
- ▶ Our continued positive relationships with local businesses. We are so grateful for all the local sponsors and supporters. We are especially grateful for the support we receive through the "Co-op Community Fund" and the Tesco scheme "Bags of Help".
- ▶ Malcolm Wylie; for the many years of service he has given Romsey Mill as a Trustee and fabulous fundraising supporter. As he steps down as a Trustee we ask for God's blessing over his life and his family and all that he goes on to do in the service of the Kingdom.
- ▶ Our Pre-school team who work hard each day in both settings. We pray for grace in our conversations with families and as we support each other.
- ▶ The various new members staff who have joined Romsey Mill over the past few months and the way they have settled in and are bringing so much to their teams and to the life of Romsey Mill.

## Please Praise God for...

- ▶ The young mums who are attending the SHINE course and enjoying it, building new friendships and growing in confidence.
- ▶ All the volunteers we have to help with courses and groups that we run – without them, we would really struggle to offer the intensive support to the young parents who need it most.
- ▶ The way that Romsey Mill staff team can come together in shared purpose - to laugh, to work, to pray and to support each other. We feel God's love and care every day and feel blessed to be here.
- ▶ The wisdom and guidance of the Romsey Mill Leadership Team and all our Trustees.
- ▶ The Romsey Mill Charity Shop and for the generosity of all the people who donate goods to the shop. We are very thankful for the hard work and leadership of Liz Diamond and for all our lovely loyal volunteers. It has been a real blessing to see the increased revenue brought in by the Shop over the past few months.
- ▶ The success of our Romsey Mill Charity Gala #1, which took place in November and was well supported. We are delighted to be adding the Gala to our annual calendar of fundraising and community events.
- ▶ The people who support Romsey Mill in prayer; who choose to receive communications from us; and who donate their time, gifts, money and expertise to enhance the work of Romsey Mill.

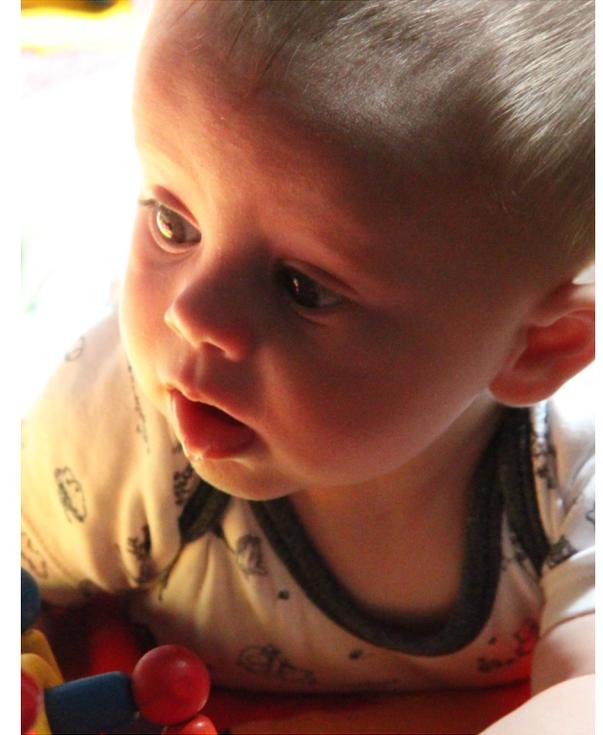
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# Prayer Diary



**“The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood.”**

The Bible (*The Message version*):  
John 1:14