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This hot weather has made life difficult for everyone lately. It's interesting but I was talking to someone the other day and it hadn't dawned on them just how tough it was for people on the streets during normal summer weather but this recent heatwave has made it particularly tough. Keep your eyes out for the really small bottles of sun tan lotion and maybe give one to someone who is on the streets as a blessing.

We still have lots of exciting projects in the pipeline for later in the year- including a Carol Concert at The Cathedral (see page 2), some are outlined in this edition but we will also make some announcements once we have more clarity about how things will be.

We are continuing to look at ways to adapt our Winter Shelter provision because the strict restrictions from last year are still going to be in place. We put an offer in on a suitable property over three months ago but communication with the current owners is proving quite slow and we know that there is quite a lot of renovation work that will need carrying out on this property. However we trust that God will provide us with the

answer at the suitable time. This potential property will also enable us to open an Education and Training Centre in the city. The lease we are pursuing is a long term lease so even if plans don't come off this year we know that if it is the right property for us to move into then we will still have lots of years ahead of us to support clients through the winters but also all year around in offering them opportunities to develop themselves, their confidence and independence.

Hopefully you will soon pop into our coffee shop and see the changes that we have put in place in Revive - new tables and chairs, tub chairs, coffee tables, some books, the new coffee machine and even a cup warmer! Ade is also going to add some splashes of colour to the walls. These changes are to celebrate the fact that we now extended our lease there for an additional 3 years.

Isaiah 58:11- The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land...you will be like a well-watered garden.

Kevin Howie, GCM General Manager

REMINDER OF AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - WEEKEND OF 8TH/9TH/10TH OCTOBER (TO MARK WORLD HOMELESS DAY).

BIG CITY SLEEPOUT 2021

This year we are running one huge sleepout fundraising event called **The Big City Sleepout** by teaming up with **Gloucester City AFC (8th Oct)**, **The Eastgate Shopping Centre (9th Oct)** and **The Cloister Challenge (8th Oct)**. We are finalising plans to also team up again with **Gloucester Rugby** to repeat **Try Out The Night (10th Oct)**.

Come and sleep out in an iconic Gloucester location or sleepout at work, church, school or in your gardens.



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Is July too early to mention Christmas? :)

**Another date for your diary - we are incredibly excited to announce
that we shall be holding a
CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT at GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL
on THURSDAY 30TH NOVEMBER.**

**Please come and join us. It is too early to book your free tickets yet
but we will let you know as soon as they are available.**

Please pencil it in now so that you come and join in the celebration.

DONATIONS

We are running low on quite a few items in our Restore unit. If you are having a summer sort out please could you donate any of the following.

Boxer shorts s-m-l-xl (new only please)

Trainers – especially size 9/10

Short s-m-l (men's and ladies)

Joggers s-m-l

Men's jeans - waist size 30/32/34

Men's / Ladies T shirts s-m-l

Men's/ Ladies shorts s-m-l

Baseball caps

New water bottles

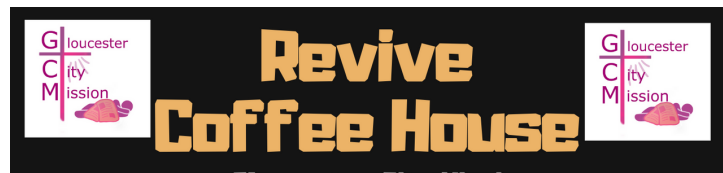
Suntan lotion

Wet wipes

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

**PLEASE NOTE/REMEMBER THAT UNFORTUNATELY WE DO NOT
TAKE DUVETS, BEDDING, PILLOWS OR BLANKETS**



When we opened our Revive Coffee House last August it was a bit of a risk for us and initially we were offered a 12 month lease. Well the great news is that we have now extended that lease for a further 3 years - for this we are incredibly grateful to our landlords; Gloucester City Council as well as to Jason and his team at The Eastgate Shopping Centre who have been so supportive of us being there.

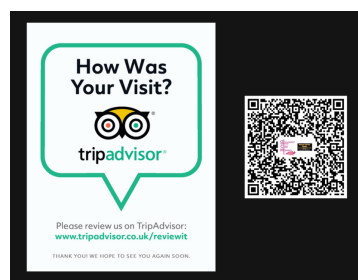
To mark the lease extension we have been busy over this past few weeks making a few changes. We have replaced all of the tables and chairs (thanks to Gloucestershire College), have a new coffee machine which serves a whole range speciality coffees (inc decaf), we now have a wider range of cold drinks including fruit smoothies and our awesome Lou has been making even more varieties of cakes and treats, including more G/F and vegan options).

