

THE HOPE TRUST OXFORD PRAYER UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2026

As my husband and I are expecting our second baby next month, this will be my last prayer update as Chair of the Hope Trust! I've been honoured to serve in this capacity, but I'm also very excited for the future of the trust as Doug Watson takes over from me. Please join us as we:

- Thank the Lord for Doug's expertise and heart to serve. Please pray for time, energy, and wisdom for him as he guides the trust forward.
- Thank the Lord for Nick Breton's work with us. Please pray the Lord would use him powerfully in his new roles, where he will keep working to spread the Good News of Christ.
- Thank the Lord for Shirley Gevers, who has joined the trust as our new administrator. Please pray that she would settle well and quickly, and that the work would be a blessing to her and her family.
- Thank God that we will again be a partial recipient of the Harvest Offering at St Ebbe's Central this year! Please pray that the Lord would provide generously through his people to bless the needy in Oxfordshire through it.



- Pray for the trustees as we plan our winter campaign. As we are not funded through the PCC budget, we are entirely reliant on individual donors, giving monthly or through the Harvest Offering. Please pray that God would move in hearts as we seek to partner with more individuals in the St Ebbe's network of churches so that our work can continue into the future.

Georgina Bartlett, Chair of Trustees, The Hope Trust Oxford

Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

We praise God for a productive time in the CAP Debt Centre over the summer. We have had a good number of new clients coming through, and were able to make positive progress with several other clients towards becoming debt free. We would value your prayers for the following:

- For a former client who is very unwell and has been given 3 months to live. He is meeting regularly with his CAP befriender and reading the Bible with him. We praise God for that friendship which has continued for several years. The client does not yet feel able to trust Jesus, but feels the urgency to do so. Pray for comfort and good medical care for him. Pray that God would open his eyes to the love and forgiveness available to him in Jesus, and that he would be able to face the coming weeks and months with the confidence of eternal life with God through Christ.

- For the CAP Community Cafe as we explore making some changes to how we run it - for wisdom and creativity, and for us to be able to serve the community well with the resources we have.

- For continued opportunities to speak with clients about matters of faith, and point them to Jesus. CAP has provided us with little copies of John's gospel to give to clients called Pocket Hope. We have been



getting some good responses to these - one client zoomed in on it before we had even started the meeting, saying "What's this, tell me about this", and we were able to share that it was the life story of Jesus, and tell her the gospel. Another client said she was going to put it in her handbag so she could read it in the park on her daily walk. Pray that clients really would read it, and that God would open their eyes to the goodness and grace of Jesus.

Kirsten Beavan, Debt Centre Manager

