

# october

► Praise God that all the Year 7s involved in the Transitions Programme began the term in their new schools well. Pray they continue to settle in and are able to maintain the positive momentum.

► Please pray that new children and parents would continue to settle in well to Playgroup.



► Praise God that James Bennett, SIP Coordinator, was able to have the operation he needed for his shoulder in August, and that it went very well. Pray for his continued rehabilitation as he returns to work in October.

► Thanks for the young parents who have started new courses at college. This is a key period when many are at risk of dropping out. May they develop good relationships with teachers and other students. May God be with Progressions Worker Emily Grant as she supports them to maintain their places.

► For new SIP Youth Worker, Kath Cardall, as she settles into the role and gets to know the young people.



► As Playgroup experiences the most referrals ever of children with special educational needs, may staff ensure the right quality support is in place, enabling the children to flourish and grow.

► 10th: World Mental Health Day. We will be involved in the '1 in 4' bus—travelling around the county raising awareness that 1 in 4 people will experience some kind of mental health problem in the course of a year. Pray for success for the week's events (8th–12th), and that awareness of the issue of care for those with mental health issues be raised.



► Praise God for all the hard work, wisdom, dedication and expertise Phillippa Ashcroft brought to the team. May God be with her as she moves on to new things.

► 13th: Table-top sale organised by F@RM to raise funds for new resources for Under 5s groups. May it be a positive community event.

► Pray that young people settle in well to the vocational course with Neal Wilcox, and that those who were on it last year continue to engage as well as they did last year. May the course make a difference to the lives of the young people.

► Congratulations to Lisa Humphray (Under 5s Worker), who's been told she's been awarded her Diploma in Pre-School Practice. We always knew she could do it!



► For the new YPP 'bumps and babies' group, and for all the young women joining the programme this term.

► Margaret Davies, who co-runs the Over 60s group, is recovering from a minor operation. May her recovery be speedy and complete.

► A number of young parents are trying out new toddler groups. Please pray they develop friendships and feel part of their communities.

► Pray for Social Work students starting on placement with us: Sarah Lomax (Under 5s & YPP) and Emily Nicholls (Transitions).

► Pray for those who have recently left and are starting new roles: staff Robin Barden (now Senior Lecturer on the CYM Youth & Community Work degree course at Ridley Hall) and Sharon Whittle (doing youth work in Linton).

► As Transitions Programme Coordinator, Ellie Howes, plans the transfer (from primary to secondary school) programme for 2008, pray for her contact with schools and children.



► As YPP prepare for a 10-week self-confidence and personal development course, may the young women who would benefit most be encouraged to attend.

► For a positive completion of the official process to become a Children's Centre this term, bringing increased recognition and funding as services expand.

► 27th: James Bennett and Rachel Walsh's wedding! May God bless the preparations, the day itself and, of course, their years ahead together.

# november

► Pray for funding to allow the Aspire Programme to expand, both in numbers of young people who can benefit, and in the depth of support which can be provided. We would particularly like to be able to give more focused support around the transition to secondary school.

► For Under 5s team as they put together significant evidence of the quality of their work for the Pre-School Learning Alliance Aiming for Quality accreditation. With an 'exemplary' award last time, it's a hard act to follow!



► A group of young women will attend a sexual health training session for professionals, to deliver an exercise they have devised. Pray this may develop their confidence and be of benefit to the professionals.

## Congratulations!

We are thrilled to announce the birth of Eleanor Rose, a second daughter to Lee (Music Technician) and Katy Tomkies. All the family are doing well, trying to wean Eleanor off nocturnalism...!



► For new committed volunteers to join the Aspire Programme, enabling it to run for longer terms.

► Please pray for several child protection cases, that the right decisions will be made and that the babies/children involved will be protected from harm.

► 12th-14th: Music Technician, Lee Tomkies, goes on his first residential for his DipHE in Youth Work.

► For Under 5s staff as they continue to support an increasing number of families, with a huge variety of backgrounds, needs and experiences.



# december

► Please pray as we put in an application to be the chosen charity for the Chariots of Fire 2008 event, which would be a great opportunity to raise funds and awareness, and make new contacts. Decision to be made in January.

► For wisdom in negotiations with both City & County Councils regarding future funding for our programmes for 2008.

► May Christmas social activities across programmes bring a sense of joy, community and of being cared for.



► For the young women putting together portfolios for the completion of their Self-Confidence course, as they consider the next steps.

► For the charity shop volunteers as they continue to serve the community and raise money for Romsey Mill.

► Pray for new opportunities to develop our work: may we respond to the needs of the young people.

► For wisdom and provision as the team look to secure long-term funding for all programmes, particularly Aspire and Transitions.

► For all staff, trustees, students and volunteers as they have a well-earned break over Christmas and New Year.

## PRAISE GOD

- for everything mentioned in the newsletter!
- for recent significant pledged donations from Ridgeons, Tesco, and Organon Laboratories Ltd
- that new referrals to the Young Parents Programme are engaging early in their pregnancies
- for many good volunteers in Playgroup
- seven young people heard the Christian message at Falcon camp, and gained a very positive experience of Christianity and church, leading to further discussion with Ellie Howes
- for the appointment of Kath Cardell to SIP
- for the increasing diversity of families accessing the various groups in Under 5s Programme
- very successful summer programmes and trips



## Feedback

Thank you for supporting us and our work in prayer. We want to ensure that the prayer diary is as useful, informative and inspiring as possible, and would value your feedback and suggestions. Please send them to [marie.nazombe@romseymill.org](mailto:marie.nazombe@romseymill.org).



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# prayerdiary

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“See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not  
perceive it?  
I am making a way in the desert  
and streams in the wasteland.”

Isaiah 43:19



  
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