

# july

► Give thanks for the appointment of Neal Wilcox who starts work in July. He will be developing work in the south of the city and leading the vocational work at The Netherhall School. Pray he would settle in quickly and would build good relationships with the young people and with the school.



► Aspire Coordinator, Ruth Woods, is carrying out a questionnaire with participants and their parents. May the process be beneficial in shaping Aspire to best respond to the needs of these families.

► During July and August YPP will go on a few day trips and possibly a residential, providing opportunities for workers and young women to spend more quality time together outside of the usual routine and experiences of the programme.



► **12th:** Ten young mothers are taking literacy exams.

► For joint sexual health training with SIP and YPP young women. This will be time together spent exploring issues and discussing relationships.

► Please pray for those in Year 6 as they prepare for the end of term and for leaving primary school.

► The young woman doing cleaning work experience here is making progress in terms of her confidence. Pray that she would be able to make the next step into part-time employment.

► **13th & 19th:** Shortlisting, then interviews for a new SIP youth worker to continue our work in Abbey ward and complement the rest of the SIP team.



► Give thanks for all Robin Barden's hard work over the last 9 years. Pray for him as he leaves Romsey Mill and starts something new.

► Development of a new group to address the physical and emotional needs of newborns and their mums.

► Give thanks for Sharon Whittle and her work running the Vocational Course. Please pray for her as she leaves and starts work in Linton. She and her tirelessly positive attitude will be sorely missed—our loss is Linton's gain!



► For Playgroup staff as they prepare children to move up to nursery. For Lisa as she completes the final assignment for her Diploma in Pre-School Practice.

► For development of the YPP counselling service.

► For the Social Work students as they finish their placements at Romsey Mill. Pray for Ali, Anji, Gemma and Sarah as they move into their final year and Hannah as she looks for employment.

► Pray for all staff as they make plans for September.

► For the transfer programme in Transitions; that staff will be able to offer the support that each of the children needs.

► **23rd-27th:** For a successful J-Team (summer holiday club run with local churches).



► That God's hand would be upon the Vocational Course students as they prepare to move into Year 11.

# august

► Many of the staff team will take a break this month: please pray that they are able to rest and recharge their batteries ready for the new term.

► Pray for our summer programme of trips and residentials: for safety, fun and self discovery.

► Pray for opportunities for increased 1:1 work with new and existing young parent referrals over the summer holiday period when programme is quieter.

► **4th-11th:** Six Transitions young people go on Falcon Camp (Christian residential holiday) with Ellie.

► **9th:** Teddy Bears' Picnic organised by parent action group Friends @ Romsey Mill (F@RM) as part of the summer fun programme for U5s.

► For more opportunities to work therapeutically with young mums and their children in a way that helps to strengthen and deepen their relationships and the level of intimacy with their children e.g. through *Wait, Watch, Wonder* therapy.



► Give thanks for the Romsey Terriers Football Team which played its last game in May. Praise God that all the team are currently employed or attending college. Three of them will go to university in September and two have attended another Christianity Explored course—pray that they will continue to ask questions.

► As awareness of the Aspire programme grows that there would be no barriers to as many people as possible being able to access the groups.

► Pray for young people leaving school, that their transition into college or employment would go smoothly and that we'd be able to support them in this.

## Congratulations!

We are thrilled to announce that James Bennett (SIP Coordinator) and Rachel Walsh (YPP Coordinator) got engaged at Easter!



Please join us in praying for them as they prepare for their wedding in October and for their life together. Theirs will be the fifth all-Romsey Mill wedding, following in the footsteps of Chris & Sarah Rose, Andy & Jo Persson, John & Diane Hicks, and Andy & Sarah Lloyd.

► Lee Tomkies' wife Katy is expecting their second child at the end of August. Please pray for a safe arrival and for their daughter to cope well with her new role as a big sister.

► For trips and workshops over the summer in the Aspire programme, and for those moving up to new schools. Due to their condition children with Asperger's can experience even more anxiety at such a time of social transition than other children.

# september

► For new families taking up places in Playgroup: as parents and children spend what may be their first time apart.

► Pray for young women in the Young Parents Programme facing unplanned second pregnancies.

► To complement the great university volunteers in Aspire, we need to draw in committed and/or experienced volunteers with availability in and outside terms.



► Please commit to God all the programmes as they start up again for the new term.

► As a new SIP team takes the work forward under James Bennett's leadership, pray for God's wisdom and guidance, and for renewed vision and passion.

► For ten young parents starting at Cambridge Regional College supported by Progressions Worker Emily Grant.

► Lee Tomkies will start a four-year part-time degree course in Informal and Community Education with the YMCA George Williams College.



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

► For staff as they work on programme strategies, particularly for the Transitions and Aspire Programmes. We need more funding to materialise as a result.

► Praise God that an operation has now been scheduled for Stephen Wool's shoulder, but this has been delayed due to a current back problem so please pray that this improves.



► **22nd:** Staff and Trustees Away Day (rescheduled from June) - for vision and wisdom in future planning.

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

## PRAISE GOD

- for everything mentioned in the newsletter!
- Answers to prayer from the last issue:**
- for a fantastic residential with the Vocational Group in the Lakes. The young person with health issues was able to take a full part in all the activities and has grown in confidence as a result
  - the easter event was a good fun opportunity with 78 families from YPP & U5s celebrating together. This interaction between families from the two programmes has had a continuing positive effect
  - all the young people involved with the Vocational Course have made positive decisions over their future and have provisional places at colleges
  - Transitions' penpal pilot scheme took off so well it was rolled out to all groups earlier than expected
  - word is getting out about room hire—just school holidays and weekends now need filling
  - Rachel Matthews (U5s) now has Early Years Professional Status
  - very successful dedication events—the presence of the Archbishop of York was very positive in getting across the Christian motivation of our work
  - take up of our counselling service for a number of young mums - this is significant for them
  - Rachel Walsh (YPP) completed her Delivering Learning Certificate and is now recognised to deliver life skills courses within the programme - such as healthy living and self confidence.

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# prayerdiary

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“Jesus says ‘I have come that all people may have life and have it in all its fullness’ ...in all abundance, and because you’ve got that abundant life it leaves you no choice but to show that abundance in caring, in compassion, in forgiveness.”

Dr John Sentamu, Archbishop of York



  
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