

We are now in full winter preparation mode. I'm sending this edition out earlier than usual because I have the exciting announcement to make that we shall be **opening the Winter Shelter on NOVEMBER 1ST** this year instead of December 1st. and we shall increase the capacity of the shelter back up to 15 beds. It will be open for 153 nights. There is an increased demand out there with more people rough sleeping and needing emergency accommodation and so we have arranged, with the support of the Local Authority to open early. However, this support is purely the permissions granted for us to open early, Unfortunately the council aren't in a position to support the shelter financially and therefore that means we need to fundraise more than £48000 to run the shelter. This includes staffing, food, bills, insurance and general running costs but it saves lives every year so is worth every penny. At the moment we aren't sure what the impact of the increases in utility bills will be on our building and so this cost might increase even more, but we are acting in faith and know that God's plan is in place to ensure that we can open the shelter and offer protection to those most in need.

So this is where you come in please! We have launched our annual Sponsor a Bed Appeal earlier than usual and could really do with as much support as possible for events such as The Big City Sleepout.

To Sponsor a Bed please visit
<https://www.gloscitymission.org.uk/sponsor-a-bed>

£25 will sponsor a bed and cover the full costs of getting someone off the streets for a night. This includes the dinner, breakfast, packed lunches, toiletries, laundry, showers and clothing plus treats.

If your church or workplace would like to volunteer to support the shelter with meals please email louise@gloscitymission.org.uk

Kevin Howie, General Manager

This is my last chance to put info about the Big City Sleepout on the newsletter. Please do come and sign up for one, whether one of our own or there is still time to organise your own - let us know though if you are doing one and send us some pics for next month's newsletter. Monies raised from the Sleepout go towards the costs of running the Winter Shelter.

There is still time for you to book tickets for Andy Kind on World Homeless Day (10th October). It will be a great evening in the stunning Parliament Rooms at Gloucester Cathedral, doors will open at 7pm, there will be a bar open with a range of drinks. the evening will also feature Gloucester's very own Nik Hill.

CLICK HERE FOR COMEDY NIGHT TICKETS

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?

This year we will be providing up to 15 beds per night for 153 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.

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

Donate here -



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
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THE BIG CITY SLEEPOUT
WILL BE OVER THE
WEEKEND OF 7TH - 10TH
OCTOBER
PLEASE SIGN UP OR
DONATE

Details are available here



10th October
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World Homeless Day

Gloucester City Mission

GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION PRESENTS

"TOSSES OUT COMIC GEMS IN AN ALMOST PROFLIGATE MANNER" YORKSHIRE TIMES

COMEDY NIGHT WITH ANDY KIND

"ABSOLUTELY TERRIFIC"
THE SCOTSMAN

Also featuring Gloucester's very own Nik Hill

MONDAY OCTOBER 10TH

IN THE HISTORIC PARLIAMENT ROOMS AT GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

DOORS: 7PM FOR 7.45PM START

ENTRY: £10 REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE AGE OF THE BUILDING UNFORTUNATELY THERE IS NO WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

MORE INFO: www.gloscitymission.org.uk

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Harvest for the Homeless

Please could you donate any of the following this harvest time to support our hot meal provision and outreach food;

- Tins of kidney beans, sweetcorn, lentils, tomatoes, fruit cocktail, apples.
- Crisps
- Coffee
- Sugar
- Biscuits
- Hot Chocolate
- Coffee
- Pot Noodles
- Naan Breads
- Jam

Please can donations can be given in at
Revive Coffee House (in the Eastgate Shopping Centre).
Or, contact louise@gloscitymission.org.uk for church or school collections

Financial gifts are also appreciated that can be used to buy items for our outreach work. Please visit www.gloscitymission.org.uk/donate

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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



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THE NUMBERS OF HOPE

It has been a busy month for getting out and raising awareness about our work.

Gloucester Day was another really great day to talk to people about what we do with our stand in the city centre. Thank you so much to the volunteers how came to support the stand.



Kevin has been and talked to the children at Hardwicke Parochial Primary Academy, Shurdington C of E Primary, Huntley C of E Primary and Sir Thomas Rich's Grammar School as well as talking to the St Catharine's Mother's Union and the Gloucester Rotary Club as well as the Gloucester Quays Rotary Club. It is so great spending time talking to people and answering their questions about our work and issues around homelessness in the city.

We also had our Quiz Night. This was the first time we have been able to do so for a few years due to Covid and it was so brilliant to be able to do do again.

Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the evening. Thank you to all of the local companies that donated the lots for the auction. The evening raised £1316.

Special thanks to Ollie Bennett for allowing us to use Kingfisher Church as the venue and also huge thanks to Holly and Ade Jones for preparing such a fabulous ploughman's meal.



Thank you to the volunteer teams from HSBC, Nandos, Mears for coming and spending the day with us serving food and then preparing outreach provisions, Twyning Chapel for the Harvest Donation Secure Data Management for a huge donation of hoodies, Tesco for tea, coffee, hot choc and to Rachel from Bezalel Crafts.

We are also incredibly grateful to The Barnwood Trust for a grant to build an accessible ramp in our wellbeing garden, to make the bathrooms in the winter shelter accessible and to install a wheelchair stair climber. Thank you to RB Landscaping for doing an amazing job in clearing the waste ground in the garden and installing the new fencing.



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

Please donate to support our work with the homeless and vulnerable.

Please scan with your mobile phone camera to donate
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To make a text donation, text:
GCM to 70450 to give £5
GCM to 70460 to give £10
GCM to 70470 to give £20

Maybe you could sign up to give a monthly gift.

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Concerned about someone sleeping rough?



Download on the App Store
GET IT ON Google Play

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

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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 1QS

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. 12th Oct.

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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