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An Evening with Graham Kendrick
 PART OF GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 2023
 ST CATHARINE'S CHURCH, LONDON ROAD, GLOUCESTER GL2 0RR
 TICKETS £18, AVAILABLE AT WWW.GLOSCITYMISSION.ORG.UK

Please click on the links below to purchase tickets

Tickets for an Evening with Graham Kendrick

Tickets for an Evening of Tricks and Laughs with Steve Legg (also featuring Nik Hill)

GLOUCESTER CITY MISSION PRESENTS
20TH ANNIVERSARY PROMS
 14TH - 29TH APRIL 2023

- 14th Apr **GRAHAM KENDRICK** ST CATHARINE'S CHURCH
- 15th Apr **THE SOCIAL FRETWORK** THE AVENUE, GLOUCESTER
- 19th Apr **REUBEN LOVETT** CAFE RENE, GLOUCESTER
- 20 Apr **STEVE LEGG (+ Nik Hill)** HILLVIEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH
- 22 Apr **REVIVEFEST** REVIVE COFFEE HOUSE
- 22 Apr **TAKE NOTE** ST MARY DE CRYPT
- 27 Apr **GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT CHRISTIAN CHOIR** ST CATHARINE'S CHURCH
- 28 Apr **ECCLESIASTICAL AND CITY OF GLOUCESTER COMMUNITY CHOIR**
- 29 Apr **GLOUCESTER BRASS** ST MARY DE CRYPT
- 29 Apr **CHURCHDOWN MALE VOICE CHOIR** ST BARNABAS CHURCH

MORE ACT ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING SOON
 WWW.GLOSCITYMISSION.ORG.UK

TRICKS AND LAUGHS
 Starring **STEVE LEGG** and Nik Hill
 Family-Friendly Fun, Magic and Comedy.
 "Hilarious" - Bear Grylls
 "Every time he opens his mouth I roar with laughter" - Steve's Dentist

THURSDAY 20TH APRIL, 7.30PM
 Tickets available at www.gloscitymission.org.uk
 £10 adults, £7.50 children (plus booking fee)
 Hillview Evangelical Church, Colwell Avenue, Gloucester GL3 3LX
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Well I have no idea where February went but here we are about to start March, the final month of the Winter Shelter and a time of new hope for us all. There will be a full write up about the shelter in our April newsletter but as at **the end of January we had received 1067 referrals and provided 818 beds** for the night (as well as meals, showers clothes, safety, and warmth).

The **Sponsor a Bed Appeal** is still open - we are a little bit short for the full cost of the shelter so far, mainly because we opened a month earlier than planned and due to the increases in utilities costs but we know that the shelter will continue to be blessed for future years. To sponsor a bed for this final month please [click here](#).

Louise, our Shelter Manager, was recently chatting with one of the guests in the shelter who told her that 'I will be 49 on Sunday, I never thought I'd still be alive, the only reason I'm still alive is because I'm in here'. That guest has had many downs in his life and its such an amazing blessing when he can find something positive and is trying really hard to now start breaking free



We have said goodbye to Neil, our Operations Manager for this past two years. Neil has been pivotal in enabling us to move into our Eastgate St premises and we are grateful for everything that he has done for GCM.



Renew Training Centre Spotlight

NA Group

Every Wednesday afternoon for the past year or so has seen an average of 15 people attending the city's only daytime NA group.

The meeting is now very well established with a solid service committee. Members are attending regularly to receive the message of hope and to discover the solution.

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated items or money this month.

Thanks to the staff from Mears who continue to come in each month, this past month they helped with foods service at Wednesday lunch. Thanks also to the group from Churchdown School Sixth Form who have just finished a 6 week block of volunteering with us as part of their enrichment sessions this term.



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



This month we have carried out talks at St Marys Congregational Church and also attended the Sir Thomas Rich's School Careers Fair. where we had the opportunity to talk about our work to 800 students and to also promote working in the charity sector.

We were also invited to attend a Bishop's Breakfast Leaders Network meeting to meet and talk about how different organisations respond to issues in a crisis.

We were also invited to attend the opening and closing services for the Knife Angel Statue.

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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

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 Wednesday 8th March.**

**WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF MENS;
*JOGGERS SIZE SMALL, MEDIUM AND
LARGE.
*HOODIES - S/M/L
*NEW MENS BOXER SHORTS - S/M/L
PLEASE DROP OFF TO REVIVE IF YOU
CAN HELP.**

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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 Wednesday 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 normally are only for 2/3 hours maximum.

Teams can get involved in half day/full day activities such as:
 * Painting and refreshing the Winter shelter - bedrooms, dining room and kitchen
 Revive Kitchen deep clean;
 * Close down/Set up the Winter Shelter;
 * Projects in our Restore clothes shop;
 * Wellbeing Garden tidy up and refurbishment.

For more info please email elaine@gloscitymission.org.uk

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Please sponsor any of the sky divers if you are able to (we currently have 18 people signed up)

There are still a few spaces left on Sunday 2nd April if you fancy joining in (Saturday is full), please click here

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WE NEED YOUR **SUPPORT**

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL **£202,300**

Please scan with your mobile phone camera to donate
GCM IS A REGISTERED CHARITY - 1115780

To make a text donation, text:
 GCM to 70450 to give £5
 GCM to 70460 to give £10
 GCM to 70470 to give £20

2023 is our 20th Anniversary year. We want to continue to focus on supporting the homeless and vulnerable through AID, TRANSFORMATION AND GROWTH. We do this through feeding, providing, supporting, through our winter shelter, our training centre and by employing people with lived experience of homelessness or addiction.

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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 on our website 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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JOIN OUR SKY DIVE TEAM
APRIL 1ST AND 2ND 2023.
10,000 OR 15,000FT TANDEM JUMPS

2023 is our 20th Anniversary year. We are able to once again open up places to our GCM Sky Dive Team.

We have 24 sky dive places available on 1st and 2nd April 2023 with GoSkydive, Old Sarum Park, Salisbury SP4 6EB

To sign up for our #GCMSKYDIVETEAM please visit www.gloscitymission.org.uk/sky-dive

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