




# April

- ▶ In the approach to Easter, may children, young people and families know God's love and the hope of reconciliation, renewed life and restored relationships.
- ▶ Pray for Karen Hosking, an Aspire mother who has started volunteering at Romsey Mill to work with Ruth and develop support for other mothers of young people who access the Aspire Programme.
- ▶ We recently applied to a large fund which would enable significant expansion of the Social Inclusion Programme, young fathers work etc. We'll know the result at the end of April. God's will be done.
- ▶ For Rachel Briant as she continues to settle into the Young Parents Programme team and takes on responsibility for the development of ante-natal and post-natal groups. 
- ▶ **4th-8th:** Pray for Mark Lewis and James Bennett as they take a group of young men from Manor Community College sailing. Pray that this will be a fantastic experience and that the young men learn about themselves and grow personally, socially and spiritually.
- ▶ **5th:** For Emily Barton YPP progressions worker and husband Ben running in the Paris marathon.
- ▶ **7th:** Pray for the Easter family fun morning being held at Romsey Mill for the Under 5's.
- ▶ **4th-19th:** For Easter activities and trips, particularly that new friendships will be built across schools within the Transitions Programme.
- ▶ **10th-19th:** For rest, revitalisation, and good times with family and friends as most staff have time off.
- ▶ Pray for new Transfer groups starting in primary schools after Easter, and for continued progress of those that started earlier in the year, that they continue to offer the best possible support for children.
- ▶ For a smooth end to our financial year and for a successful new year.

- ▶ Thank God for the Freedom programme about healthy relationships currently being run with the Meadows Child and Parent Wing. Pray for the continued progress of the mothers on this pilot.
- ▶ Pray for fun and safety for those attending trips to Anglesey Abbey to do outdoor community projects
- ▶ For young mothers contemplating starting a maths course with us after Easter. Pray that God gives the young women confidence and determination, even if they find the work challenging. Pray that the group will be united and support each other.
- ▶ **22nd:** For wisdom and inspiration for the Fundraising & Communications committee as they meet, including to plan events for our 30th anniversary year next year.
- ▶ Continue to pray for new groups and developments in Aspire so that as many young people with Asperger Syndrome as possible, can access suitable youth provision.
- ▶ For successful completion of all maintenance and repairs taking place at the Mill this month.
- ▶ For new staff Claire Swales—Administration Assistant and Lucy Stevens—Children's Centre Administration Assistant, that they settle smoothly into their new roles 
- ▶ For Emma Lindsey in her role as Special Educational Needs Coordinator in Playgroup, as she oversees the work with children who need specific support.

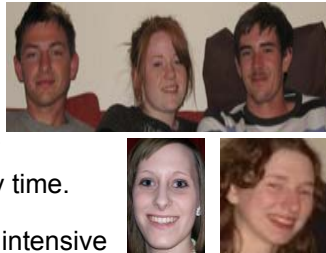
# May

- ▶ **2nd:** For Ruth Woods and her partner Alex Watt as they become husband and wife. Pray for their future happiness together. 
- ▶ For the Manor Year 8 girls doing an art therapy programme and who will be attending a residential in the half term.
- ▶ Pray that those young people being supported back into mainstream education will reintegrate well.

- ▶ Give thanks for the appointment of Mike Farrington to the SIP team, to work in the north of Cambridge city. Let us pray for him as he starts work in May.
- ▶ **11th-15th:** For those Year 6 children in our transfer groups- Transitions Programme who will be taking their Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). 
- ▶ **14th:** Trustees meeting. Pray for our trustees in their responsibility for overseeing the vision and direction of Romsey Mill's work.
- ▶ For young women applying for college courses. Pray that God will guide them to the right courses, remove barriers and help them to find good quality childcare. Also for God to give them confidence and hope for the future.
- ▶ **22nd-25th:** Give thanks for the funding we received to enable the Netherhall Vocational group to attend an outdoor activities centre in the Lake District. May their time be enjoyable and fulfilling.
- ▶ Let us pray for young people who are taking GCSEs this term, that they complete them to the best of their ability.
- ▶ For our summer residential programme in Derbyshire, that relationships will be strengthened and young people would experience something of God's love in beautiful surroundings.
- ▶ For recruitment of staff to the Children's Centre team to provide outreach and support to vulnerable families within our reach area.
- ▶ For protection of the young mums who took part in the Freedom 4 Young People Pilot who were so open and honest in their sharing about their violent relationships.
- ▶ Ask God to help us communicate the importance of long-term relational work with young people to funders who prefer to support new short-term projects.
- ▶ For the continuing successful and busy room hire.

# June

- ▶ For Rachel Bennett and Emily Barton delivering training to childminders across Cambridgeshire interested in providing more tailored childcare options for young parents.
- ▶ **17th:** Breath of Life (child resuscitation) course, giving us the opportunity to meet new families.
- ▶ Pray for our counselling work, that it will continue to reach those who are not being supported by the statutory services.
- ▶ For the students on placement with us, let us pray for the successful completion of College work at this busy time.
- ▶ For individuals receiving intensive 1:1 support needing specific help with concerns that are affecting their wellbeing.
- ▶ For the out of school clubs and activities in the North and South of the city. Pray for positive interventions with all the young people.
- ▶ For girls with Asperger's in Aspire who are facing the transition from primary to secondary school.
- ▶ **24th:** Pray the parents consultation evening will be productive with positive feedback and clear, creative ideas for future development of the Aspire Programme.
- ▶ Pray for those young people who we are supporting back into mainstream education that they will reintegrate successfully.



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

## PRAISE GOD...

- ▶ Let us pray for families that are struggling financially in this hard economic climate, and for those in difficult home situations.
- ▶ Thank God for the success of the Freedom 4 Young People Pilot and for the young mums who were so open and honest in their sharing.
- ▶ For the high attendance and participation by young mothers on the drama course run by the Class Works theatre company.
- ▶ For effective relationships with other agencies as we support children with special needs.
- ▶ Let us pray for young people who experience rejection on a daily basis. Pray they would experience something of God's acceptance and grace through our work.
- ▶ For the County Council contract for Romsey Mill to be the specialist centre to deliver City and South Cambridgeshire Children's Centre services to young parents.
- ▶ For the strong attendance and increasing number of enquiries for Playgroup places.
- ▶ For the time and commitment of volunteers working to support children develop their literacy skills in primary schools and helping with the transfer programme.
- ▶ For the Aspire girls group that has started to run alongside the Monday night group. Pray that the girls will develop a sense of group identity and increase in confidence.
- ▶ For two recent grants for the Aspire Programme, and for High Sherriff's awards for young people's volunteering and for Aspire drumming workshops.
- ▶ For Crèche staff who care for young children alongside YPP, as they make the sessions fun and inviting to encourage development.

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# prayerdiary

April - June 09



"The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it"

*Adlai Stevenson*