

# january

- ▶ At the start of this New Year, pray that lives and situations would be transformed by God's love. May people have a sense of a fresh start.
- ▶ Pray for families who are struggling financially after Christmas, and for those in difficult home situations.
- ▶ Shop volunteer John Cann is on dialysis, but doing well. Please pray for him and for his wife Sheila.
- ▶ May we find a female volunteer to help in a new group for 12-13 year-old girls in North Cambridge.

- ▶ Pray for Rachel Bennett and Rachel Matthews as they further develop Children's Centre programmes.



- ▶ May all those suffering with winter illnesses recover quickly.
- ▶ Pray for James Bennett in his new role as Children's and Youth Work Programme Manager.
- ▶ For effective discussions with churches about the future of J-Team and JAM children's activities.
- ▶ As around 70 children in nine primary schools across Cambridge start Transfer groups within Transitions Programme, may they form good relationships with each other and with staff; Ellie Howes (north city) and Gavin Howard (south city). May they be able to be open about their concerns and make good progress towards addressing them.



- ▶ Praise God for new links with Morley Primary School in south Cambridge, enabling Transitions' transfer groups to run there for the first time.
- ▶ Following a successful pilot, pray for the promotion and uptake of workbook *Ready to Go* and its facilitator's guide, enabling many more children to prepare for secondary school.

- ▶ Jackson Nazombe, Participation Officer, works with managers and heads of organisations that deliver services affecting children and young people in various ways to increase and improve their participation in decision-making processes. As he introduces ways of involving young people which are unfamiliar to many, please pray for wisdom, patience and humility. Pray for creativity to enable enjoyment and progress, and for sensitivity and discernment to ensure everyone is fairly included.

- ▶ Pray for each of the young mums who have recently completed literacy courses. That they would have a sense of purpose to know what direction to take next.



- ▶ **18th:** North Cambridge Churches service, marking the week of prayer for Christian Unity and Transitions' 10th anniversary. Pray for the young people making presentations about the difference Transitions has made to them.

- ▶ Pray for discussions Neil Perry and Rachel Bennett are having with County Council about the future of funding for the Young Parents Programme, and for opportunities to extend the work.

- ▶ For Under 5s staff as they manage Early Years Foundation Stage and the accompanying increasing demands on planning and record keeping.



- ▶ For young parents to find the confidence to take part in the Arts Award course starting this month.
- ▶ Please pray for the appointment and induction of a Young Parents Development Worker to develop outreach, postnatal and antenatal groups.
- ▶ Pray for the integration of new mums into postnatal groups. May they make friends and feel confident enough to attend.
- ▶ For the after school youth group we run in Abbey, in partnership with Christ the Redeemer Church.

# february

- ▶ For the successful development of county-level talks regarding future statutory funding for Transitions.

- ▶ **5th:** Trustees meeting. Pray for our trustees in their responsibility for overseeing the vision and direction of Romsey Mill's work.

- ▶ Pray that Social Inclusion Programme staff would be able to effectively support individuals who have been excluded from mainstream education and to help them develop skills and fulfil their potential.



- ▶ Pray for the development of Freedom groups with a range of young women.

- ▶ Please pray for the success of various funding applications which are being considered to allow the expansion of the Aspire Programme.

- ▶ For a new Aspire group starting this term, which will accommodate some of the young people on the waiting list. For Ruth Woods coordinating this.

- ▶ **16th-20th:** As Ellie Howes, Gavin Howard, students and volunteers take children on half-term trips, may they make the most of the opportunity to build friendships between those currently at different schools, but due to attend the same secondary schools.



- ▶ Pray for wisdom for staff in dealing with the many Child Protection cases in which they are involved.

- ▶ Please pray for the appointment of administrative and outreach staff for the Children's Centre.

# march

- ▶ Pray for Rachel Bennett as she continues to manage Young Parents Programme, whilst beginning a new part-time role as Romsey Children's Centre Manager. May this be a smooth transition.



- ▶ As the economy's problems hit the unskilled hard, may we be able to develop an effective strategy to help support those who are not in education, employment or training.

- ▶ As families receive decisions on which secondary schools their children will be going to, may God bring peace.

- ▶ For new trip and residential opportunities in Aspire, including more day trips to Anglesey Abbey in Spring.



- ▶ Please pray for Under 5s staff supporting those facing fresh parenting challenges.
- ▶ May young people involved in risk-taking behaviour be protected and find positive alternative activities.
- ▶ Pray for a new leader for the Over 60s group.
- ▶ Pray for opportunities to strengthen relationships and develop work in Cambourne.
- ▶ 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.

**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...

- ▶ for three young people who wanted to learn more about Christian faith, and participated in *Hope Revolution's* weekly 'Exploration Station' events. May Ellie be guided in how to follow on from this.
- ▶ that the vocational group's residential was such a positive experience for the young people, helping to further develop relationships within the group.
- ▶ for the students—Matt, Mark and Nicki—who have settled in well and become an important part of the Romsey Mill team.
- ▶ for the young women's group that's recently started on Fridays. May it continue to grow.
- ▶ for provision of students and volunteers to support Under 5s programmes.
- ▶ that the Playgroup team successfully completed the Quality Framework for Early Years Foundation Stage.
- ▶ for the continuing high numbers of families (including many with second babies) attending our Children's Centre groups—demonstrating that we are effectively meeting needs.
- ▶ for effective relationships with other agencies as we support children with special needs.
- ▶ for fantastic attendance of young mothers at the literacy course. Nine young women sat at least one exam each.
- ▶ for funding for monthly textiles drop-in sessions and for the creativity of the young women.
- ▶ for strong attendance at *Bumps & Babies* groups, with the majority of mums making their own way.
- ▶ for an excellent new midwife attending weekly antenatal sessions, and for growth in numbers of young women and their partners attending.
- ▶ for positive outcomes from discussions with other city Children's Centres about the way forward for provision for young parents.

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# prayerdiary

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“God's care for humanity was so great that he sent his unique Son among us, so that those who count on him might not be lost, but have the undying life of God Himself.”

(John 3:16)