



On July 1st 2003 Gloucester City Mission started as just Mike Curtis and his rucksack. To mark our 18th birthday I have put a copy of the newsletter Mike sent out on our 1st birthday on the next page.

God has been so great to GCM over these past 18 years and continues to enable us to go out to share His love in so many ways with the people we work with.

As an organisation we are very different, especially in the size and scale of our work, but our key objective of loving one another has not changed at all.

We are grateful to all of our past and present staff, volunteers and supporters for everything they have done over the years.

Proverbs 9:11

For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life.

Psalms 91:11

For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

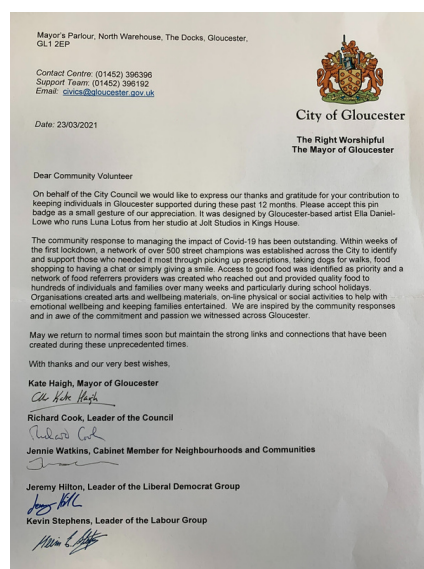
Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Kevin Howie, GCM General Manager

Civic Volunteer Awards

We have humbly received a pack of awards from The City Council for all of the work that has been done by our amazing volunteers and staff during the Covid Pandemic.



100 Days Together

We are participating in the 100 Days Together Campaign that is being run across the city this summer. It is a campaign to recognise some of the great projects being run in Gloucester. You can find out more on twitter with #100daystogether.

To celebrate our 18th birthday we are trying to raise £1800 to help towards our Home Starter Packs and to buy a small treat for our clients for that day.


If you can help please donate via the links on page 4 or by visiting www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/GCM18

This was the newsletter that Mike sent out to celebrate our 1st birthday back in 2004.



Hallelujah!

1 YEAR OLD!
GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION
SUMMER 2004 NEWS LETTER
NEWS, PRAISE & PRAYER.



"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "When the reaper will be overtaken by the ploughman and the planter by the one treading the grapes." Amos 9 v 13.

NEWS

GCM is now one year old! Reflecting over the last year, it has been an amazing experience. Easter we delivered more hampers to the 'street' people, these were well received (provided by Abbey/Hillview Evangelical churches). This has been a year of exploration in the city, the Lord revealed to me that I am a 'ploughman'! It has been an exciting year but hard work. GCM has been into Gloucester prison, taking services, writing to prisoners, visiting those in hospital. I have been invited onto the Glos' Cat Brunswick campus chaplaincy team. I continue to work alongside the Salvation Army and the Day Centre. GCM worked with the 'Counties' Evangelistic team, at the Malvern Three Counties Show, this was a three day event. I believe we had about 2500 plus people visit the marquee! A new venture that has been exciting, is working amongst Romany Gypsies at a site in Gloucester, at the invitation of Madelaine Hobbs, a Christian worker amongst the Gypsies. GCM, regularly takes food, drinks, luncheon vouchers, Gospels, Bibles, tracts and the Challenge Newspaper on the streets. We welcomed Roz' Williams, as a volunteer with the street work. Roz' is invaluable in witnessing to the women on the streets (and the men!). Roz' also has a ministry with Czech gypsies in the city, and teaches English to foreign students and those with learning difficulties.
(some of the names below have been changed to protect peoples identity, unless permission was given)

PRAISE

- Sally, a drug addict with a sexually abused history, came to the Lord and has had a genuine conversion, is now off heroin and on methadone 'script' (has a young child).
- Janice, a young single mum, with lots of issues, made a commitment at a city Baptist church, introduced there by GCM.
- Mark, a beggar and addict, came to the Lord, and is reunited with his wife and daughter in Cornwall.
- Maria, Czech gypsy, with occult back ground, became a Christian (one of Roz's students).
- 'Flash 'n' Sprout' (Sprout is a dog!), now have accommodation, after much prayer and sleeping in a wood! Pray for Flash's health, he is the Lord's but needs help.
- Financial provision over the last year, thank you to all our supporters.

