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Our financial year finished on 30th June which means that I can share the data for the year; **Street Teams** - 5137 interactions, **Weds lunch** - 1615 guests, **Mobile Outreach** - 32 visits, **Restore** - 1429 visits, **Winter Shelter** 1558 referrals, **Volunteer Hours** - 6093 - it has been quite busy!!

Thank you to everyone who came to our **20th Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebration**. We were joined by the Mayor, Sheriff and Bishop Rachel. A very big thank you to Louise Wood who made a fabulous celebration cake and cup cakes which were shared on the day but also with the clients as well. The afternoon went really well with Ollie Bennett leading worship followed by words from Chair, Nick Gleich and Mike Curtis.

A few days later we then had our annual thank you Hog Roast for our amazing volunteers, Staff and Trustees also joined in. Thank you to Matt, The Cotswold Caterer for providing a delicious lunch. Volunteers then had the opportunity to look around Renew and in particular the new Retreat centre.

We have now had a couple of Embrace sessions on a Thursday evening. After a quiet first session with 2 people coming, the other sessions have had 10 people com each week, most of whom came because of what they had heard about it. We pray that those sessions continue to flourish and offer attendees a safe place to come and find Jesus.

Retreat is now open and has been really busy in these first few weeks. Nathan and his team of volunteers have been brilliant with guests. The new centre has food, showers, a laundry, beds, advice and we also now have a podiatry service once a month and a weekly medical clinic. If you can directly support Retreat here [www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/retreat](http://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/retreat)

Kevin Howie, GCM General Manager





# An Evening of Fire Walking

PART OF GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS



Please sign up to take part in the Fire Walk in September. It will be a really great social evening. Even if you don't fancy doing it yourself please encourage others to sign up - maybe your church leader, boss, or a family member might like to be nominated :)

**THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

**GLOUCESTER BREWERY, THE DOCKS**

**OPEN TO ALL AGED 11-111+**

**FULL INFO AT;**

**WWW.GLOSCITYMISSION.ORG.UK**



**GCM'S BIG CITY SLEEPOUT**

**GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION**

**6TH - 8TH OCT**

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**Gloucester City Mission's**

**PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER AND QUIZ NIGHT**  
(plus auction)

**Saturday 16th September**

**Food at 6.30, Quiz 7.30**

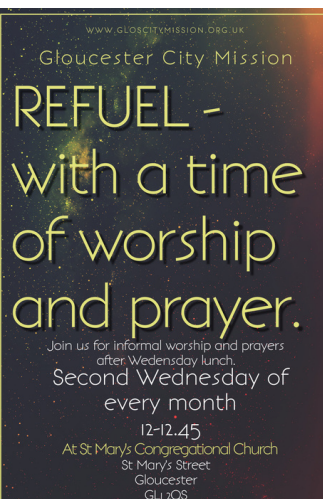
Teams of 6, Free entry but donations welcome.

Please contact [kevin@gloscitymission.org.uk](mailto:kevin@gloscitymission.org.uk) to book a team or let any of the GCM Team know if you would like to



## REVIVE GIFT SHOP

WE HAVE A CHRISTIAN AND ETHICAL GIFT SHOP IN REVIVE WITH A WHOLE RANGE OF CONTEMPORARY CARDS FOR ALL OCCASIONS PLUS BOOKS, HOLDING CROSSES, FAIRTRADE ITEMS AND OTHER GIFTS



**DUE TO IT BEING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS THERE WON'T BE A REFUEL IN AUGUST**

## Prayer Points

If you would like to sign up to receive a copy of our Monthly Prayer Sheet please **CLICK HERE**

**Mears & Gloucester City Mission by Jude Herbert**  
**Head of Ledgers & Financial Controls, Mears Group PLC**

Mears Group Plc has a strong belief in social value, with the company supporting all employees to take up to a maximum of the equivalent of two working days a year for volunteering in the community.

It can sometimes be hard to find volunteering opportunities at the Gloucester Head Office as it has around 70 staff who all work in the support service functions, accounts, HR, and procurement rather than any of our operational repairs teams. Staff can also feel daunted at the thought of taking an entire day out or were not able to join in due to not working a full day.

