



Mission Partner of the Month December 2025



St Michael's Church
Stoke Gifford

*in*Hope.

For those who need us most

Information and Update Letter

inHope is a Christian charity working in the heart of Bristol, supporting vulnerable and marginalised people within our city. Our vision is of communities where everybody can reach their God-given potential, free from injustice and insecurity. We help people overcome insecurities such as homelessness, hunger, addiction, and poor mental health, which are often caused by injustices such as insufficient housing, limited access to food, poor employment, discrimination, and abuse.

Based in Easton, inHope offers a place of love and acceptance, supporting people through practical provision, shelter and housing, and helping them develop life and employment skills. All of this is done whilst offering people the opportunity to encounter the love and hope offered by Jesus.

As a church partner, St Michael's supports inHope through prayer, donations, financial giving and in volunteering. Without the support of Christians across Bristol, and churches like St Michaels, inHope would not be able to support those most in need in our city.

Some headlines from 2025

The past year has been a challenge. The cost of living continued to rise, which increased the numbers of people needing help across our services. After years of using our charity reserves to meet the increased need, this became untenable and consequently this year we restructured the staff, which included some redundancies. As well as saving money, the restructure has enabled clients to better access the full range of services we provide. There have been some lovely stories emerging of people who have received support from the Life Course, then Foodbank, then Spring of Hope and are now in a much better place because they've received holistic support.

Provisions

22,554 hot and nutritious meals were provided to people experiencing homelessness.

2,038 instances of people receiving essential items, which as sleeping bags, toiletries, and clothing.

Client Pathways

59 people had debts totalling £61,340 written off.

227 people benefitted from an income gain, due to money advice.

18 people completed the Life Course, with 93% reporting improvement in their mental wellbeing.

Shelter

111 women stayed overnight at Spring of Hope.

31 people stayed at Bristol Churches Shelter with 26 having had a positive move on.

Housing

10 people housed in our Hope into Action homes.

8 of whom engaged in employments, education, or training.



Client using phone & PC with staff assistance.



Lunch in the Wild Goose.



Client voice and feedback.



Bristol Churches Shelter guest being supported by volunteers.

How can St Michael's pray for inHope?

Please pray for:

- The new women's breakfast in the Wild Goose. This has been started because of client feedback. Women shared that they needed more daytime places to sit and have food after leaving the shelter at Spring of Hope.
- For God's peace to reign in the Wild Goose, where client behaviour over winter can be particularly challenging because of the harshness of being outside in the cold and wet.
- For justice and fairness in government decisions for those who are in need of benefits, especially disability benefits.
- For people who are rough sleeping over the winter, that they would find a temporary place to stay at Bristol Churches Shelter, where they can start to re-build their lives.
- For staff and volunteer wellbeing as they continue to serve people who have experienced trauma.
- For inHope's Christmas appeal, with a target of £100,000. Donations made online will be doubled between 2 – 9 December. People can find the page here: www.inhope.uk/thebiggive.

We couldn't do any of what we do without churches like St Michael's - thank you for your support and prayers!

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Mission Support Hub Prayer Points

1. Pray for persecuted brothers and sisters in Northern Nigeria - this is becoming a high profile political issue now as well
2. Give thanks for the growth of the Florianapolis Vineyard church and pray for Katia as she leads them.
3. Pray for those working with children with disabilities at the Princess Basma unit in Gaza (partner of Embrace). The team focus on the emotional well-being of the children through play therapy, helping them to find their voice again and to start to hope for the future.
4. Pray for Mary Cottrell raising funds to support the ministries of Gotesti Baptist Church, Moldova and for the follow-up of people who responded there during the recent evangelistic meetings.
5. Pray for Univida as it reviews the operation of the UK charity and for Marc in Forteleza and Ruth Marques having a break in UK.
6. Pray for the Bristol Churches Winter Shelter offering help to those sleeping rough.