

july

► **30th June—1st July:** Please pray for the young parents' residential in Norfolk. Pray that the ten young women attending have really good respite, are able to find childcare and enjoy the activities: seal watching, pampering, a film night and shopping in Norwich. Pray for Emily and Rachel who are going with them.

► For Jackson Nazombe, who joined the team mid-June as Participation Officer for South Cambs and city. May he settle in well to his new role.



► Pray for young people who have taken exams and are leaving school. Pray that they would know God's peace as they move on and would get the grades needed to be able to access further education.

► Pray for residential this summer that the young people who go would really enjoy the experience and would grow spiritually.

► For Akeelah—an Asian girls group who have begun meeting at Romsey Mill.

► **10th:** For young parents taking the OCR Adult Literacy Levels 1 & 2 tests



► Pray for the Board of Trustees as they meet in July to progress our strategic plans.

► Pray that through playing sport young people would learn to communicate positively in a team environment and to channel their aggression into a positive activity.

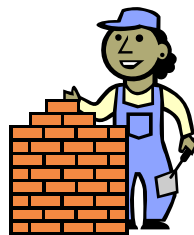
Praise God for the birth of Youth Worker Kath's son Beniah! May he grow strong and wise in the Lord, and may God be with Kath and husband Ian as they experience parenthood for the first time.



► As Alli Berry and Emily Nichols finish their Social Work placements with us may they be given strength and guidance for the future. We are very grateful for all their fantastic input.

► Pray for our detached teams as they go out into different areas of Cambridge and make contact with young people.

► Pray for work for one young dad in the building industry as he tries to support his family.



► Pray for young people at a Waterbeach youth project who spent a day at Romsey Mill developing their music skills. Also pray for the leader of the project who has been bereaved recently.

► That appropriate and sufficient funding comes in to enable the mental health work to continue and develop.

► **18th-20th:** For nine young men going on residential to a Derbyshire log cabin with James, Mark and Mark.

► For parent action group F@RM as they work with our staff to run a programme of activities for young families over the summer.

► Pray for young people involved in our sports based projects, particularly for those who have suffered injury and are unable to participate at the moment. May they be able to deal with the disappointment of not playing.



► **23rd-25th:** For the first time we are taking 30-35 children who have just finished primary school on a 'transfer' residential together in Norfolk. Please pray for Ellie, Gavin, Emily, James and Marie as they take this large group away—for safety and good relationships, and for development of confidence and self-esteem.

► **25th-27th:** In another 'first', the Aspire older boys go camping in Thetford Forest. Pray for this to be a positive experience, and for Ruth and the volunteers. May parents and siblings also benefit from the respite.

► **28th-1st Aug:** J-Team! Pray that the children have lots of fun and experience God's love at this Christian holiday club. May enough volunteers be found in time.

august

► **2nd:** Please pray for Emily, YPP Progressions Worker, who is getting married to Ben. May God richly bless them on the big day and as they begin married life.



► **2nd-9th:** Six Year 7s are going with Ellie to 'Falcon camp', a Christian holiday in Kent for children.

► Camping in Derbyshire - **2nd-4th:** Neal and Lee take the Vocational Year 10 group and **4th-7th:** Ruth and Shaz take 4 young women from North Cambridge.

► Pray that young parents moving on from 'bumps and babies' into other groups in their community would settle quickly and feel able to attend regularly.

► For new volunteers to help in programmes for families with young children—there is an urgent need.

► Please pray for young parents applying for college this September. Pray for a smooth transition as they return to learning; for friends, motivation and understanding tutors. Pray that there will be clear timetabling at colleges so that the girls can organise their childcare and feel confident leaving their children.

► For children moving from Playgroup to local nursery schools in September to settle in well.

► Transitions groups are going on various regional day trips over the summer which, for some, are their only outings. May friendships and confidence develop.

► That the Over 60s club will be able to find a replacement leader.

► Pray for the development of the 'Ready to Go' facilitator's guide (helping children prepare for secondary school) by Ellie and piloting schools so that schools can use it from 2009.



► That the planned charity shop refurbishment by volunteers will be able to go ahead in the summer.

► For young women getting their GCSE results this summer and moving on to college or work.

september

- ▶ As children from Transitions start secondary school may they be encouraged by staff, parents and 'buddies'.
- ▶ Continue to pray that young mothers starting college this term would feel able to use childcare and be motivated to attend and engage with new opportunities for learning and building new friendships.
- ▶ Pray for a smooth start to the year for the new Playgroup intake - for children, parents and staff.
- ▶ Pray for young women starting in a different school because of difficulties in their previous school.
- ▶ Pray for ongoing opportunities to enable new programmes and for workers to resource areas of Cambridgeshire lacking young parent support work.
- ▶ May Romsey Mill become empowered and resourced to begin to offer interventions to those affected by and enduring domestic violence.
- ▶ For Rachel planning a new Children's Centre session
- ▶ We hope to develop a parenting course with groups of parents in Transitions this term.
- ▶ Pray for the Under 5s staff implementing the new Early Years Foundation Stage, beginning September.
- ▶ Pray for Aspire's current funding bids to be successful, enabling the work to continue and expand.
- ▶ **21st:** Chariots of Fire! Pray that everyone has a great time, that we would meet new people interested in our work, and that the event would raise a lot of funds and awareness for our, and Red Balloon's, work.
- ▶ For the completion of Stage 1 'Aiming for Quality' and inspection by end of September in Under 5s.
- ▶ Pray for a good influx of volunteers for Aspire as we seek to take the number of groups up from two to three.
- ▶ Pray for the development of our links with The Cambourne Youth Partnership which may lead to us helping to create opportunities for young people in Cambourne. As in everything, may God's will be done!

PRAISE GOD...

- for everything mentioned in the newsletter!
- for an excellent textiles course and exhibition. We thank God for the amazing provision of resources and the commitment of the young women involved.
- for new families coming to the Mill due to new Children's Centre services and publicity.
- for young parents currently attending our literacy course.
- for the work of all our volunteers in various roles.
- in YPP, for new referrals coming through from antenatal and engaging well in the postnatal groups.
- for the Aspire groups and the difference they make in the lives of so many young people who often find everyday life so frustrating.
- for three young parents involved in the Cambridge University Fashion Show at the Corn Exchange.
- for many recent comments (see below) from parents and young people which show how much our work is appreciated, and what a difference it makes. These are very encouraging to staff, and help motivate us to continue. All glory to God!

"When I first moved to Cambridge, Romsey Mill was a fabulous place to make friends and settle in. Rachel and the team were welcoming, supportive and knowledgeable. Without the Mill we'd have been lonely and frustrated!" (Under 5s)

"I think going to the group has really helped his self-confidence to grow." (Aspire)

"Life is much better now and it's all because of Romsey Mill really; the help and support they've given me and the friends I've made." (YPP)

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"You are my lamp, O LORD; the LORD turns my darkness into light.

With your help I can advance against a troop;

with my God I can scale a wall.

As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless.

He is a shield for all who take refuge in him."

(2 Samuel 22:29-31)


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