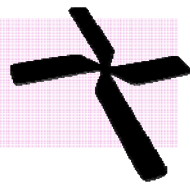


# January



- ▶ **4th:** For Romsey Mill staff and volunteers as a new year begins - Romsey Mill's 30th year creating opportunities with young people and families.
- ▶ Planning for the various ways we will be 'Celebrating 30 Years with Romsey Mill' during 2010.
- ▶ **9th:** For staff and trustee day away, as we look at organisational development, including how we further our Christian purposes.
- ▶ Pray for the links into new schools; that they will be fruitful and we'd be able to further develop our transfer work.
- ▶ For Angela Taylor as she tutors the Young Parents literacy course. Pray for the new learners enrolling in the course - for courage to come along and confidence to keep attending.
- ▶ Praise God for the Coleridge Christian Union. Pray that as this grows, God would guide.
- ▶ Pray that God would lead us as we seek to develop our alternative education provision and for effective partnerships with the secondary schools.
- ▶ Pray for the start of the Young Parents group in Cambourne. Pray for Judith Cork as she supports those attending.
- ▶ Pray for the new SIP staff team members, Lissie Bradbury (Progressions Worker) and David Schuler (Youth Development Worker) as they settle into the team and their new roles.
- ▶ Please pray as we develop new projects within the outreach area linked with our Children's Centre. We will be working with Christ Church and the health team from the York Street surgery to run a baby clinic on Tuesday afternoons.
- ▶ Pray for the Netherhall Year 11 Vocational group: that they would know God's peace as they think about the future and prepare for the next step.

- ▶ Pray for the health of Lisa, who is expecting a baby, who has recently stepped back as a member of the Children's Centre staff team.
- ▶ Pray for staff as they meet with individuals. Pray that they would have discernment and understanding and would be able to support, listen and advise.
- ▶ For the strengthening of relationships with local primary schools; that the Children's Centre would be able to work closely to improve support for families.
- ▶ Pray for the effectiveness of our domestic violence support across Cambridge - especially for funding and partnership working and for the continuing delivery of Freedom Programmes.
- ▶ For Children's Centre staff who are providing home visiting to more vulnerable families needing support. Pray that they would feel confident and encouraged.
- ▶ **30th:** Pray for F@RM (friends at Romsey Mill) organising a 'Rocking Tots' disco event.
- ▶ Pray for trips and activities in the half term break with children in Years 7-9 as well and outdoor activities with older young people.

# February



- ▶ For the young parents at college who are continuing their courses. Pray for good relationships with teachers, funding claims to be processed quickly and for good health for mums, children and carers.
- ▶ Pray for the schools as we begin the new *Transitions* transfer programme, and for teachers as they plan to teach the *Ready To Go* resource for the first time.
- ▶ Pray for Playgroup staff as they work with a National Literacy Consultant.
- ▶ Pray for expectant young mums living in south Cambridgeshire, who will be starting antenatal groups at Romsey Mill over the next few months.

- ▶ Pray for God's direction as we develop our young women's work: that we will be able to support an increasing number of young women in most need across Cambridge.
- ▶ Pray for wisdom for how further to develop the Aspire programme - for young people with Asperger's and other Autistic Spectrum Conditions - as new opportunities arise.

# March



- ▶ Pray for Rachel Bennett and Neil Perry as they continue conversations with the County Council about commissioning young parents support.
- ▶ Pray for young people who are ex-offenders and struggling to find work. Pray that we will be able to support them and identify positive progression routes for them in both training and employment.
- ▶ Pray for the successful appointment of a new staff member to the transitions team.
- ▶ Pray for staff as they discuss and explore with young people aspects of spirituality, integrity, commitment, curiosity, acceptance and compassion.
- ▶ Pray for Year 6 children and their families as they find out about their secondary school places.
- ▶ Pray for the relationships built between young parents and staff; that parents would feel supported, cared for and encouraged.
- ▶ Pray for young people who suffer through family breakdown or have been taken into care.
- ▶ Pray for the 'Little Voices' group at the Children's Centre, that we will reach the right families and continue to support children in their speech and language development.
- ▶ Praise God for the continued support of the volunteers who run the charity shop.

## PRAISE GOD...

- ▶ For young people with Asperger Syndrome or Autistic Spectrum Conditions who have made a good transition to secondary school.
- ▶ We are thankful for the increased numbers of families attending our new 'Sticky Fingers' group where young children are encouraged to learn through the fun of using different material and media - some messy!
- ▶ For the fantastic attendance and enthusiasm from the young women in the textiles class.
- ▶ For Nicky Murray, our CYM 3rd year student, and Daniel Playford, who have just announced their engagement. Pray for them as they prepare for their wedding and for their future together.
- ▶ For a good transition into the role of full-time Aspire programme co-ordinator for Ruth Watt.
- ▶ For funding that has enabled expansion of our programmes, including taking some aspects outside Cambridge city.
- ▶ The Children's Centre was inspected and approved by 'Together for Children' as a fully-functioning centre providing a range of different services.
- ▶ For the development of positive relationships with a number of new schools, which has meant we have been able to set up lunch-time clubs and activities for young people in their school settings.
- ▶ For a good influx of volunteers who are very supportive.
- ▶ For the opportunities to encourage young people and families to explore their beliefs and demonstrate Christian faith in action.
- ▶ Give thanks that the new children in Playgroup have settled in quickly and already are making good progress.
- ▶ For the work Neal Wilcox has undertaken with Romsey Mill, as he now moves on from Romsey Mill to take up a teaching post in Essex.
- ▶ For God's continuing provision.



## PRAISE GOD...

- ▶ Give thanks for the continuing effectiveness of the Freedom Programme and the development of domestic violence support for women in Cambridge through Romsey Mill.
- ▶ Give thanks for the SIP team and pray that God would use them as they build relationships with young people, whose behaviour is often challenging. Pray that the staff would be able to show God's love to the young people.
- ▶ For all the hard work over the years from the loyal charity shop volunteers.
- ▶ For the three young women who attended the 'Search for a Father' event at City Church, who continue to ask questions about Christianity.
- ▶ For everything mentioned in the newsletter!
- ▶ For the increased number of young parents, including fathers, attending antenatal regularly.
- ▶ For God-given opportunities to work alongside children who had previously been beyond our reach.
- ▶ For young people showing interest in the Christian faith, and exploring further with staff.
- ▶ For continuing donations from churches, individuals and businesses in difficult times.
- ▶ For the mentoring programme for Year 5 & 6 children that Gavin Howard has been developing. Pray that volunteers will be identified and this work would meet the needs of young people.
- ▶ Give thanks for the great support F@RM give us with fundraising, practical help in programme and generous use of their skills.
- ▶ For the professional work of the staff team at Romsey Mill and for the diligent oversight of our board of trustees.

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**“The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.”**

**Psalm 9:9**