

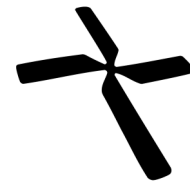
# July



Please pray for

- ▶ Romsey Mill as we look to recruit a replacement for Rachel Matthews as Early Years Coordinator. Please pray for guidance and a smooth recruitment process that successfully attracts the right person into this important role.
- ▶ More volunteers within Aspire – we need them in all of our groups at the moment, especially with lots of our volunteers being students and needing to take time out for exams.
- ▶ Young people with autistic spectrum condition (ASC), who often struggle with crippling anxiety, who are taking exams at the moment.
- ▶ All those young people waiting for their exam results. Pray that they may know the 'peace that surpasses all understanding' - Philippians 4:7
- ▶ God's guidance and provision as we plan our summer programme of activities to engage with local families and support them through the long summer break, when many activities stop.
- ▶ The Money Management course we are running this term in partnership with Cambridge Building Society and a Sewing Course for parents. Pray that the right people would attend so they can get the support they need.
- ▶ The success of our two Aspire residential trips this summer.
- ▶ All those taking part in and those planning the Youth Development Team's **Presentation Evening** taking place on 14th July at Marshall Aerospace Ltd. This will include the Young Leaders and Alternative Education Awards. May this be a real blessing to all.

# August



Please pray for

- ▶ The success of the Romsey Mill Summer Appeal where we will be raising funds to cover the cost of our Summer Programmes. Unlike many centres serving the community, a number of our programmes keep running throughout the summer, even though our funding only covers term time. This appeal will help make sure we can still deliver the programmes that meet this need.
- ▶ The Children's Centre staff who have been working through a period of staff changes and increasing support needs for some of our local families. We pray that their summer breaks may be a time of reflection, relaxation and renewing.
- ▶ Those, who for what ever reason, are unable to take a holiday. Lord we pray you meet everyone of us where we are and refresh us in mind body and spirit.
- ▶ All those who are taking part in 'Deeper' a four day residential where young people aged between 14-21 will be exploring some of life's deeper questions, and in particular the Christian faith. The trip will run from 22nd to 25th August. We pray that this will be truly life changing
- ▶ All those children who are in care and who have been removed from difficult situations. For God to bring about positive change, as His love flows into these broken families.
- ▶ Provision for the work that needs to be done to renovate the sports hall. The floor really needs relaying and quotes for the work are around £2500.

# September



Please pray for

- ▶ The final preparations for the Bridge the Gap Walk (11th), the first Romsey Mill Charity Golf Tournament (07/10) and any other fundraising initiatives that are being undertaken to help raise the money that will further our work.
- ▶ The young people who will be moving from primary to secondary school soon. Please pray that they feel totally prepared for this transition and can look forward in confidence to this next phase in their lives.
- ▶ Children who have chronic conditions or illnesses and who attend our Pre-school and Children's Centre activities despite the physical and emotional challenges they and their parents face.
- ▶ Continued understanding and compassion for Syrian refugees who have moved into our local area and wisdom in the support we offer.
- ▶ Breakthrough in our work trying to connect with hard to reach families and to be able to engage with them to help support their children's learning and development.
- ▶ The three members of Aspire plus who are moving on from us. This can be quite a big move as they will have been attending Aspire for several years. Those joining Aspire; those moving up to a new group or those who are on our long and growing waiting list. Lord, please help us meet this need in our community.
- ▶ Romsey Mill staff as we continue to encourage the high proportion of Pre-school children with English as an additional language (EAL) in their communication and language development Wisdom in deciding which funders to apply to and for God's favour over our applications.

## Praise God for...

- ▶ A young woman who some years ago, whilst on our Young Parents Programme asked for some help to apply to do an Access course at Cambridge Regional College. It was wonderful to recently bump into her and get an update. She is just finishing her degree and is about to start a masters course in a field which may well lead to working with vulnerable families. We love it when we get to see the amazing things that some young parents go on to do years after we have finished working with them.
- ▶ Funding that we have received that we hadn't applied for. The funder must have heard about our work and felt it worthy of their support.
- ▶ A successful launch of the Young Parents Programme Facebook group for all current and former young parents.
- ▶ Annual reports completed including surveys which show a positive impact in the way young fathers and mothers have received the support
- ▶ A good Ofsted report for the Hemingford Road children's centre. We are officially **OUTSTANDING!**
- ▶ Those people who took part in the Welsh 3000 Challenge and raised over £12,000 for families facing significant challenges of their own.
- ▶ The generosity and commitment of those Aspire families who are taking on difficult sponsored challenges this summer to raise funds for the programme.
- ▶ The great progress the Pre-school children are making in their development and skills. It is such a joy to see and be part of this.
- ▶ The Cambridge churches that work together to help vulnerable, poor and homeless people in our city.

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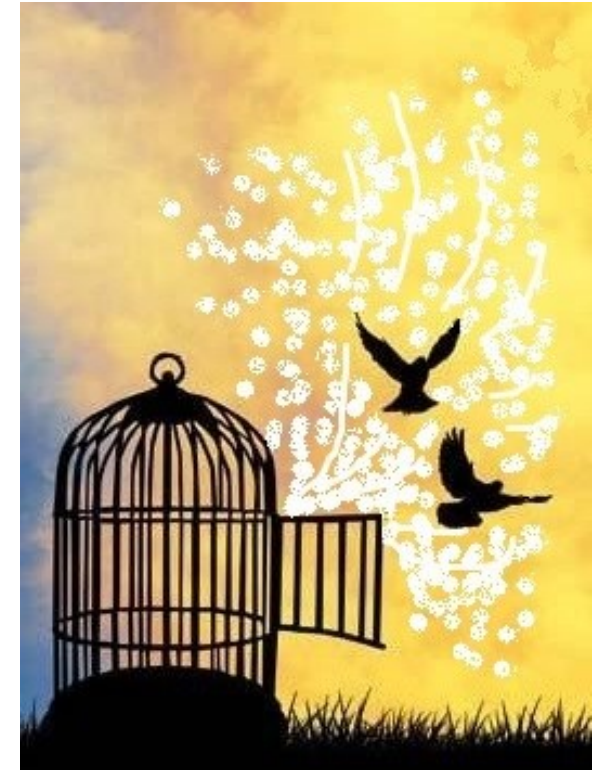
- ▶ The partner agencies and services who we work with to help to keep vulnerable children and young people safe.
- ▶ The times families get in touch to let us know how well they are doing. Young families who have faced real difficulty, but who are now independent and thriving. Thank you Lord that the work we do at Romsey Mill does make a real difference.
- ▶ The kindness and respect shown to one another by the young people within the youth groups we deliver.
- ▶ Give thanks for the appointment of Davinder Mankoo our new Children's Centre Worker, as she settles into the team and builds positive relationships with local families.
- ▶ Thank God for the families currently attending our Incredible Years parenting course, that they may feel encouraged and empowered as they understand and implement different strategies, enhancing the joy the parenting can bring.
- ▶ The opportunity to be a part of the charity walk **Bridge the Gap** and to work with The Arthur Rank Hospice Charity, the University and volunteers.
- ▶ One of our young fathers who has been recruited to join the **Young Dad's Collective** just as the pilot project is being rolled out nationally.
- ▶ People who are raising funds and giving their time for Romsey Mill.

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# Prayer Diary



Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17—The Bible