

THE HOPE TRUST PRAYER POINTS – SEPTEMBER 2025

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

THE HOPE TRUST OXFORD

Please join us in thanking the Lord for the faithful service of our current Trust Administrator, Natalie Duncan, who has been with us for the past two years. We thank the Lord for how she has blessed the trust and those we seek to serve through her prayerful diligence and willing heart!

Please pray for Nick Breton, our new Trust Administrator, who will be taking over from Natalie this month. We give thanks to the Lord for him joining us, and we are very excited for what he will bring to the role. Please pray that the Lord would bless Nick and that his many skills would bear fruit for the Gospel and those we seek to serve in Oxford.

Please pray that all the team would come back from summer rested and excited to continue the Lord's work through the Hope Trust.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY (CAP)

Praise God for a really positive CAP Summer Picnic that we hosted in the St Ebbe's church garden in August. There was a lovely turnout of clients, former clients, group members and volunteers. It was a joyful occasion, and it was great to be able to welcome several to the church who had not been before.

Pray for CAP Cafe starting up again this week. We'd love prayers for more volunteers to get involved. One of the things that made the CAP picnic such a success was that there were so many volunteers there just to chat to clients and make them feel welcomed and seen. We'd love that for the cafe as well!

Pray for our promotion of the upcoming Life Skills course starting in October. Pray we'd be able to build well on the links we have been developing with referrers, and that the Lord would bring along the right people to the course.

Pray for the team at CAP Head Office. They have recently gone through a significant restructuring, and they are learning new ways of doing things. This had led to quite a backlog of cases, and cases moving more slowly than would be ideal. Pray for encouragement for the case workers and debt advisors, and that the backlog would clear soon.

LOCAL COMMUNITY

Thank the Lord for a great St Ebbe's sponsored coach daytrip to Weymouth beach. It was oversubscribed and a wonderful time. Praise the Lord for his provision of a new St Ebbe's Local Community Worker-Sylvia-getting started in the St Ebbe's estate. Praise the Lord also for a great back to school BBQ on St Ebbe's estate last Saturday, where great connections were made with local residents.

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Pray that a good number of local community children engage St Ebbe's Monday night clubs, and the City@4pm services kids' clubs, and that a pickup and drop-off ministry could be developed for the latter as well.

SAFE FAMILIES

Pray that Oxford City Council would increasingly support this work with vulnerable families in the city.

Pray more volunteers would arise from the churches, get trained in the Safe Families model, and be deployed.