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Firstly we shout Hallelujah! that we have finally been able to sign the lease our new building - 'Renew'. It is still having refurbishment work but we can get the Winter Shelter spaces ready in time for opening on December 1st. Please visit our website or Facebook page for pics.

The builders will then continue to work so that by the end of January we can move our offices in there and also open an Education and Training Centre - this will be a place for clients to come to join a range of life skills courses, hobbies and accredited courses. It will also be a place for us to run our Alpha and Beta courses and be a safe, calm place for people to come in the daytime for support and advice. All of our other work will continue - Outreach, Revive, Restore, Refresh (Weds lunch), Refuel and Mobile outreach.

The Winter Shelter will be run slightly differently due to changes in Government regulations. Guests will be allocated a bed in a single or twin room (not a communal style pop up shelter). Guests will be supported with meals (dinner/breakfast/packed lunch), showers, washing facilities and communal lounges. Our amazing staff team will be once again headed up by Louise and she, along with the team, will offer love, care and support to the guests. We are also working very closely with the Local Authority with morning

visits so that guests can be offered access to accommodation solutions.

I have sent this newsletter out a few days early this month so that I can remind you about our **Carol Concert at Gloucester Cathedral on Tuesday 30th December, 7.30pm - see poster on page 2.**

Also a reminder that **the Christmas Hamper collections start on 3rd December and will continue until 11th December (not the 10th as per the poster on page 2)**

Please do support both of these events, it will be so wonderful to fill the Cathedral as we come together to celebrate the start of Christmas and the opening of the Winter Shelter.

Thank you all for your continued prayers, support and donations.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Big City Sleepout, it raised just over £11,300!!!!!!

Kevin Howie,
General Manager

We have launched our annual

Sponsor a Bed appeal for the Winter Shelter.

£25 will sponsor a bed plus cover the costs of providing meals, showers, clothes and somewhere safe each night over the winter months.

You, your family, Church, workplace or school can Sponsor a Bed here or on the picture

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?

We provide up to 15 beds per night for 122 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.

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 www.gloscitymission.org.uk

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

Donate here -





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How can you help GCM this Christmas?

**Please come to our Carol Concert at Gloucester Cathedral on November 30th.
Doors open 7pm, Concert starts at 7.30pm (Free entry - Retiring Collection)**



**We will once again be making up Christmas Hampers to give to clients (see above).
Buy a pack of our eco-friendly Christmas cards from Revive (or the Carol Concert).
Each box has a pack of ten cards (£4 per pack);**



We have an updated Amazon wish list full of really useful items to give out to clients (if you shop using Amazon Smile then we get an additional donation for everything you buy).

Last week Kevin, Paula, Louise and our Chair of Trustees, Nick, went to Northampton for three days to attend the City Mission Movement UK Conference, the theme this year was God; Unmuted in our Cities.

It was a great few days of fellowship, ministry, seminars, teaching and finding out what other Missions are doing (all Missions are completely independent but CMM-UK is an opportunity to network and share our Ministries with people across the whole of the UK).

Kevin had several Executive Board meetings with his counterparts from some of the other UK Missions to plan for future work and all left with ideas for some new projects.





Revive Coffee House

Gloucester City Mission
Registered Charity 1115780
www.gloscitymission.org.uk
(Eat in or Take Away)

You can find us in The Eastgate Shopping
Centre

Delicious Homemade Cake -
(includes vegan and gluten free)
Speciality Coffees
Range of Teas
Hot Chocolate /Hot Choc Mountain

All hot drinks are ethically sourced

Fruit Smoothies, Cold cans, juice, water

Open Weds, Thurs 10.30 - 4
Fri, Sat 10-4



Special thanks this month to Grange Baptist Church Ladies' Group for inviting us in to to a talk.

Thank you to everyone who has donated clothing or items. Thanks also to HaVinG for supporting the Winter Shelter with a grant for £2000. Thanks also to all of our 10 new volunteers who have recently started working with us. Contact elaine@gloscitymission.org.uk if you would like to volunteer.

DONATIONS If you are having a sort out please could you donate any of the following- CLOTHING

Men's

- Winter Coats (waterproof)
- Jeans – especially 30/32 waist
- Joggers – all sizes
- T shirts (short and long sleeved) s-m-l
- Hoodies/ Sweatshirts – s-m-l
- Boxer shorts – s-m-l (new only please)
- Thermal underwear
- Trainers/ Boots – especially size 9/10
- Hats and Gloves

Ladies

- Winter Coats (waterproof)
- Jeans/jeggings/sports leggings – all sizes
- T shirts - s-m-l
- Hoodies/Jumpers – all sizes
- Ladies pants – size 8/10/12 (new only please)
- Hats and Gloves

**WE ARE SORRY BUT WE CANNOT
ACCEPT BEDDING, PILLOWS,
BLANKETS OR DUVETS.**

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

WWW.GLOSCITYMISSION.ORG.UK

PLEASE DONATE
Online

www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20094986 or
www.justgiving.com/gloucestercitymission
or via Paypal, Facebook
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

TOILETRIES

- Wet wipes
- Shaving gel
- Razors
- Spray deodorant – men's and ladies
- Shower gel – men's and ladies
- Flannels

We will happily accept other clothing items, however if we are unable to make use of them, we would then sell them onto Cash for Clothes and use the money we receive to buy new underwear for our clients. If you are comfortable for us to do this, then please feel free to donate other clothing items as well.

If you are able to help, donations can be taken to Revive Coffee Shop in Eastgate Shopping Centre from Wednesday to Saturday between 11am and 3pm or larger donations can be taken to Restore Clothing store in Southgate Street by arrangement – contact elaine@gloscitymission.org.uk or Tel: 07506 752886

Prayer List

As well as praying for GCM's clients, volunteers and staff please also hold these groups in your prayers
To add someone to the prayer list please email GCMprayer1@gmail.com

- All those involved with the work of GCM;
- Clients in accommodation and those who have found themselves back on the street;
- The rough sleepers in and around the city;
- Our Outreach teams;
- All those who have lost someone to Covid19.
- Leaders at the council and other emergency providers for wisdom and clarity in their decisions this winter.



We are often contacted by churches or individuals who have come across someone rough sleeping in or near their grounds. If this happens please use the Street Link App or website.

It is really quick and easy and alerts the Council and the P3 Outreach team about the person. More often than not the rough sleeper is already known however this isn't always the case. It is quick, free and easy to use and will be the quickest way for that person to be offered support.

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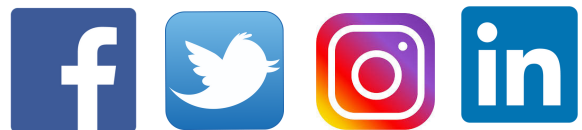
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Please take a few minutes to have a

look at our website

www.gloscitymission.org.uk

Also click and follow us on



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