

We will hopefully have some really exciting news in the next few weeks about how GCM will continue to grow but I can't reveal the full extent of it yet because of legal clauses. As soon as I can I will send an additional newsletter, hopefully in the next fortnight or so.

We are still on track to have our new and improved Winter Shelter open from 1st December, further updates will be sent out very soon but rest assured there is so much going on in the background at the moment to ensure that it runs in compliance with new regulations.

There is a lot of information in this edition about our Christmas preparations, please help out in as many ways as you can.

We are delighted to be the first place in Gloucester signed up to the Billy Chip Scheme. This scheme means

that people can buy a token from Revive and then give it someone they see on the streets. That person can then come into Revive to redeem it for a hot drink and a cupcake.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Kevin Howie, GCM General Manager

Special thanks this month to Glebe Chapel for their fantastic donation of clothes etc.

It was also a real pleasure to visit both Kingsholm CE Primary School to talk to the Year 5 classes as part of their RE learning and then to talk at Huntley CE Primary School Harvest Festival.



A sincere huge thank you to everyone who took part in or supported our Big City Sleepout Event. To date it has raised over £7,000 but we hope to get to near £9000 by the time all of the donations have come in. More importantly though it gave us a whole weekend of raising awareness about our work and homelessness in the city.

We slept out at Gloucester City AFC, The Eastgate Shopping Centre, Gloucester Cathedral and Gloucester Rugby Club and we have to express our gratitude to each of these organisations and their staff who helped to get things up and running. In total there were over 160 people sleeping out over the weekend.

We never try to suggest that this in any way replicates what it is like for someone sleeping rough but what participants told us was that it was uncomfortable, unsettling and made them feel vulnerable. We deliberately hold the event on at least one work night because the reality is that we have clients in the Winter Shelter who have to get up to go to work each day. We also deliberately keep our events very basic, it isn't a party occasion, there is no 'entertainment', participants are given cardboard and access to hot drinks and toilets. **We will be running the weekend again next October, please do come and join in, you will find it an eye opening experience.**

Those sleeping out at the Eastgate Shopping Centre could sleep outside or inside. Those who slept outside were most struck by the constant noise - revellers were out enjoying themselves until 3 or 4am and then the delivery lorries started at about 5am - this is the reality of the situation that many of our clients experience. We were also delighted to be the Match Day sponsors for Gloucester City's match and on Sunday Kevin gave the sermon at the Cathedral Morning Eucharist Service - this included the opportunity to pause and remember the 10 clients who we have lost since last World Homeless Day.



How can you help GCM this Christmas?

Please come to our **Carol Concert at Gloucester Cathedral on November 30th. Doors open 7pm, Concert starts at 7.30pm (Free entry - Retiring Collection)**



Gloucester City Mission

Christmas carol concert

GLoucester Cathedral
TUESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
7.30PM
DOORS OPEN 7PM
Free admission

Join us for an evening of superb christmas carols compered by Warren Moore and featuring the Gloucester District Christian Choir, Hartpury CE Primary School Choir plus Kathryn and Tim Jeffree and find out a bit more about our work with the homeless and vulnerable in Gloucester.

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Christmas hampers for the homeless and vulnerable.

Please donate any of the following for hampers this winter;

- Mince pies, tea/coffee sachets, chocolate, sweets, hot choc, cup a soup, pot noodle.
- Christmas Cracker
- A Card
- Toiletries
- Hats, gloves, scarves

(Please don't make the hampers up)

Donations can be given in at the Cathedral or Revive Coffee House.

Please bring donations from 3rd - 10th December

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We will once again be making up Christmas Hampers to give to clients (see above);

Buy a pack of our eco-friendly Christmas cards from Revive. There are four designs to choose from each with our logos. Each box has a pack of ten cards (£4 per pack);



We have an updated Amazon wish list full of really useful items to give out to clients (if you shop using Amazon Smile then we get an additional donation for everything you buy).

We have launched our annual Sponsor a Bed appeal for the Winter Shelter. £25 will sponsor a bed plus cover the costs of providing meals, showers, clothes and somewhere safe each night over the winter months.

We are using a Crowdfunder site for this appeal because we can then hopefully get all donations doubled. You, your family or your Church can Sponsor a Bed [here](#)

WINTER SHELTER SPONSOR A BED APPEAL



Charity No 1115780



Please would you consider supporting this year's Winter Shelter by sponsoring a bed for the night?

