

**THE HOPE TRUST OXFORD PRAYER UPDATE – MAY 2026**

As the beautiful weather returns, I'm reminded that Jesus is the Lord of all life - and He gives it abundantly! With the return of the sun each year, He faithfully brings abundant bounty and beauty out of the bleakness of an English winter.

Amazingly, we get to be a part of His eternal plan to bring new life and health where there is darkness. As a trust, we long to share our hope in Christ with our community and watch Him make beauty out of brokenness.

I find myself particularly grateful for you, our prayer partners, this month. It has been quite a busy time at the trust - and for its members - and it is a great encouragement to know that even when our efforts seem to be weak, fumbling, and uncertain, your prayers are lifting up the work of the trust to God. And He listens!



Please praise the Lord for some very unexpected grants and donations that we have received recently. The Lord has indeed been timely and abundant in his generosity!

Please pray for all the trustees as we set our fundraising strategies for the next year to provide for the work of the Hope Trust for the future.

*Georgina Bartlett, Chair of Trustees, The Hope Trust Oxford*

***Christians Against Poverty (CAP)***

We praise God that we have had two clients go debt free in the last few weeks. We pray that they would be able to stick to the budgets prepared for them by the CAP Debt Advisors so that they can stay out of debt, and build some financial resilience going forward.

We recently have a couple of new clients in the Blackbird Leys area of Oxford, and wonderfully have been able to pair them up with befrienders who live in Blackbird Leys and are part of the team from Grace Church Cowley seeking to plant a church in that area. We pray that those relationships would grow and bear fruit.

We are grateful for fruitful discussions with NHS representatives and another Oxford charity working with prison leavers, which have resulted in us being booked to run a Life Skills course in an NHS hospital, and a Money Management course at the other charity. We pray that God would equip us to serve the members of both those groups well and share with them something of God's love and grace.

*Please pray:*

-For clients on very low incomes for whom it is very challenging to cope with the cost of living. That they would be able to find ways to live within their limited budgets, and where possible, find ways to increase their income.

-For relationships with clients in Blackbird Leys to grow and deepen, and that God would use us and the befrienders to be a real help to those clients, both in practical terms, and in pointing them to the love and mercy of Jesus.



-For a good start to the two courses we will be running - that the groups would gel well, that all the logistics would work out as we run these courses in venues which are unfamiliar to us, and that members would benefit both practically and spiritually from being part of the courses.

*Kirsten Beavan, Debt Centre Manager*