We have also put in a lounge area at the front of the coffee shop and created a working hub at the back so that if you wanted to get away from the office for a bit then you can come and work there - if you are working then we'll probably keep plying you with coffee too once you have bought your first cup. Coming soon you might also enjoy visiting our Old Fashioned Sweet Shop!

For us though the coffee shop is more than just a place to grab a drink or treat. It is a friendly, safe place for anyone to come to work, relax, meet up with friends or to find someone to chat to.

It is also a place where we can do other things. For example we have just finished an Alpha Course for clients. We also run Art for Wellbeing sessions on a Tuesday afternoon. As well as all of that we use the large commercial kitchen upstairs to run all of our outreach out of.

If you haven't been yet please do pop in to see Karen, Jayne, Darren and Lou. If you have been in please can you leave us a review on Tripadvisor?





Revive Coffee House

Gloucester City Mission
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[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

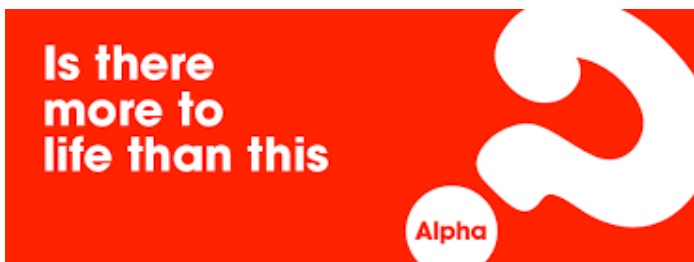




Special thanks this month to Chris Hill from St John's Evangelical Church, Churchdown and Innsworth for an amazing donation of shirts, t-shirts and baseball caps via InKindDirect. - all brand new and about 100 items. Thanks also to Gloucestershire College for donating all of the tables and chairs that are now in Revive.

Final thanks are to everyone who has donated anything this month also including the team at The Club in Tuffley who enabled us to pick up a pallet of hand sanitiser from L'Oreal.

We have excellent links with the police, especially with PCSO Adam Stevens who we work closely with. Recently he joined one of our Outreach Teams and also helped serve at a Wednesday Lunch as part of the #100daystogether project.



Alpha 2021

Running Alpha has been a real highlight for me during this season, don't get me wrong it has had its challenges, with participants isolating mid-course and no shows at times. We have had the privilege of getting to know 2 new ladies and 1 gentleman and overall it has been a place of great conversation, tears and laughter, relationship building and encouragement for both participants and those helping on the course.

We have had a great team of volunteers helping to run the course. A wonderful supply of fresh homemade cakes from Louise and her team. Neil led an online prayer team too, which ran whilst Alpha was on, so fabulous to have prayer backing and support from so many.

We have yet to complete our Alpha away day which is due on the 31st of July, keep us in your prayers.

Paula



This year's GCM Premier League Fantasy Football League will be kicking off again soon. Please come and enter.

To enter just follow this direct link to the league <https://fantasy.premierleague.com/leagues/auto-join/up305i> (the league code is up305i) and please make a donation of £5 (or more) towards our work. You can donate [here](#), via text or through our Facebook page, or just drop it into Revive.



The league is just for fun and doesn't offer a prize (although I will be able to find an exclusive GCM mug if the winner would like one)- it is mainly just the bragging rights of winning), plus it raises some money to help with our outreach work.

Please click here to find direct links to give a donation to our work or scan the QR codes below



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or via Paypal, Facebook, Stewardship and Instagram

To make a text donation, text gloscitymission 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.

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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



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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 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;
- Shop managers and workers as they return to fully opening back up
- All frontline and key workers;
- School children and their families to keep safe over the summer period
- The clients who have completed our latest Alpha course



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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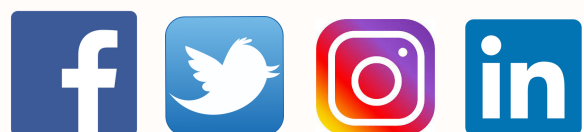
Mike Curtis - Chaplain

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look at our website

www.gloscitymission.org.uk

Also click and follow us on



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