

Mission Partner of the Month November 2019

Information and update letter.



Crisis Centre Ministries

Crisis Centre Ministries is a Christian charity that has been working in inner city Bristol for 35 years. The charity was created in response to a homeless person asking one of the founders, “**What does the church do for someone like me?**” and since that question, churches across Bristol have partnered together, by supporting Crisis Centre Ministries, in dedication to helping homeless and vulnerable people towards healthy and independent lives.

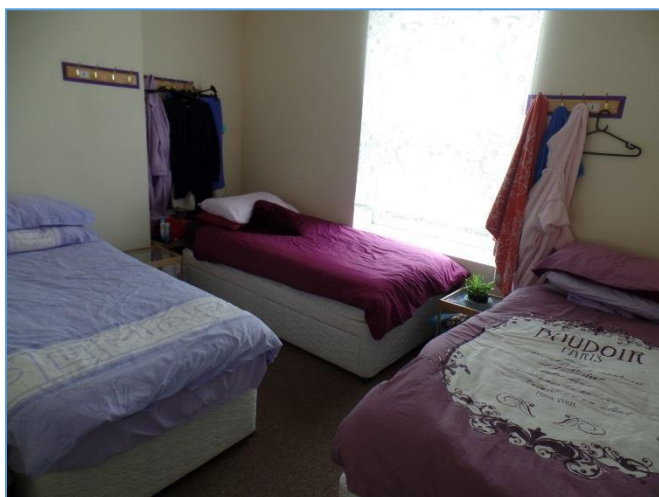
Their vision is to transform lives through offering food, shelter, hope and support to the most vulnerable, disadvantaged and marginalised in the community – those who live on the streets or “sofa surfers,” those suffering from drug and alcohol addiction, relationship and family breakdown, ex-offenders, unemployment, debt and domestic violence and those whose benefit payments have been delayed.

As a church partner, St Michael's supports Crisis Centre Ministries through prayer, donations, financial giving and as volunteers.

Spring of Hope

Shelter and support for women in need

Opens six nights a week (Sunday-Friday), every week of the year including Christmas and New Year. Accommodates 12 women each night. Run by three full time staff and a small team of volunteers.



The Wild Goose

Meals, support and hope for those in need

Opens four days and six evenings a week. 600 hot meals are served per day, serving 400 people each week. Evening shifts are the busiest (8pm- 9:45pm) and these are run by volunteers from churches across Bristol.



Life Recovery

*Life skills and mutual support
for those in recovery*

The LIFE Recovery course seeks to help clients who are in addiction recovery to develop practical life skills. Modules cover self-care, mind matters, healthy relationships and life management.

LIFE Recovery Groups meet weekly as a supportive community for men and women who have been affected by any kind of addiction or life controlling issue.



Provides emergency food parcels of 3 days' worth of food. There are three outlets hosted by three churches. Each outlet opens one day a week. In 2018/2019, 5,103 individuals were fed.



How can we pray for Crisis Centre Ministries?

- Pray for anyone who will be homeless or facing hardship over the winter.
- Please pray for the project teams as new staff members join to increase and develop the work. Pray for Spring of Hope as they recruit a new support worker, and for the Wild Goose who have a new chef starting in November.
- Thank God for the generous provision of food and practical donations from churches across the city, and for the many partnerships that CCM has developed with churches, businesses, schools and other organisations.
- So that the service users across all four projects continue to receive consistent care and support, we pray for the strength and good health of all the front line staff and volunteers.
- Over the winter Crisis Centre Ministries will be rebranding as inHope. Please pray that this will be a fruitful and beneficial change, bringing people together and offering people hope for their future.

St Michael's appointed link person: Rachel Mason

inHope.
For those who need us most