

Helping the homeless in our city

We are delighted to announce that the Revive Coffee House will open its doors on Wednesday 9th September. Initially it will be open to the public from Weds to Sat, 11-3.30.

It is a place to come and relax, drink ethically sourced hot drinks, enjoy a cold drink, eat homemade cakes and treats, and find out about our work.

On a Monday and Tuesday we will use the space to run training courses for clients such as basic skills, cookery, crochet club and Alpha Courses.

Upstairs is a large kitchen space where we can offer opportunities to clients to come and learn

new skills in a commercial kitchen so that they can hopefully use these skills to find employment. Some of the staff who we employ have experienced homelessness.

Please pray for the success of the coffee shop and please pop in if you get the chance. The staff of Karen, Jayne and Darren would love to see you.

Revive Coffee House
(in the Eastgate Shopping Centre)
 Run by
Gloucester City Mission
 Registered Charity 1115780
OPENING WEDS 9TH SEPTEMBER

RUN/WALK/RIDE WITH LOVE

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GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION

JOHN O'GROATS TO LANDS END VIRTUAL CHALLENGE

You will hopefully have seen on our social media pages lots of updates from our John O Groats to Lands End Virtual Challenge. We had a team of 10 people who took up the challenge to raise funds for our outreach work. The team were amazing and we completed the original distance of 882 miles in 8 days, at this point we could have finished the challenge but instead we collectively decided to add on the extra 232 miles to get back to GCM, thus making the total distance travelled 1114 miles!

Thank you to the whole team for giving their time up and working around work schedules to fit in the hours of exercise, thank you also to everyone who has supported with donations. At the time of writing our total is just over £2800, we would love to get it beyond £3000.

If you would like to give a donation please visit www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/GCMvirtualchallenge or text GCMchallenge to 70490, or cheques can be made payable to 'Gloucester City Mission' and posted to the address on the back page.



Outreach Update

We continue to have teams of volunteers out every week day from 10.30-12.30. They are able to offer prayer, food, drinks, emergency clothes packs and advice to anyone rough sleeping and are also able to support anyone who is vulnerable.

In July we supported clients on 733 occasions which is up 200 hundred on June's.

Catering Van – Mo, our catering van, gets out and about supporting those clients sleeping rough away from the city centre.

Wednesday Lunch - Wednesday lunch is still going well and continues to be a takeaway meal along with emergency toiletry packs, clothes and face masks.



Many of you supported us last year through our Winter Shopping List on Amazon Smile. We have updated our Summer 20 list to include waterproof coats, ponchos and sleeping bags. If you, or a group of you, would like to help out some of our clients please do have a look by clicking below-

Amazon Wish List



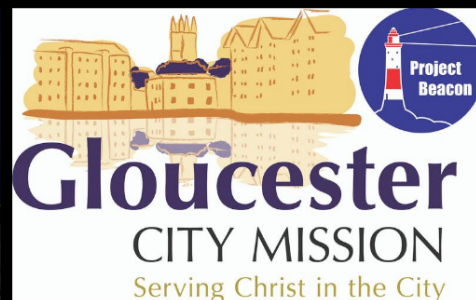
This year's Fantasy Football League will kick off on 12th September. If you would like to enter our fun league please visit www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/GCMfantasyfootball Please donate a minimum of £5 per team and leave a message with your donation or email kevin@gloscitymission.org.uk. We will then email you the code to join the league.



Thank you to Asda Gloucester, Tesco St Oswalds, Fare Share SW, Ignite Heating Services, The Cornish Bakery and Pret a Manger for their continued support with donations and services



WHERE DID YOU SLEEP LAST NIGHT?



NOW IN ITS 5TH YEAR

'SPECIAL VIRTUAL EDITION SURVIVE THE NIGHT 2020' SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER (WORLD HOMELESS DAY)

Can you sleep for one night socially distanced in your workplace, church, school, or back garden?

We can't run the usual Survive the Night this year due to Covid 19 but could you still sleep rough somewhere for the night to raise funds for our continued work with those sleeping rough or vulnerable in our city? More and more rough sleepers are out across the city with many hidden away .

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OR CONTACT KEVIN@GLOSCITYMISSION.ORG.UK
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All money raised from the Survive the Night 2020 will go directly to Gloucester City Mission's Winter Shelter and projects being run with the homeless and marginalised in Gloucester

Gloucester City Mission is a UK registered charity - 1115780 and a registered company - 5830147

The George Whitefield Centre, 107 Great Western Road, Gloucester GL1 3NF

I know that we frequently ask for donations but if you were able to offer a monthly donation it would help us tremendously, especially with all the changes ahead.

Alternatively if you, or someone you know could help us in any way by offering a service what could it be?

MONTHLY TEXT GIVING

We have a Text Donate Appeal to encourage supporters to give a £1 or even a couple of pounds per month through their mobile phones. This will help us with cash flow and to keep us going in the future.

Because this donation is done through your phone we hope that you might not even miss the amount that you are giving us :)

It is so easy to do, just; Text GLOSCM to 70085 to donate £3 a month

(Texts cost £3 (or the amount you donate) plus two standard rate messages)

If you would like to give another amount per month you can do this as well up to £20;

“To donate £1 a month text GLOSCM 1”

“To donate £5 a month text GLOSCM 5”“

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PLEASE DONATE

£5 will pay for 3 meals

£10 will pay for fresh underwear, clothes, toiletries and a shower

£25 will pay for someone to get off the streets for a night during the winter months

Maybe you could sign up to give a monthly gift.

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Online www.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/gloscitymission

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 24/7 Virtual Prayer Space, we had 75 half hour slots booked up for people to pray for our work and the clients.

Prayer List

As well as praying for GCM's clients, volunteers and staff please also hold these people 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;
- 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;
- Our volunteers and friends who are isolated;
- School children and staff who will be returning to school;
- The Homeless Healthcare Team who continue to look after clients on the frontline;
- The Foodbank for the amazing work they are doing;
- Clients living in tents around the city

PLEASE COME AND VISIT OUR ONLINE SHOP. YOU CAN BUY A WHOLE RANGE OF T-SHIRTS, HOODIES, PHONE CASES AND BAGS IN DIFFERENT COLOURS AND SIZES AND ALL PROFITS GO TO OUR WORK

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