

April



- ▶ Chrisi (Young Parents Programme Progressions Worker) is supporting several young mothers in their college applications. Pray that these will be successful.
- ▶ Pray for the YPP maths course, for ongoing effective learning and relationship building as the course continues into the summer term.
- ▶ Pray for Children's Centre staff as they change over to a new database system in April – especially for Lucy as she is at the sharp end of this challenge.
- ▶ Transfer groups will run in 13 primary schools to support vulnerable year 6 children during the transfer to secondary school. Pray for excellent relationships and effective group working.
- ▶ Mary and Naomi (Transitions Programme) have eighty home visits to make. Pray that trust and cooperation would be established so that the children would be better supported.
- ▶ Pray that funding applications to trusts and to local government would be successful.
- ▶ Pray for increased numbers of committed individual givers to Romsey Mill's work.
- ▶ Ask that the YPP team will work effectively to develop and deliver the 3-year service plan commissioned by Children's Centres in City and South Cambridgeshire.
- ▶ There has been a good level of interest in the re-launch of the Young Dad's Brunch so pray that it will be an enriching time for those who attend.
- ▶ Pray for Charlie, new Playgroup worker, that she will quickly form good relationships with families and become familiar with the routines.
- ▶ Pray for excellent volunteers for Playgroup and Children's Centre.

- ▶ The Children's Centre staff are running a 'Raising Toddlers' parenting group. Pray for trust in the group and that the course would equip parents with the skills they need.
- ▶ Pray for current applications, some for substantial amounts of funding, that these would be successful.
- ▶ Ask God to bring to our attention new funding sources, which seem a bit sparse at the moment.
- ▶ Families affected by autistic spectrum conditions may be worried about how cuts in government funding will affect them. Pray for clarity and peace.
- ▶ Pray that we would have vision and wisdom about developing the work of the Aspire programme.
- ▶ Pray for David, Mike, Lissie, Kate, working in south Cambridge with the Social Inclusion Programme. Pray that young people will be able to access all the support they may need.
- ▶ A new (non-contact) boxing project has begun. Pray that this would lead to young people developing life skills and high aspirations.
- ▶ Pray youth development workers who are taking academic courses. Pray that they will be able to prioritise their work load and achieve success in their courses.
- ▶ For new SIP projects with year 9s and younger children to deal with alcohol abuse and antisocial behaviour that goes with it.
- ▶ Pray for the development of work in Sawston, that we would have wisdom about how to take this forward and support young people there to make progress towards goals.
- ▶ Pray for SIP residential work over Easter as we take two groups to Wales and one to Norfolk. Pray for safety and that the experience would bring about transformation.

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- ▶ Pray for year 6 children taking SATs this month. Pray also that Transitions staff will keep up relationships with them during a busy term.
- ▶ During half term Transitions Programme staff will run activities and trips. Pray for good group building and conversations.
- ▶ Programme staff are planning summer residentials. Pray for care, insight and funding.
- ▶ Pray that young parents in South Cambs would have good contact with local Early Years services.
- ▶ Pray for Playgroup staff as they prepare for Ofsted and learn new record keeping systems.
- ▶ Pray for Fiona and Rachel as they support an increasing number of families, especially during home visits and specialised support work (parenting courses, baby massage sessions).
- ▶ Building work has begun at St Philip's Church, long term Romsey Mill partners. Pray for the smooth running of the project and for grace for all involved in it.
- ▶ Pray for Tom, Mike, Kate and David, working in north Cambridge. Thank God for work in schools. Pray that we will develop programmes that will transform young people's lives and be in line with schools' targets.
- ▶ Pray for motivation and success for young people on Step-up courses. Pray for Mike as he oversees these and for discernment of the best way to educate and inspire young people.
- ▶ Pray for the SIP team's plans for summer activities. Pray for a positive impact on communities where we plan to run programmes and for favour with the various authorities and funders who might help to make them happen.



- ▶ Pray that the YPP's links with local sexual health services, and with Cambridge Central Aid would be maintained so that young parents can gain the full benefit of these.
- ▶ Pray for the Father's Day event on 18th June that the Children's Centre will make new contacts with fathers and that they will feel welcome and supported.
- ▶ Ask God for wisdom and ideas about how best to support home based child-carers (such as nannies and grandparents) who live locally.
- ▶ Pray for Hilary Jolly, charity shop manager, that she would maintain the strong team there and that the shop would continue to raise funds and to serve the community.
- ▶ Some of the charity shop volunteers suffer long-term ill-health. Pray for effective treatment and for perseverance through hard times.
- ▶ Pray that churches in Cambridge would clearly see the value of Romsey Mill's work; thank God for those that are already committed.
- ▶ Pray for peace for young people with autistic spectrum conditions who may be feeling anxious about their approaching move to secondary school. Pray that Aspire clubs and support would help them at this time.
- ▶ Pray for Lissie and Jason and for the Envision course that they run. Pray for inspiration for Lissie to develop more great tools to help young people who are struggling to progress.
- ▶ Pray for preparations for this Summer's J-team Holiday Bible Club (25th-29th July). Pray for a good team of volunteers to come forward.

Praise God ...

- ▶ that a young man attending a SIP project has become a Christian and is attending church He is being a great example to his peers.
- ▶ for new babies safely born to Children's Centre parents.
- ▶ for the birth of Ella, to Emily and Ben Barton.
- ▶ that after a term of Playgroup being short-staffed, Charlie has joined the team.
- ▶ for the Young Parents progressions fair, which went smoothly and was attend by over 20 young parents and 9 professional organisations.
- ▶ for the success of new courses— Kickstart and Envision—and of ongoing Step-up courses. Five young fathers are attending the Envision course.
- ▶ that new young parents are attending Cambabes.
- ▶ for improved links with postnatal support services.
- ▶ for families attending Children's Centre groups, especially baby groups, and the increasing numbers of new families coming along.
- ▶ for the growth of the Children's Centre group that meets at Christ Church.
- ▶ for some fundraising successes from statutory and trust sources.
- ▶ for a family who have recognised answers to prayer in their own difficult situation.
- ▶ for new funding that has come in.

On Ellie Howes' last day at Romsey Mill, in January she wrote this prayer for her colleagues:
My prayer for Romsey Mill for the coming years is that you will rest in God's love, know his ever present comfort, faithfulness and joy and celebrate together as he provides all that is needed for his work to happen. I praise Him that, as you go about your work in schools, homes, out on the streets, in the Centre, in churches, businesses, and at your desks, that the Lord and a hundred thousand angels go with you.

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Prayer diary



**Commit to the Lord whatever you do
and your plans will succeed.**

Proverbs 16:3