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Thank you to everyone who came to our Anniversary Festival Proms. I really hope that you enjoyed the events, it has been fun and a great way to share not just what we do now but also to celebrate how far we have come. There are some photos on page 2 from the events.

but many have now managed to jump and the others have been able to reschedule their jumps for May and June. So far the team have raised over £14,000 with more pledges still to be counted. You can still sponsor them if you wish by visiting [www.justgiving.com/campaign/gcmskydive2023](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/gcmskydive2023)

Whilst the celebrations have been going on we have continued with our day work too though;

- Our amazing Street Teams have seen an increase in the number of people needing help and support.
- At a recent Wednesday lunch one of our staff prayed with an asylum seeker who was desperate for prayer for her epilepsy which she said had been significantly worse since arriving in the UK.
- In Renew we continue to grow our counselling and mindfulness provision. One of the mindfulness attendees hadn't found work for the past 16 years or even had an interview for the last 20 years. He recently had an interview up against 4 other candidates and was successfully employed.
- Louise had a phone call from one of the shelter guests who was in such a good place and is now in accommodation, paying his rent on time and full of hope.

Our next fundraising event is the Dragon Boat Racing Day at Gloucester Docks on May 14th. We have an intrepid team of 11 people hoping to stay afloat. Our team will be racing in the afternoon - come along for a laugh and enjoy a great afternoon out. To sponsor the team please visit [www.justgiving.com/campaign/GCMDragonBoat](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/GCMDragonBoat)

Have you ever fancied Fire Walking? We have an evening of Fire Walking booked on September 7th. Further details coming soon!! Go on you know you want to, bring a group from church, work or a youth group.

I was invited to attend Dean Andrew's Installation at the Cathedral last week, next week I shall be back there as Mike Curtis as we have been invited to attend a service marking King Charles' coronation. It is so good for us to have a partnership with the Cathedral as well as many other churches across the whole of the county.

We are really grateful to our GCM Sky Diving Team. The 19 jumpers have had mixed success with the weather



Keep your eyes open over the next month as we shall be making an exciting announcement about a new daytime Rough Sleeper Centre that we shall be opening to support those who are street homeless.

Thank you all for your support.

Kevin Howie





Thank you to all of the artists who have taken part in our Anniversary Proms -

Graham Kendrick, Terl Bryant, Simon Dennis, David Fitzgerald, Steve Legg, Nik Hill, The Social Fretwork, Reuben Lovett, Portobello, Luke Philbrick, Bean Baker, Robin Hood-Shaw, Sarah Fairbairn, Suss-Two, Ed Brooking, Finn Sutton, Ed Bourne, George Moorey, Take Note, The Gloucester and District Christian Choir, Gaudeamus, The Ecclesiastical Choir, The City of Gloucester Community Choir, Gloucester Brass and The Churchdown Male Voice Choir. That's quite a line-up!! We had 203 performers and 852 people coming to watch, plus we have raised over £6000.

Thank you so much to the venues that have hosted events for us -

St Catharine's Church, The Avenue, Cafe Rene, Hillview Evangelical Church, Revive Coffee House, Gloucester City Church, St Mary de Crypt and St Barnabas Church.





**GCM 20TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING  
CELEBRATION**

**Southgate Evangelical Church  
Sunday 2nd July  
3pm - 4.30pm  
ALL WELCOME**

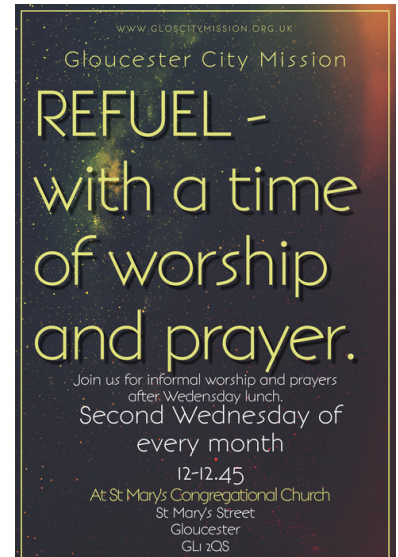
**Refuel** is our monthly Prayer and Praise time for clients, staff, volunteers and guests. It is held on the second Wednesday of the month from **12-12.45** at **St Mary's Congregational Church**. All are welcome. **The next Refuel is on Wednesday 10th May.**

**How can you give to help us?**

**Apart from financial gifts there are many ways to help our work including donating items. We keep an up to date list of things that we need on our website [here](#).**

**We also have a 'Shopping List' of items available to order through Amazon which can then be delivered directly to us. [Please click here to see the list](#)**

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



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

[www.gloscitymission.org.uk](http://www.gloscitymission.org.uk)

Next time you're thinking of 'giving your time' why not consider Gloucester City Mission. We are a charity based in the heart of the city that has been supporting the homeless and vulnerable for 20 years. We are always happy to work with individuals, local organisations and companies in support of their community engagement programmes.

Individuals can get involved in any of the following activities:

- \* Join one of the street teams on one of their daily runs – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday;
- \* Come and help with our hot food service on a Wednesday morning;
- \* Sort clothing and toiletry donations to keep our clothes store well stocked on a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon;
- \* Help in the Revive Kitchen preparing food for the outreach teams or baking for the Coffee Shop.

Timings will depend on the day and activity and normally are only for 2/3 hours maximum.

Teams can get involved in half day/full day activities such as:

- \* Painting and refreshing the Winter shelter - bedrooms, dining room and kitchen
- Revive Kitchen deep clean;
- \* Close down/Set up the Winter Shelter;
- \* Projects in our Restore clothes shop;
- \* Wellbeing Garden tidy up and refurbishment.

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**GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION 20TH ANNIVERSARY APPEAL**

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL

**£202,300**

Please scan with your mobile phone camera to donate  
GCM IS A REGISTERED CHARITY - 1115780

To make a text donation, text:  
GCM to 70450 to give £5  
GCM to 70460 to give £10  
GCM to 70470 to give £20

2023 is our 20th Anniversary year. We want to continue to focus on supporting the homeless and vulnerable through AID, TRANSFORMATION AND GROWTH. We do this through feeding, providing, supporting, through our winter shelter, our training centre and by employing people with lived experience of homelessness or addiction.

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**Concerned about someone sleeping rough?**



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Download the **StreetLink** app or visit the **website** at [www.streetlink.org.uk](http://www.streetlink.org.uk) to make an alert and help connect them to local services for support

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### Prayer Points

If you would like to sign up to receive a copy of our Monthly Prayer Sheet please [CLICK HERE](#)

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