

# january

- ▶ Please pray for all staff and volunteers to 'recharge their batteries' ready for the new year.
- ▶ For Year 6 students as they start the transfer programme, preparing for secondary school. For staff as they form new relationships with these children.
- ▶ For the YPP team as they respond to high numbers of young women referred into the Programme.

▶ Pray for Trustees and Neil Perry (CEO) as they meet in Jan and March to develop Romsey Mill's strategic plans for the next 3-5 years. May we bring glory to God in all we do, both now and in the future.



- ▶ May young people respond positively to new groups starting this term in our Social Inclusion Programme.
- ▶ Please continue to remember Margaret Davies, who co-runs the over 60s group. She is well in herself but still recovering from her operation.

▶ Praise God we can offer a 4th Playgroup morning! May it get off to a good start.

▶ May our shop volunteers be blessed with good health, and a positive sense of community.



▶ Praise God for new volunteers in Aspire, and ask that they may settle in well.

▶ Pray for Finance Officer, Stephen Wool, as he recovers from a shoulder operation.

▶ Give thanks for the growing number of young men (22) who are engaging with the football project in the North of the City, which we are running in partnership with City Life Church. Pray that we would be able to develop stronger relationships with the young people and to respond to their needs.



▶ Current funding for the Mental Health Worker expires in March. May new funding sources be secured.

▶ Please pray for ongoing child protection cases. For the YPP team as they support the young women involved and seek to offer appropriate interventions.

▶ In continual gratitude for the provision of the redeveloped Romsey Mill Centre, we ask that the inevitable remaining snagging issues be resolved.

▶ As a few new children join the younger Aspire club, pray they feel welcome and relaxed, and make friends.

▶ Pray for the students involved with the Vocational Courses at Netherhall School. Pray for the Year 11 students who are completing their applications for college and making decisions over their futures. Pray for Year 10's term of taster sessions at Cambridge Regional College.



▶ As new volunteers start in Under 5s, pray they fit in well. Ask for two more to materialise as services for young families expand!

▶ For those who can see little or no future for themselves, that they will gain vision and purpose.

**Multicultural!**

There are over 30 languages spoken by parents and children accessing services for Under 5s. These include 11 Asian, one African, and 19 European languages.

Swedish · Swiss · Tamil · Turkish
Iranian · Italian · Hungarian

Afrikaans · Bengali · Bosnian · Cantonese · Czech · Dutch · English · Finnish · French · German · Greek · Gujarati · Hindi
Japanese · Konkani · Korean · Macedonian · Mandarin · Nepalese · Polish · Portuguese · Russian · Slovak · Spanish

▶ Pray for two new committed volunteers for the older Aspire group, and for more to be on standby.

▶ For the experiences of Social Work placement students Emily and Sarah to be fulfilling.



▶ **24th:** Steve Rudkin will speak at a national conference on "Strengthening young mothers' mental and emotional health". Please pray for him as he prepares materials and delivers the session.

# february

▶ As we start a new term of antenatal for young mums-to-be, pray for consistent attendance and strengthening of friendships.

▶ That we would be able to work effectively with young people who are NEET (not in education, employment or training) and to help them progress.



▶ Please pray that young parents who would benefit from a new arts & textiles course with embedded literacy would sign up and attend.

▶ For Transitions Programme staff as they continue to build supportive relationships with Year 6 students.

▶ Thank God for the wide diversity of families accessing Children's Centre services at Romsey Mill. Pray for staff, parents and children as they deal with the inevitable increased complexity this brings.

▶ May there be opportunities to develop the Aspire programme further so that we can support families of young people with autistic spectrum conditions more, in partnership with Umbrella Autism.

▶ For Ellie Howes as she implements the new workbook in the transfer programme.



▶ For young mums in their 2nd term of college, that they would persevere and be encouraged in their studies. Pray for Emily Grant as she continues to support them to maintain places.

▶ May the developing parenting groups on issues such as temper tantrums and second babies continue to be a real source of support for parents in Under 5s.

▶ Pray for our youth workers working alongside young women who are engaging in risky sexual behaviour. Pray for wisdom and that they would be able to help the young people to make positive decisions.

▶ For those whose home life is chaotic and uncertain.

▶ For the Under 5s team, as they continue to work through the re-accreditation process for the Pre-School Learning Alliance 'Aiming for Quality' award.

# march

▶ Please pray for Steve Rudkin as he produces a DVD to address the issue of young people's mental health, working alongside the local mind group, *Cam-mind*, a local young persons' centre, *Centre 33*, and our own creative arts specialist, Lee Tomkies.

▶ Romsey Mill would benefit from the support of one or two new trustees. Please pray that we would identify the right people to be involved.

▶ Praise God for the good relationships with local health clinics. May these be strengthened as we further develop services for parents and young children delivered in partnership.



▶ That Easter holiday trips will be positive times to build friendships across groups in Transitions.

▶ For young mothers thinking about college applications and childcare options. For increased motivation, raised aspirations and positive experiences.

▶ As we work on budgets for the new financial year (Apr 08-Mar 09) please pray that individual supporters, churches and trusts would be able to continue to contribute towards the funding needed.

▶ The Under 5s team need to incorporate the new Early Years Foundation Stage framework into all planning, curriculum and programme development by September 2008.

▶ Please pray for those excluded from mainstream education—that we would be able to engage them in positive activities.

▶ For ongoing home visiting and 1:1 intensive counselling with young parents. Pray for the team as they respond to many issues and support needs.

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

## PRAISE GOD...

- for everything mentioned in the newsletter!
- for the ten young women who completed the self-confidence course and submitted portfolios of evidence to the college. Praise for the many positive sessions we had together.
- for recent donations from sponsored events, trusts, government, companies, churches and individuals
- that SIP Coordinator, James Bennett, recovered well from his shoulder operation
- for all the young mums and babies who have been attending 'Bumps and Babies' this term and for the friendships they have developed
- for Social Work students Sarah Lomax and Emily Nicholls—that they have settled in well and are making very positive contributions to our work
- for official recognition of Romsey Mill as a Sure Start Children's Centre
- for the opportunities to show and to tell of God's love to young people and families
- for those young parents who have completed their first full term at college and are planning on returning after Christmas
- for new excellent Aspire volunteers from a local sixth form college
- for the many joyful Christmas parties for different groups, staff and volunteers
- for one young mother who delivered sexual health training to professionals across the county. She was so impressive that the Teenage Pregnancy Partnership would like to work with her in the future
- for James and Rachel Bennett—now married!

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# prayerdiary

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"Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."

Ephesians 6:18



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