

PRAY

We are praying for...

Various opportunities to celebrate Christmas coming with young people, children and families and to thank our wonderful volunteers for their help through the year.

The health of the staff team and all of our volunteers, across all our programme areas, including those in our Charity Shop and at Cara Coffee; and for the children and families that we work with.

Cara Coffee, Romsey Mill's social enterprise in Shelford, as it serves people and grows local community; for more volunteers, especially for Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays; and for more opportunities to chat and follow up with customers who find it helpful.

More volunteers for our Little Millers group for families with young children, which meets on Tuesday mornings at Romsey Mill Centre.

Our Aspire team, as they investigate starting a new Aspire group in Linton, and that we can gain sufficient numbers of young people. Also, for discernment about allocating places appropriately to groups.

Children joining our Pre-Schools in January, that they may settle well, as they separate from parents for the first time.

Our Trustees as they meet in February and continue to watch over our charity's purpose and resources, ensuring we act with care, skill and accountability.

PRAYER BIG PICTURE

MENTAL HEALTH

One in five girls and young women self harm

Many of our youth and families struggle with mental health.

Through our one-to-one work and courses teaching emotional intelligence. We offer support and raise awareness of positive mental health practices. We help them to get specialist advice and access the appropriate services, such as doctors and counselling.

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WINTER '19 PRAYER DIARY



For with God nothing shall be impossible.
- Luke 1:37 (Bible)

PRAISE

We are thankful for...

Our new partnership work in Linton with the Beacon Youth Trust, which will engage with those local young people who most need our support.

The success of our Shine course, as young parents have grown in their confidence, self-worth and understanding of how valuable they are. And that young parents will participate in the Arts course which we are running in the New Year.

The continued care provided by Susan Condie, our Romsey Mill Family Worker, for our pre-school families, who are struggling with challenging situations. She provides practical support (housing forms, a cup of coffee, warm clothes for the winter), but most of all a listening ear, helpful advice and her genuine warmth and care for these families.

We are regularly encouraged by stories of young parents that we have supported through groups and courses, who have overcome challenges and gone on to study at college or university. Give thanks for the creativity and perseverance of our staff and the young parents, as they continue to work together to overcome adversity.

The community building that is taking place through the work of Cara Coffee and the Charity Shop, and the emphasis on 'all are welcome' in the approach of all involved. For the recovery of several volunteers at our Charity Shop, who had accidents earlier this year.

God's faithful provision for Romsey Mill, at the beginning of Romsey Mill's 40th Anniversary year in 2020. Please pray that we would look forward with increasing faith, hope and love whilst giving thanks for God's faithfulness.

The 27 people who are training with Romsey Mill towards a Level 2 Award in youth work practice (10 of whom attend, or used to attend, Romsey Mill activities as a young person).

The young people who attended an Alpha course (run by SSYI, our partners in Shelford and Stapleford), most of whom are 'unchurched'.

Positive progress in Hampton, with a new music studio session for under 16s, connecting with new young people; our new Hampton College boys group, working with students the school has been struggling with; and a recent trip to Adrenaline Alley all night skatepark session, with 8 young people.

Aspire having new volunteers for groups, and for being successful with an application for funding towards the cost of young people's places with Aspire for the next 5 years.

A successful first year managing Ross Street Community Centre. It has been wonderful to meet all the groups and local residents who regularly hire rooms and to get to know the local community. Please pray for us as we aim to run the centre in the best way for local residents and groups. Please help us as we seek to maximise income revenue generated, which can then go back into supporting the local work of Romsey Mill, and to run a centre that is a welcoming, lively and happy place to be.

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Our Charity Shop volunteers who commit their time to the work of the shop. Pray for their protection when travelling to and from the shop in the dark weather and for stamina for the heavy work of sorting donations at this time of year.

All families we work with who struggle financially with every day expenses and particularly at this time of year as they try to prepare for Christmas.

Our Admin team, who provide a warm welcome to visitors to Romsey Mill Centre and Ross Street Community Centre and help them get the right support; and offer support for our programme teams, the Charity Shop and Cara Coffee.

Our neighbours and other local residents who extend us a lot of patience and grace as we work with some very challenging and vulnerable groups; pray that we would be good neighbours to those who live near both centres, and also for safety and security for our buildings and their occupants, especially over the winter months.

Meetings with partners and funders in Hampton, Cambridge and across South Cambridgeshire, as we seek to ensure that we can cover the costs of our work in all these areas.

Young people engaged in knife crime, drugs and county lines; and for our youth workers who get alongside them to build relationship with them to provide positive alternatives to this.