

It has been a busy month but the better weather makes everyone feel good. However, the summer months are just as tricky for many of our clients as the winter months. Hot days and cooler nights are difficult for rough sleepers and the longer days can make life difficult for people in temporary accommodation. If you are able to donate any of the items in the picture below that would be really helpful - just drop them into Revive.

June marks the end of our financial year so in next month's newsletter I will include all of the facts and figures from this past year - which has been a record breaking year for us in many ways!



All of the different areas of our ministry and work continue to grow and clients are continuing to ask for, and be open to offers of, prayer. As John says in 4:18, 'perfect love casts out fear'

We had a really productive and

reflective staff away day a few weeks ago. It was time to reflect, pray and plan about where we are now as a mission. Huge thanks to the Ingrams for hosting us all.

Myself, Ade Jones and Tim Sandys spent last weekend at The Gathering with an exhibition stand to raise awareness about our work. There were over 1500 attendees spending time over the weekend in worship and fellowship.

Louise and I recently attended Housing Justice's annual conference in London which was focused on the future of shelters, it is so useful being part of this network of faith based shelters and listening to speakers from a variety of backgrounds including people with lived experience of shelters and Eddie Hughes MP (Minister for Homelessness).

Kevin Howie, General Manager

To celebrate National Volunteers Week we put on a Garden Party and invited all of our volunteers, trustees and staff. It was great to catch up with everyone and to also show people around Renew.



A message from our Chair - Rev'd Nick Gleich

I heard a story many years ago of a man who retired from working as a printer in a print works, printing the little cards that you could find in packets of loose tea. Let's call him Fred. He had enjoyed his work and the comradeship of his workmates. But he reached 65 and so, time to go. (It's a few years ago!!) Over the next few weeks, Fred started dropping into the factory from time to time and gradually started to do odd little jobs, including reorganising the cleaning supplies cupboard. Over time Fred built up the "little jobs" until he was in the factory five days a week and (almost) indispensable to the printers because of his helpfulness. Eventually, higher management spotted what was going on and Fred was gradually and diplomatically eased back out of the door.

It's an interesting study in how the working environment operates. Did Fred spot that his former colleagues were lax in managing the cleaning supplies themselves? Did he take "work" from them? Was management asking the workers to do too much in addition to their routine work, so that management should have employed someone to do what Fred had picked up on?

During my working career I was twice in a position where I was partially or wholly responsible for working myself out of a job, rather than into one. The dynamic is curious because on the one hand you are trying to make sure the customers are kept happy and on the other hand, identifying to them that they will be looked after in a different way in the future.

Gloucester City Mission exists to reach out to those who are rough sleeping or vulnerable in terms of housing. When society has created an environment and services that make the charitable provision of such services redundant we will happily work ourselves out of our jobs at GCM. We can pray that that day comes, but until then, with your support, which is so gratefully received, we will do what we can for those who need us.

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 [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](#)

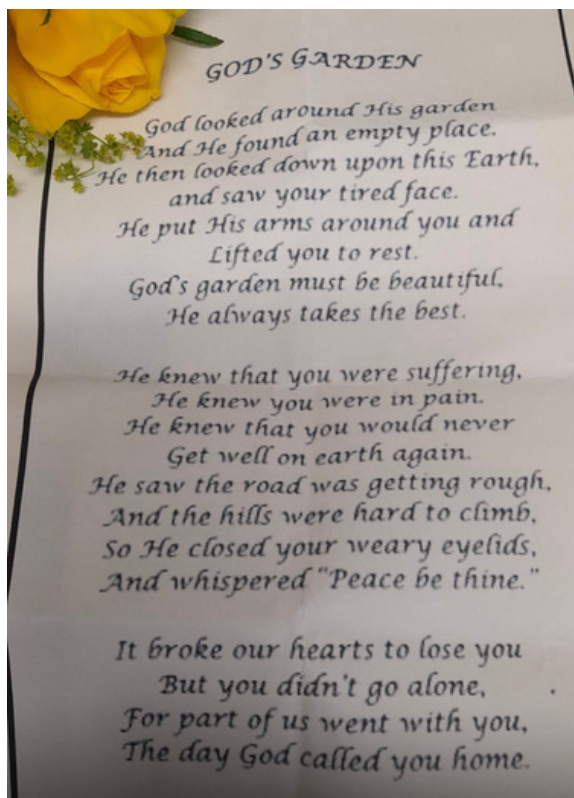
Thank you so much to the teams from ,
HSBC, Mears, Tesco and Spirax Sarco who
have been supporting us recently with
volunteers teams.



Kevin spent two great Sunday mornings at Grace Church Kingsway, and St Philips and St James, Hucclecote talking to their various congregations about our work. We really appreciate the support from these churches and from all of the churches across the area who support our work through prayer and /or donations. If you would like someone from GCM to visit your church please get in touch.

Revive Coffee House

(In the Eastgate Shopping Centre)
Run by
Gloucester City Mission



Ade Jones and Paula went to the funeral of one of our clients, Craig. Ade read this poem. This month we also sadly lost Paul as well (Paul was well known as one of the Big Issue sellers in town). Both Paul and Craig are now at peace with Jesus.

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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and Instagram

To make a text donation, text [gloscitymission](https://www.gloscitymission.org.uk) 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

Thank you to those supporters who voted for us in the Movement for Good awards, we have been awarded one of the £1000 grants :)



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 Weds. 13th July.

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Gloucester City Mission

REFUEL - with a time of worship and prayer.

Join us for informal worship and prayers after Wednesday lunch.
Second Wednesday of every month
12-12.45
At St Mary's Congregational Church
St Mary's Street
Gloucester
GL1 2QS

Concerned about someone sleeping rough?

Download the StreetLink app or visit the website at www.streetlink.org.uk to make an alert and help connect them to local services for support

StreetLink
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Prayer List

Please pray for GCM's clients, volunteers and staff. Please also pray for continued blessings in resourcing our work and ministry.

Please continue to pray for Mike and Beryl, along with the families of Craig and Paul.

To add someone to the prayer list please email GCMprayer1@gmail.com.

BIG CITY SLEEPOUT 2022

GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION



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THE BIG CITY SLEEPOUT WILL BE OVER THE WEEKEND OF 7TH - 10TH OCTOBER

We have sleepouts confirmed at Gloucester City AFC (7th Oct), Eastgate Shopping Centre (8th Oct) and at Renew (8th or 9th Oct) . We shall also be doing our third Try out the Night at Kingsholm Stadium (date tbc)

Please start thinking about organising one for your church, company, school, family or just for you.

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