We provide up to 15 beds per night for 122 nights over the winter period.

Donations cover the cost of dinner, breakfast and a packed lunch, plus a bed, laundry, showers, clothes and toiletries and safety.

Sponsoring a bed for a night costs £25. Please visit www.gloscitymission.org.uk or scan the QR code to donate directly.

For more info contact kevin@gloscitymission.org.uk
www.gloscitymission.org.uk

Gloucester City Mission's Winter Shelter will be open from 1st Dec to 31st March.

Donate here -





Revive Coffee House



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[Eat in or Take Away]

You can find us in The Eastgate Shopping Centre

**Delicious Homemade Cake -
[includes vegan and gluten free]**

Speciality Coffees

Range of Teas

Hot Chocolate /Hot Choc Mountain

All hot drinks are ethically sourced

Fruit Smoothies, Cold cans, juice, water

Open Weds, Thurs 10.30 - 4

Fri, Sat 10-4



GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION

WORKING WITH THE HOMELESS AND VULNERABLE

GCM HAS BEEN SUPPORTING THE HOMELESS IN OUR CITY SINCE 2003 PROVIDING FOOD, DRINKS, CLOTHES, TRAINING, SUPPORT, ADVICE AND PRAYER

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www.justgiving.com/gloucestercitymission

or via Paypal, Facebook
and Instagram

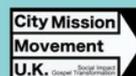
To make a text donation, text gloscitymission followed by the amount you wish to donate to 70085 (ie 'GLOSCITYMISSION 5' to 70085 to donate £5).

This costs £5 plus a std rate msg, you can opt to give any whole amount up to £20.

Maybe you could sign up to give a monthly gift.

We also accept cash donations or we can accept card donations at Revive Coffee House.

Please make cheques payable to Gloucester City Mission, we also accept CAF cheques



Please click [HERE](#) to find direct links to give a donation to our work

DONATIONS If you are having a sort out please could you donate any of the following-

CLOTHING

Men's

- Winter Coats
- Jeans – especially 30/32 waist but all welcome
- Joggers – all sizes
- T shirts (short and long sleeved) s-m-l
- Hoodies/ Sweatshirts – s-m-l
- Boxer shorts – s-m-l (new only please)
- Thermal underwear
- Trainers/ Boots – especially size 9/10
- Hats and Gloves

Ladies

- Winter Coats
- Jeans/jeggings/sports leggings – all sizes
- T shirts - s-m-l
- Hoodies/Jumpers – all sizes
- Ladies pants – size 8/10/12 (new only please)
- Hats and Gloves

TOILETRIES

- Wet wipes
- Shaving gel
- Razors
- Spray deodorant – men's and ladies
- Shower gel – men's and ladies

We will happily accept other clothing items, however if we are unable to make use of them, we would then sell them onto Cash for Clothes and use the money we receive to buy new underwear for our clients. If you are comfortable for us to do this, then please feel free to donate other clothing items as well.

If you are able to help, donations can be taken to Revive Coffee Shop in Eastgate Shopping Centre from Wednesday to Saturday between 11am and 3pm or larger donations can be taken to Restore Clothing store in Southgate Street by arrangement – contact elaine@gloscitymission.org.uk or Tel: 07506 752886

WE ARE SORRY BUT WE CANNOT ACCEPT BEDDING, PILLOWS, BLANKETS OR DUVETS.

Prayer List

As well as praying for GCM's clients, volunteers and staff please also hold these groups in your prayers. To add someone to the prayer list please email GCMprayer1@gmail.com

- All those involved with the work of GCM;;
- Clients in accommodation and those who have found themselves back on the street;
- The rough sleepers in and around the city at the moment
- Our Outreach teams;
- All those who have lost someone to Covid19.
- Rio, his Mum and his brothers;
- Martyna



We are often contacted by churches or individuals who have come across someone rough sleeping in or near their grounds. If this happens please use the Street Link App or [website](http://www.streetlink.org.uk).

It is really quick and easy and alerts the Council and the P3 Outreach team about the person. More often than not the rough sleeper is already known however this isn't always the case. It is quick, free and easy to use and will be the quickest way for that person to be offered support.

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Please take a few minutes to have a

look at our website

www.gloscitymission.org.uk

Also click and follow us on



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