

## THE HOPE TRUST PRAYER POINTS – AUGUST 2025

Thank you for your continued prayerful partnership with The Hope Trust Oxford. Please find August's prayer points below:

### THE HOPE TRUST OXFORD

Please give thanks to the Lord for his provision of Doug Watson as a new trustee for THTO. We are so grateful for Doug's enthusiasm for the work, his wealth of experience, and his heart to serve in Jesus' name.

- Please pray for Doug as he settles into the trust, that he would feel welcomed and excited for the work; that the Lord would bless him with winsome insights to share with the board; and that the Lord would give him time and energy for this additional responsibility.
- Please pray for all the trustees as we take a break from routine meetings in August. Please pray that this short break would bring renewed energy, clarity, and excitement to all the trustees.

### CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY (CAP)

Praise God for one client moving forward significantly. This is her second time with us, as she had to go into rehab towards the end of her first time around. The case was almost closed as we were not able to get the final bits of information needed to produce her budget and advice. However, God answered our prayers and she got us the information just in time to avoid the case being closed. We have now received her budget and advice from Head Office, and she should be able to move forward with becoming debt free relatively quickly. Praise God! Pray that she would continue to engage with us and stick with the process. Pray also that we might be able to have some conversations about faith at our next visit; pointing to the hope and freedom that can be found in Jesus.

- Pray for a client who has been the victim of fraud and manipulation, with a large amount of debt taken out in his name. He is young, and the situation is causing him significant stress. Pray that the situation can be resolved as quickly as possible, and that he would hold on to a sense of hope. He has a faith. Pray that he would draw nearer to Jesus during this stressful time.
- Pray for a visit we have with a family this month, where they have a lot of potential routes out of debt available to them. Pray we'd be able to deliver the advice with clarity, and that the clients would be able to weigh up the pros and cons of the different options and come to a decision they feel happy with.

### LOCAL COMMUNITY

Praise the Lord that the Local Community Voluntary Worker role interviews went well, with two very solid candidates, and with the appointment process nearly complete.

- Pray once in post, that the new worker settles in well to life on the estate and quickly makes good relationships with neighbours in the local community.
- Thank the Lord for a very positive city council sponsored, St Ebbe's run, coach trip to the sea on 23 July. Thanks for praying! The trip was a great success and gave opportunity for many conversations with a range of neighbours in the local community. About half the coach was comprised of lovely Muslim families.
- Pray for the timing and logistics of a proposed back to school BBQ in the estate.

## **SAFE FAMILIES**

- Pray for Safe Families as they seek to expand capacity in Oxford with fundraising amid churches and another appointment to work in the area.
- Pray that more from St Ebbe's could be equipped to volunteer with Safe Families.