

# april

► Thanks for a positive Ofsted inspection! May the report reflect the quality and value of our Under 5s work.

► **3rd:** Staff team-building and fun day at the seaside!

► Shaz Brown, a CYM student who has been with us for 3 years, finished her placement with us at the end of March. Pray for her as she completes her course and decides what to do next.



► Pray for Gavin Howard as he expands his responsibilities and continues to develop Transitions in the south of the city. →

► For the finance team as the end of the financial year brings a lot of work in preparing accounts etc.

► For help for those who are moving on from our Young Parents Programme (YPP) into community activities. Pray that they would find motivation to try new things and find local groups where they feel welcomed and comfortable.

► New Parentcraft (ante-natal) classes and breastfeeding clinics are planned for the summer term. May these effectively serve the community's needs.

► Just over a year since returning to the redeveloped Centre, praise God for the steady increase in activity. It is now starting to settle into a busy and active youth, community and family centre. We are also grateful that we continue to benefit from many committed volunteers across our programmes.



► As Lee Tomkies becomes full-time, may he enjoy his developing role: youth work specialising in creative arts.

► Following recent budget announcements we are grateful the Gift Aid rate of 22% is being held for the next three years rather than being reduced to 20%.

► May applications to replace expired funding for the YPP Mental Health Worker position be successful.

► For those young people who struggle to engage with mainstream school and exclude themselves. Pray for wisdom as we try to help them to re-engage.

► Pray for the Under 5s team as they work on completing the Pre-School Learning Alliance reaccreditation process, implementing new Early Years Foundation Stage, and complying with the 'Quality Framework' required by the County Council.



► For the counselling service to grow and build on the established positive foundations. May the young mums who access this service find freedom from their negative past experiences and be able to parent in more emotionally healthy ways.

► For the team involved in fundraising: Angela, Marie, Neil and Steve—that they may be able to identify new potential funders and to communicate Romsey Mill's valuable work to them - inspiring them to get involved.

► For Social Work placement students Emily, Sarah and Ali taking on more responsibilities as they near the end of their time at Romsey Mill.

► For current funding applications to be successful, allowing the Aspire programme to develop.

► Thanks for funding enabling us to continue and expand work with Abbey music, engaging more young people and in different ways to help effect positive change in their lives. As they begin to come up against pressures, may they have wisdom and not be pushed to do things they may not want to. May they learn to treat others how they would like to be treated.



Praise God for a young parent and her partner who have recently become Christians. Pray for them and their two boys that they will continue to know God's love and to find support through a local church. Pray for Emily Grant as she meets weekly with the mother for bible study.

► Pray for young mothers considering starting college or work. Ask for wisdom for staff on how to guide them.

► For Steve Watts as he prepares an interim project evaluation report to major funder *liC*, due on 1st May.

# may

► **1st:** As youth worker Kath Cardall goes on maternity leave please pray for her, her husband and the baby; and for those picking up her work whilst she's away.

► **5th:** As the *Chariots of Fire* event is launched, may most regular teams sign up, as well as new teams.

May they be inspired and motivated to raise record amounts of sponsorship! May the publicity generated enable more people and companies to find out about Romsey Mill's work and to get involved.



► Pray for the Year 11s as they come to the end of the vocational course, that they'll feel peace during their exams and not be worried about what the future holds.

► May young parents with low literacy skills find encouragement and support through the literacy course. May the tutor settle in well, building good relationships.

► Give thanks for the music projects with young people from Ascham Road and Chance Pupil Referral Units. Pray that the young people would learn to express themselves in a positive way through music.

► For Year 6 students facing SAT exams. May they be enabled to do their best, and may their potential be recognised. May the experience not discourage the less academic.

► For the charity shop's refurbishment; pray for fine weather, plenty of volunteers and for things to go according to plan!



► **20th:** Young parents exhibit their work from the textiles course to local people, supporters, family and friends. May this be a success and boost esteem.

► Thanks that many attend parent and toddler / baby groups. May God provide wisdom and peace as staff support families experiencing difficult issues, 1:1 and in small groups, and as they work with other agencies.

► **27th-30th:** as the Year 10 vocational group go on residential to the Lake District, pray for safe journeys and for an excellent time away, with resulting growth.

# june

► Please pray for ongoing 1:1 support for young parents and their children.

► **7th:** Parent action group 'F@RM' are holding a 'Big Toddler' sponsored event at Vinery Road park, in aid of Barnardo's and Romsey Mill. May it be a great community event, and raise valuable funds.



► May young people taking exams know God's peace.

► We are thankful for the support of many individuals, churches and colleges. Pray that their financial contributions to our work (especially as regular standing orders) would continue - and grow as our impact grows.

► For the relationships between young mums and their children to be strengthened, and to become more enjoyable through the use of play therapy.



► Pray for young people on the Aspire Programme (in Years 6 & 11) facing a potentially stressful educational transition.

► Pray for our ongoing partnerships with the Youth Offending Service in developing dance and arts work.

► Give thanks for the range of community groups using the building—from singing to acrobatics, German lessons to dance, French Playgroup to Over 60s and many more! May we continue to provide a quality affordable community venue as well as attracting more groups to hire rooms (particularly during working hours), generating more revenue to develop the work.

► Pray for YPP's ongoing consultation work with the County Council in supporting and encouraging best practice in the provision of services to young parents across Cambridgeshire.

► Some of the Aspire volunteers will be finishing their time with us as they finish university or college. Thank God for their work with us, without which we would not be able to run the clubs. Pray that we can recruit good new volunteers to continue and develop the work.

## PRAISE GOD...

- for everything mentioned in the newsletter!
- that the first school has responded positively to appeals to contribute financially to the Transitions Programme—may many more follow!
- for a successful 4th Playgroup morning, giving opportunities for more children to benefit and for others to increase their days.
- for an increase in the take-up of counselling in YPP.
- that Ruth Woods and Ellie Howes passed tests enabling them to drive the minibuses for trips.
- for provision of excellent volunteers and placement students, helping us to develop the content of all groups for parents and under 5s.
- for the new projects in SIP, and that we are engaging with a growing number of young people.
- for the young people showing great interest in the Christian faith, and exploring it further with staff.
- for the Under 5s team enthusiastically undertaking an 'Encouraging Independent Learning' course.
- for the provision of a specialist tutor and resources to run a new textiles course with reflections on motherhood. For John Lewis and a sewing machine company who have sponsored equipment and materials for this course for young mums.
- that Emily Grant (YPP Progressions Worker), Gavin Howard (Transitions Youth Worker) and Lee Tomkies (Music Specialist) are increasing their hours, enabling more quality work to be done!
- for new referrals engaging well in YPP antenatal.
- for the ongoing prayer support and gifts from churches—partnerships vital for our effectiveness.

**Share it!** Why not use this prayer diary in your group? We will happily supply more on request.

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# prayerdiary

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“Rejoice in the Lord always... Rejoice!

...Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

(Philippians 4:4, 6-7)

  
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