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Our Mission continues to grow and we are excited and relieved to be continuing to get back to normal.

We have lots of exciting projects in the pipeline for later in the year and will make some announcements once we have more clarity about how things will be.

We received some news last week stating that communal shelters won't be permitted again this year so we are looking at ways to adapt our Winter Shelter provision. Watch this space!

We are continuing to support the clients in the best ways we can given the restrictions that are still in place. We are so grateful to the volunteers and supporters who help us with our work.

Kevin Howie, GCM General Manager



## Restore

We are so excited to announce that Restore has finally opened. We had hoped to have it up and running last November but then with restrictions in place it had to be delayed.

We have converted our original old office in Southgate Street (next to Southgate Evangelical Church) into a place where anyone homeless can come to get clothes, toiletries, shoes and equipment. It is open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1-3pm for clients to come and get any items that they need.

This has been a mammoth job led by our Volunteer Coordinator Elaine and will initially be staffed by Jayne and Darren from our Revive Coffee House.



**IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - WEEKEND OF 8TH/9TH/10TH OCTOBER (TO MARK WORLD HOMELESS DAY).**

### BIG CITY SLEEPOUT 2021

For several years we have been running our annual fundraising challenge called *Survive the Night*, two years ago we teamed up with Gloucester Rugby to also run *Try out The Night*. We can confirm that this year we are changing the name of this event to run one huge event called **The Big City Sleepout** by teaming up with **Gloucester City AFC, The Eastgate Shopping Centre and The Cloister Challenge**. We are delighted to be finalising plans to also team up again with **Gloucester Rugby to repeat Try Out The Night**.

This means that you can sleepout to raise money **in The Shed, on the T-End, inside or outside The Eastgate, in The Cathedral Cloisters or in your gardens, schools, churches, businesses or organisations**. More details will follow in the summer about this event to raise money but also raise awareness of rough sleeping.



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## DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has been offering donations over the past few months. It has been difficult for us (and many other charities) to say no to people's generosity but we have had to due to the logistics of sorting and storing things with Covid restrictions in place.

However, things are on the up and we hope to start accepting donations again from May 19th at our Revive Coffee House in the Eastgate Shopping Centre. Revive is open Wednesdays to Saturdays. If you have a large donation that you wish to offer at other times then please contact [elaine@gloscitymission.org.uk](mailto:elaine@gloscitymission.org.uk) and we will arrange something. Please visit our website to find up to date information about what items we need - [CLICK HERE](#)

At the moment the items that we need are;

### Toiletries

- Razors
- Deodorant
- Shaving gel/foam
- Sun tan lotion

### Clothing

- Boxer shorts s-m-l (new only please)
- Trainers
- Hoodies
- Joggers s-m-l
- Mens T shirts - s-m-l
- Baseball caps
- New water bottles

### Other items

- 2 or 3 man tents



**BUT NOT UNTIL 19TH MAY PLEASE**

We are also continuing with our Home Starter Pack projects. These packs are given to clients when they are moved on from temporary accommodation into permanent accommodation and are meant as a blessing to help them to get things set up. If you are able to help with any of the following items then it would be appreciated. **All items must be new to celebrate that people are moving into their new homes.**

**Cutlery sets   Tin opener   Single sheet   Single duvet cover sets**

**Saucepan sets   Cooking spoons   Wooden spoons   Salt and pepper sets**

**T towels   Bowls, plates, side plates   Kettles   Toasters**

Wednesday lunches have started up again. We now run them out of St Mary's Congregational Church. Numbers are steadily increasing and we are serving around 25 people between 11-11.45. Our Outreach Teams continue to go out and about on Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri and Sat mornings.





Special thanks this month to Warmth and David Hannah from Glebe Chapel for donations of items that we can distribute through Restore.

Thank you also to Tom, one of our outreach volunteers, who came in to plumb in the washing machine and tumble dryer into our Revive kitchen.



Please click here to find direct links to give a donation to our work



## **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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## **PLEASE DONATE**

**Online**

**[www.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/gloscitymission](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/gloscitymission)**

**or via Paypal, Facebook, Stewardship 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.

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**Maybe you could sign up to give a monthly gift.**

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**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**



Registered with  
**FUNDRAISING  
REGULATOR**



YOU CAN BUY A WHOLE RANGE OF T-SHIRTS AND HOODIES IN DIFFERENT COLOURS AND SIZES AND ALL PROFITS GO TO OUR WORK IN OUR ONLINE SHOP. WE HAVE JUST LAUNCHED ON SOME NEW DESIGNS. COME AND HAVE A LOOK ESPECIALLY IF YOU LIKE FOOTBALL, RUGBY OR CRICKET. DESIGNS ARE AVAILABLE IN A WIDE RANGE OF COLOURS AND AS T-SHIRTS OR HOODIES.

PLUS YOU GET TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS AND START CONVERSATIONS!



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**Revive  
Coffee House**  
Run by  
Gloucester City Mission  
Registered Charity 1115780  
[www.gloscitymission.org.uk](http://www.gloscitymission.org.uk)

Find us in The Eastgate Shopping Centre.  
Open Weds to Sat 11 - 3.30

**Coffee**  
£1.50  
FILTER Coffee  
REGULAR + DECAFF

**THE Menu**  
HOT CHOCOLATE Mountain  
HOT CHOCOLATE £2 £2.50

**TEA**  
BREAKFAST TEA  
EARL GREY  
FRUIT TEA  
MINT TEA  
£1.50

**CANS**  
WATER  
FRUIT JUICE  
£1

**Ethically sourced hot drinks,  
homemade cakes/treats, and  
cold drinks.**

**REOPENING  
19TH MAY**

**NEW  
EXTENDED  
OPENING  
HOURS**

**WEDS/THURS  
10.30 - 4**

**FRI/SAT 10-4**

**PLEASE COME  
AND SAY  
HELLO**

### 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](mailto:GCMprayer1@gmail.com)

- All at GCM as we continue to respond to and meet the challenges that are being faced;
- Clients in emergency hotels and those who have found themselves back on the street;
- Our Outreach teams;
- All those who have lost someone to Covid19;
- Shop managers and workers as they return to fully opening back up
- All frontline and key workers;
- The GCM staff and trustees;
- The Alpha course that we are starting in a few weeks.



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.

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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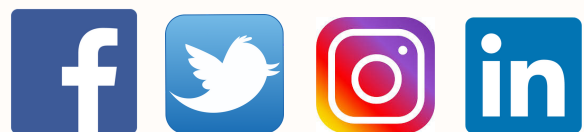
Mike Curtis - Chaplain

Please take a few minutes to have a

look at our website

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

Also click and follow us on



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