

THE HOPE TRUST OXFORD PRAYER UPDATE – JULY 2026

Summer is a time of transitions in Oxford, when we welcome newcomers and farewell old friends. That is certainly the case for us at the Hope Trust this season, so please pray for the following:

- Praise God for Jo Davidson joining the team of trustees. We give thanks for her experience, passion for the gospel, and love for the suffering, and that the Lord has called her to this work.
- Please pray for the board of trustees as I step down as chair and hand over to Doug Watson at the end of summer. Please pray that the handover would be smooth and that the work would be greatly blessed by Doug's experience, leadership, and insight in years to come.



- Please pray for the Lord to provide us with a new Trust Administrator, as our current administrator, Nick Breton, has been called by the Lord to undertake new projects for the Gospel (please see details on our website).

Georgina Bartlett, Chair of Trustees, The Hope Trust Oxford

Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

We praise God for a good number of new clients over the last few months, many of whom seem open to conversations about faith. We are also grateful for the new befrienders who have joined the team, and have started going out on their first visits. We pray for these befriending relationships with clients to grow and deepen, and for more opportunities to share about the goodness of Jesus.

We were able to do a money management course with a group of men living in supported housing for prison-leavers. It was a lively bunch, with some great engagement, although the final session was the Monday morning after a very late England match in the World Cup, so they were fading a bit by the end!

But we were able to leave them each with a copy of John's gospel and give a brief testimony about Jesus. We pray that God would be working in the hearts and minds of each of those who attended.

Our course at the NHS Mental Health Hospital has been delayed as the key contact there went on long-term sick leave, but she is now back, and we have had a fruitful meeting to get things back on track. There is a lot of enthusiasm from their end for the course. We pray that the last few details would be ironed out, that God would be drawing the right patients to join the course, and that they would really benefit from it.

Please Pray:

- For a few more male befrienders - one of our key male befrienders has just got a job outside of Oxford which means he will be less available to come on client visits, so we'd value prayer for one or two more to join the team.
- For clients with children over the summer months, without the structure of school routines, and with increased childcare burdens and pressures to spend limited money. Pray that they would get the support they need, and might come along to church and be blessed by the practical, emotional and spiritual support available through church.



- For a few clients facing difficult decisions about the best option to deal with their debt - their situations are complex, and the options available to them have some challenging consequences. Pray for wisdom and clarity for them as they weigh up their options and try to decide on the best way forward.

Kirsten Beavan, Debt Centre Manager