PRAYER

- For the conversion of Jim, Sally's partner of 13 years.
- Wisdom & discernment coping with lies & deceit, sex offenders & paedophiles.
- Robert, an alcoholic, who attended church and Alpha, was making progress, then went back to drinking.
- Jimmy, claimed a conversion, but has big behaviour problems, and is a sex offender.

May God bless yuh all real good!

"I have been blessed and very fortunate to have been a Gloucester City Mission volunteer for about 8 years now. Over those years, there have been many changes, and I've been privileged to meet some wonderful people, (both fellow volunteers and street friends). Some of whom are sadly no longer with us, but will always hold a special place in my heart.

It is a real blessing to reach out to those in need, both physically and spiritually, and to work alongside some of the most genuine, and loving Christians you'd ever wish to meet, and at the end of the day, that's exactly what we are called to do. Love! Without borders! Irrelevant of class, race, religion or any other differences, and if there's anything that our street friends really need, it is to feel loved, valued and precious, and hopefully to help them to learn to value themselves and see a teeny tiny glimpse of the love Jesus has for them through us.

Another part of working alongside our street friends which I find so rewarding is signposting. Putting them in touch with other agencies across Gloucester who are each responsible for different area's of care. There's nothing quite like hearing the news that someone has found a home or job, got good veterinary care for their dog, or entered a rehabilitation facility.

But before I downplay the food provision element of outreach, one of my fondest memories is of a guy, who is no longer with us (in case anyone is wondering, although names may not be allowed in print, it was Gary) We were in Kings square, handing out sausage rolls and coffee, and suddenly a huge seagull swooped down and flew off with his sausage roll (paper bag and all). I've never seen anyone respond so quickly, and move so fast. He ran after it at great speed, and as it tried to fly higher, he jumped on a bench and ran straight across it. I'm happy to say he was so relieved to save his lunch! So i guess the food is pretty important too!"

John 13:34, NLT: "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other."

1 Corinthians 13:1-13. 13 "If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal."



We have been chosen for the new Asda Foundation Green Token Scheme. Voting runs until midnight 31st July.

You can vote every 7 days, it takes just a second to do- [PLEASE CLICK HERE TO VOTE](#) and we will receive either a £500 or £200 donation.

Thank you to the churches who have supported us this year.

Our financial year ends on 30th June so I wanted to thank each of the 24 churches that have supported us with financial gifts this year, it is really, really appreciated, especially when it has been such a tough year for churches as well. We haven't got space to list all of them but we sincerely thank them all.

We always welcome gifts and prayers from churches and hopefully soon will be able to restart visiting churches, as well as schools, organisations and businesses, to talk about our mission and our work, as well as holding events once again.

DONATIONS

We are now accepting donations again 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 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 (small)
- Wet wipes

Clothing

- Boxer shorts s-m-l (new)
- Trainers
- Joggers s-m-l
- Shorts s-m-l (mens/ladies)
- Mens T shirts s-m-l
- Baseball caps
- New water bottles

If you are able to support us financially in any way it would be appreciated. [Please click here to find direct links to give a donation to our work](#) or scan the QR codes below

Or why not organise a fundraising event or challenge - we can help with info sharing and sponsor forms etc. Contact kevin@gloscitymission.org.uk



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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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.

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





Revive Coffee House


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It's our 18th Birthday

THURSDAY 1ST JULY

**Pop in to REVIVE
COFFEE HOUSE
between 10.30-4 for a
FREE celebration cup
cake plus all hot drinks
and cakes are HALF
PRICE.**




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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 at GCM as we continue to respond to and meet the challenges that are being faced;
- Our Outreach teams;
- Luke and Claire for their continued recovery
- We give thanks that Maggsy was found safe,
- All frontline and key workers;
- Church Leaders;
- The Alpha course participants;
- The Revive Coffee House
- Our volunteers



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 and will be the quickest way for that person to be offered support.

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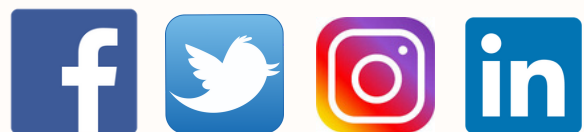
Mike Curtis - Chaplain

Please take a few minutes to have a

look at our website

www.gloscitymission.org.uk

Also click and follow us on



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