The model that Mears has agreed with Gloucester City Mission works well to alleviate people's concerns about time as well as being inclusive for staff who work flexed hours. We volunteer regularly with Gloucester City Mission, sending a team of 2-4 people for a two-hour session. We rotate around activities, so that people have the opportunity to experience different aspects of volunteering. The slots we offer our staff include serving at the weekly hot food service, baking cakes, deep cleans of the kitchen, sorting clothing and we have now added the gardening club to our rota.

Beth from our Recruitment department said "It was a great opportunity volunteering at Gloucester City Mission, they are lovely people working to ensure anyone in need is getting the support, shelter and food needed. I was helping out cleaning their new safe place to ensure it is fully clean and sanitized ready for people in need to use the facilities. It was an excellent experience, and I am so glad I was able to support Gloucester City Mission."

Christine in Payroll also said; "For me it was an enjoyable and rewarding experience and it was lovely to see the people we helped with a smile on their face."

### THANK YOU'S

Thank you this month to all of our volunteers who support our work.

Thank you to Mears and HSBC for their continued volunteer sessions when they send teams in each month.

A special thank you to The Pilgrims Yard who put on a Rave, Techno and Drum and Bass night to raise funds and raised £460 for us. (Nathan went along to see what it was all about) but what a great way to raise awareness of our work with a new crowd.

A big thankyou to the children and staff at Calton Road Primary School and Shurdington C of E Primary School (whole school and Y2) who have been fundraising for us this year.



### Cash 4 Clothes Partnership

We are really excited to announce that we have teamed up with Cash 4 Clothes to establish house collections across the city.

Every household across the city will receive a bag and leaflet through their doors a couple of times a year to sort clothes and toiletries (and other items) which Cash 4 clothes will then come and collect.

Not only will we receive financial donations for the collections but C4C have also given access to their huge stock of clothes and items all year round so that when we are short of things for Restore they will drop them off to us.

Thank you so much to Lee Price from Cash 4 Clothes for offering us this chance to partner with them.





# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**www.gloscitymission.org.uk**

Next time you're thinking of 'giving your time' why not consider Gloucester City Mission. We are a charity based in the heart of the city that has been supporting the homeless and vulnerable for 20 years. We are always happy to work with individuals, local organisations and companies in support of their community engagement programmes.

Individuals can get involved in any of the following activities:

- \* Join one of the street teams on one of their daily runs – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday;
- \* Come and help with our hot food service on a Wednesday morning;
- \* Sort clothing and toiletry donations to keep our clothes store well stocked on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon;
- \* Help in the Revive Kitchen preparing food for the outreach teams or baking for the Coffee Shop.

Timings will depend on the day and activity and are normally only for 2/3 hours.

Teams can get involved in half day/full day activities such as:

- \* Painting and refreshing rooms and spaces
- \* Working in Retreat - our day centre for the street homeless
- \* Revive Kitchen deep clean;
- \* Projects in our Restore clothes unit;
- \* Wellbeing Garden tidy up and refurbishment.

For more info please email [admin@gloscitymission.org.uk](mailto:admin@gloscitymission.org.uk)

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OR SOCIAL MEDIA FOR  
MORE DETAILS**

**SAT 2ND SEPT - GLOUCESTER DAY**

**THURS 7TH SEPT - FIRE WALK EVENT**

**SAT 16TH SEPT - QUIZ AND PLOUGHMANS NIGHT**

**6TH- 8TH OCT - BIG CITY SLEEPOUT**

**SAT 14TH OCT - AN EVENING WITH TOM ELLIOTT  
AND BEAN BAKER**

**THURS 23RD NOV - AGM**

**FRI 1ST DEC - CAROL CONCERT, CATHEDRAL**

**9TH, 16TH, 23RD DEC - CAROL SINGING IN  
EASTGATE SHOPPING CENTRE**

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**Connor Clarke - Revive Coffee House Staff**

**Mike Curtis - Chaplain**

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