

october

► Pray for young people as they continue to settle into secondary school, and for the Transitions team as they support them.

► **2nd**: start of the literacy group – ask that new referrals would engage well and enjoy coming along to groups.



► **3rd**: For an important meeting to establish the Children's Centre Partnership Board.

► Pray that young people who have left school and started at college would settle in and succeed.

► Ask that the charity shop 'make-over' goes well and provides volunteers and customers with a brighter and more pleasant environment to work and browse in.

► Pray for new detached work starting in the north of the city.

► Please pray for the new structure of three groups in Aspire. May new young people fit in and settle into their groups well.



► May the start of college be smooth for parents moving on from the Young Parents Programme. May there be no obstacles like child sickness, being misunderstood or childcare problems. Pray for Emily as she supports them.

► Pray for Under 5s staff as they are settling a whole new Playgroup into Romsey Mill; especially for a little boy who is blind and for Lisa as she supports him.



► May the Parenting programme with families of Transitions children get off to a good start.

► We urgently need to get good volunteers to help in Playgroup and Children's Centre programme. With more volunteers we will be able to develop and extend the relationships we build up with parents and young children; pin-pointing those who specifically need further support.

► **14th**: Pray for young parents exhibiting their textiles work at the 'Knitting and Stitching Show' in London. May it be a positive and confidence-boosting experience for them.



► As a new group, 'Bumps and Babies Plus' begins, ask that young mums would take ownership of the group and progress well into other community activities.

► Please pray for the new half-termly Aspire girls group, that the girls would feel involved and included in the programme, and have fun!

► Pray for effective outcomes from discussions with other Children's Centres in the city about the way forward for young parents provision.

► Lift up the south city Transitions groups as they grow and develop to support young people at Coleridge Community College.

► Pray for the development of group and individual work with young parents, in conjunction with Social Care and the Domestic Violence forum, that addresses and challenges relationship choices and domestic violence issues.

► **28th-30th**: Pray for the Year 11 Netherhall students going on residential to Norfolk - that they would have a positive experience.

Congratulations

to Ruth Woods, our Aspire Coordinator and Young Women's Worker, who recently got engaged to Alex Watt. Please pray for them as they prepare for their wedding and for their future together.



november

► Pray for Akeelah Asian girls group, who will start meeting again after a break for the summer holidays and Ramadan.

► For the broadening of the mental health work to begin to encompass other areas of Romsey Mill's programmes.

► Pray for Mark Lewis, Matt Howell and Nicky Murray - the new students who have started with us.

► **6th**: For the trustees' regular meeting.



► For Rachel Matthews as she takes on the responsibility for Child Protection.

► Pray for 1:1 work and home visits to vulnerable young women. That the team would be sensitive to their needs and have space to respond and support.

► Give thanks for a new girls group we've started. Pray for guidance and wisdom in how to take this forward and develop positive relationships.

► For new funding to be secured for the mental health work.

► Pray for those who left school but haven't moved on to college. Pray that we will be able to support them and help them find direction.

► For the development and advertising of Transitions workbook 'Ready To Go', designed to enable more children to be better prepared to start secondary school.



► Pray for those due to give birth in the next couple of months, especially those facing family crisis and homelessness – that they would be able to adjust to motherhood and feel well supported and cared for.

► For the Transitions team as they make renewed contact with primary schools in preparation for working with a new group of children in Year 6.

december

► Pray for us as we establish ourselves as Romsey Children's Centre; deepening the relationships with families in the reach area and with local agencies.

► For an opportunity for young parents to attend a carol service together at one of the local churches.

► For the new Year 6 referrals into the Transitions Programme.

► Pray that parents and carers would be encouraged to be more involved with Romsey Mill, especially through F@RM.

► That the over 60's find a new leader to keep the group at the Mill going strong.

► Ask for renewed energy for staff at this busy time of year in the Transitions Programme.

► **19th**: Christmas party day for Under 5s and Young Parents Programme. Pray that as well as making this a happy occasion we would keep the meaning of Christmas, the celebration of Jesus' birth, as the reason for this party.



► Please pray for effective ongoing development of arts/dance project work in partnership with the Youth Offending Service.

► Pray for the Young Parents Programme team as they plan for next term – for fitness, creative crafts and drama courses.

Thank you! We are very encouraged to know that you are praying for us and our work. We get together as a staff team each Monday morning to pray. Why not use this prayer diary in your group? We will happily supply more on request.

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PRAISE GOD...

- for everything mentioned in the newsletter!
- for the summer trips and residentials, which went well and were very positive for the young people involved.
- for excellent results for the young parents literacy group last term.
- for the two boys who came away from this summer's Falcon camp interested in finding out more about church and the Christian faith.
- for all the new volunteers contacting Romsey Mill for the first time to offer their time to our programmes.
- for the award from the Centre for Social Justice for our Young Parents Programme, including a £10,000 prize.
- for groups of volunteers from Deloitte, Parcel Force and Young Professionals from the Rotary Group in Cambridge who are helping with large projects such as the Charity Shop make over.
- for new trustee Vera Beesley-Schuster.
- for a very successful Chariots of Fire fundraising relay race on 21st September, with record turnout, fantastic atmosphere and glorious sunshine!
- for all the room hire helping to raise funds to support the running of the Centre.
- for new students Mark, Matt and Nicky starting their placements with us.
- for all Beryl Tabbitt's years volunteering in the Charity Shop and for her continuing improving good health.
- for enabling activities for families with small children to continue throughout the summer, thanks to staff and parents helping out.
- for Emily and Ben Barton starting married life!

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“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them.”
(Matthew 9:36)

